

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Captain Charles Leonard House

AND/OR COMMON
same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

663 Main Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Agawam

VICINITY OF

1st

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

Hampden

CODE

013

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: community events

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Captain Charles Leonard House Board of Trustees

STREET & NUMBER

663 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Agawam

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts 01030

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hampden County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

55 Elm Street

CITY, TOWN

Springfield

Massachusetts

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1967

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

*Cornice
leaves
2-15*

The Captain Charles Leonard House, built in 1805, faces west on Main Street in a residential area of Agawam. It is a hip roofed clapboard structure, two rooms wide and two deep, with a central hall. The cornice is lined with a moulding resembling acanthus leaves, below which is a plain frieze. The facade center, the focal point of the building, is elaborately treated. A deep roof pediment with returns, which contains a fan window, projects from the facade plane and is supported by Tuscan columns. The door surround fits between the columns and is also elaborately treated. The door with fanlight is flanked on each side by a Doric pilaster, twelve-pane side light, and another Doric pilaster. An octagonal medallion is situated above each side light. The pilasters support a wide frieze with tryglyph moulding and a lintel with mutules. A tall and elegant Palladian window is centered atop the door surround and lights the second floor stair landing. The pilaster, frieze, and lintel treatment are identical in type to that of the door surround below. The facade corners are highlighted with Doric cornerboards having a simple comb-like frieze.

A two-story ridge roof ell, raised from one story in 1938, projects east from the rear of the main house and has two porches. A long one story hip roof ell, c. 1960, with a north-south axis, is attached to this ell and has an off-center door on its east side.

The most notable room in the house is the tap room which runs the width of the house, to the rear of the front two rooms. The walls are vertical wainscot and there are "dutch doors" on each side "from which to serve the gentry on the parlor side and the hostlers and menials on the kitchen side."

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1805 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Asher Benjamin

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Believed to have been designed by Asher Benjamin, the Captain Charles Leonard House is significant as the most elaborate pre-1850 architectural work in Agawam, a rural and unpretentious town in southwestern Massachusetts. The house sits on a wide thoroughfare lined with trees on either side. Main Street, like Agawam entire, has a mixture of unelaborate community and residential properties, predominantly from the Colonial, Greek Revival, and present periods.

The house was built for Captain Charles Leonard, who was known as "the farmer who went to Harvard." A member of the local militia and a leading citizen, Captain Leonard operated the house as an inn until his death in 1914. He and his wife are buried in a nearby cemetery.

The house is presently the town's community house and museum house, the location of many civic functions and a source of local pride and concern.

1814
LEBOWITZ
2-75

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Agawam Bicentennial Committee, Over the Span of a Century, 1855-1955, Agawam, 1955.
2. Registry of Deeds, Book 802, p.374, Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Springfield.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre *total of 20*

UTM REFERENCES

A ¹⁸ 18 ³⁰ 697350 4660140
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mindy Arbo, N.R. Editor

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

1/24/75

STREET & NUMBER

Boston 40 Beacon Street

TELEPHONE

617-727-8470

CITY OR TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts 02108

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Elizabeth R. Amador

TITLE

Mass. State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

2/11/75

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Elizabeth R. Amador

DATE

3/10/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

W. M. [Signature]

DATE

3/5/75

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Property Leonard, Captain Charles, House

75 000273

Hampden

State Massachusetts

Working Number 2.19.75.272

TECHNICAL

Photos 3

Maps 1

CONTROL

pl
OK 2.21.75

HISTORIAN

*Bibliog. gives no documentation for Asher attribution -
2/24 - Pat W. will check & call back! Richard van Heusen, local
archit. historian*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept
Shorman
2-24-75

*THIS HOUSE STANDS ON ITS OWN MERITS, REGARDLESS OF ATTRIBUTION
TO ASHER BENJAMIN WHO WAS LISTED IN 1803 BOSTON DIRECTORY.*

ARCHEOLOGIST

PROBABLY BUILT AS A TAVERN.

ACCEPT
LEBOVICH
2-25-75

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
2-25-75

BRANCH CHIEF

Accept
Hung
3.3.75

KEEPER

Wm
2/5/75

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

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Federal Register Entry 56-75

Re-submit _____

INT:2106-74



CAPTAIN
Charles Leonard
House

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Agawam

VICINITY OF

Hampden

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STATE

Massachusetts

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT

William Keogh

DATE OF PHOTO

1974

NEGATIVE FILED AT

same

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO.

west facade

103

Captain Charles Leonard House
663 Main Street, Agawam, Mass.
October 11, 1974 Photo by
Mr. William Keogh, negative
at 102 Doane Ave., Agawam, West
view: front No restrictions
known.

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3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT William Keogh DATE OF PHOTO 1974

NEGATIVE FILED AT same

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO.

East rear

293

Captain Charles Leonard House
663 Main Street, Agawam, Mass.
October 11, 1974 Photo by
Mr. William Keogh, negative
at 102 Doane Ave., Agawam, East
view: back No restrictions
known.

East rear

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Captain Charles Leonard House
663 Main Street, Agawam, Mass.
North Parlor facing East
Original fireplace, mantel, wood-
work and wide floor boards, wains
coting.

Agawam
January

Form No. 10-301a
(Rev. 10-74)

Mr. & Mrs. Richard J. Curry
6 South West St.
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

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PHOTO CREDIT

William Keogh

1974

DATE OF PHOTO

NEGATIVE FILED AT

same

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PHOTO NO.

north parlor facing east

#303

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same

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN

Agawam

___ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Hampden

STATE

Massachusetts

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

USGS

SCALE

1:24,000

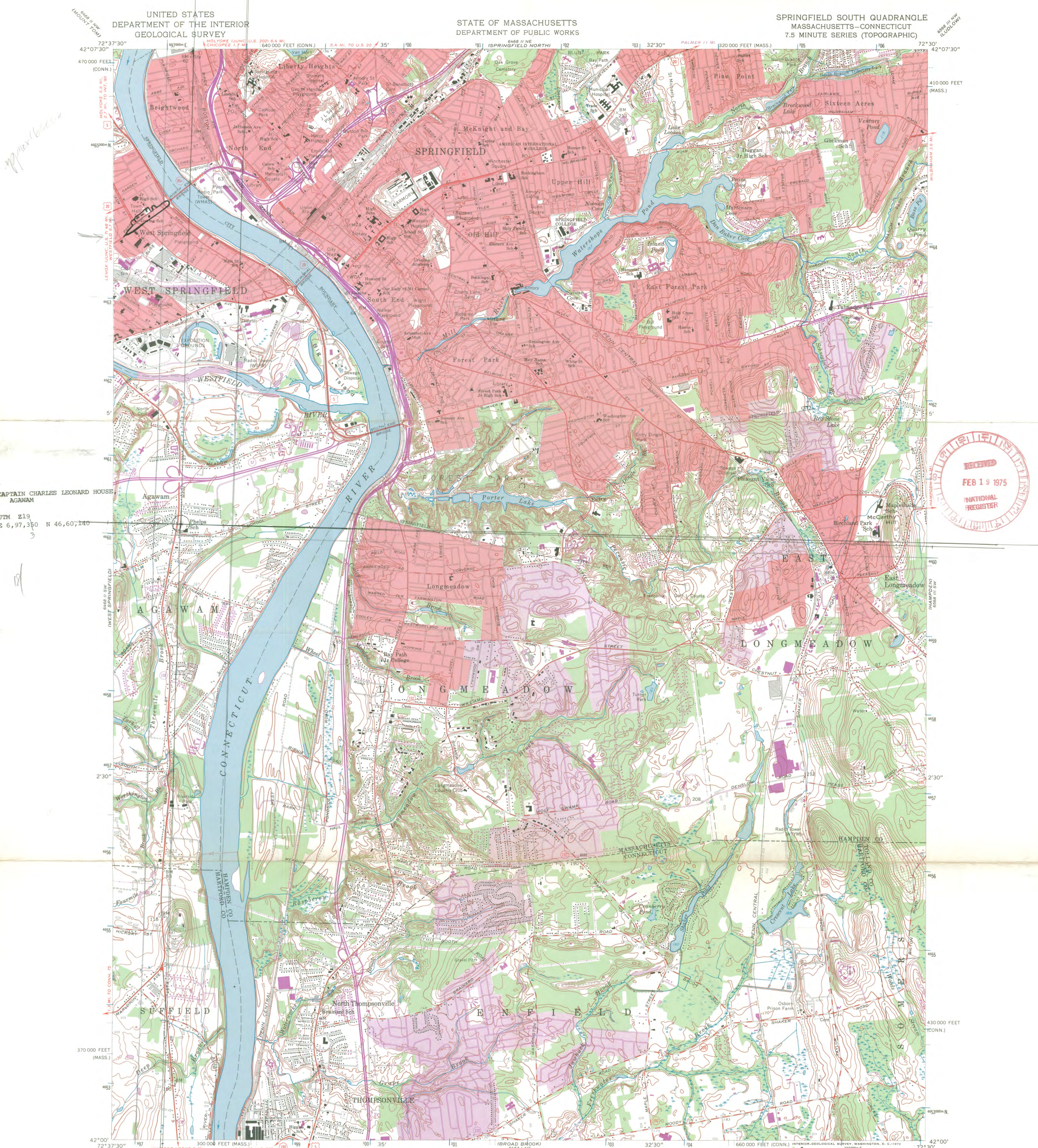
DATE

1958

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES

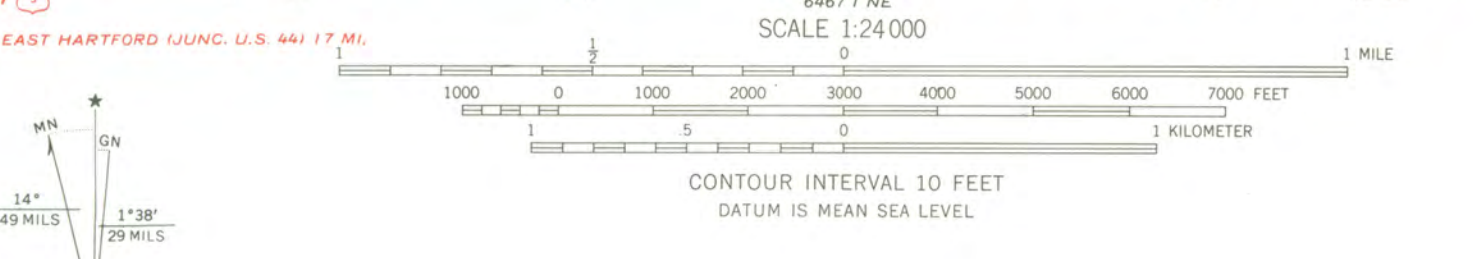


Windsor Locks

CAPTAIN CHARLES LEONARD HOUSE
AGAWAM
UTM 219
E 6,97,350 N 46,60,140



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Control by USGS, USC&GS, Massachusetts Geodetic Survey,
and Connecticut Geodetic Survey
Topography by planimeter surveys 1933 and 1942
Culture revised from aerial photographs by photogrammetric
methods. Aerial photographs taken 1957. Field check 1958
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone, and Connecticut coordinate system
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only
landmark buildings are shown
Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with
Connecticut Highway Department from aerial photographs
taken 1970. This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
U.S. Route ——— State Route ———



SPRINGFIELD SOUTH, MASS.-CONN.
N4200 - W7230/7.5

1958
PHOTOREVISED 1970
AMS 6468 II SE-SERIES V814

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

Paul Guzzi

40 Beacon Street Boston, Massachusetts 02108

727-8470

Secretary of the Commonwealth

February 12, 1975

Mr. Charles Herrington, Chief
Registration
National Register of Historic Places
U.S. Department of the Interior
National Park Service
18th and C Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240



CERTIFIED MAIL
APPORTIONMENT WARRANT
NOMINATION

Dear Charles:

Enclosed are four National Register submissions for the following properties:

1. Agawam, Captain Charles Leonard House, Hampden County
2. Medford, Lawrence Light Guard Armory, Middlesex County
3. Salem, Charter Street Historic District, Essex County
4. Worcester, G.A.R. Hall, Worcester County

These properties have been declared eligible for submission by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (the State Review Board), and have been signed by Elizabeth R. Amadon, Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Officer.

Please note that the properties covered by these submissions expect to apply for FY 76 funding. If you have any questions or need more information please let us know.

Sincerely,

Pat

Patricia L. Weslowski
Survey Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

PLW:CB:nb
Encl.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered MAR 10 1975

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Charter Street Historic District	Salem Essex County
Leonard, Captain Charles, House	Agawan Bampden County
Lawrence Light Guard Armory	Medford Middlesex County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Michael J. Harrington
Hon. Silvio O. Conte
Hon. Torbert M. McDonald
Regional Director, North Atlantic
Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon
Massachusetts Historical Commission
40 Beacon St.
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

NR Data Sheet

DATE: Reviewer

INITIALS: *Drf*

NR DOE March 10, 1975

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: ¹⁰ Leonard, Captain Charles, House

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER 663 Main Street

CITY, TOWN Agawam

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1st

STATE Massachusetts

VICINITY OF

COUNTY Hampden code 013

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

<u>INTERIOR</u>	<u>EXTERIOR</u>	<u>ENVIRONS</u>
- Substantially intact-1	- Substantially intact-2	- Substantially intact-3
- unknown - 4	- unknown - 5	- unknown - 6
- not applicable - 7	- not applicable - 8	- Not applicable-9

- Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION -	EXCELLENT	DETERIORATED	UNALTERED	<u>ORIGINAL SITE</u>
	GOOD	RUINS	<u>ALTERED</u>	MOVED
	FAIR	UNEXPOSED	Reconstructed	Unknown
		Unexcavated	Excavated	

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- private residence / ins.

now- Community house and museum

SIGNIFICANCE:

- | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW/Gov't/politics | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | <input type="checkbox"/> health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE -4 | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY local -18 | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION | <input type="checkbox"/> settlement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | <input type="checkbox"/> socio/cultural |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE -6 | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | | <input type="checkbox"/> urban & commun |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | | planning |

Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

Federal

attributed to

architect/m.builder:

Reputed architect
Asher Benjamin

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

personal

Capt. Charles Leonard - resident of hse;
member of local militia, Town. Citizen

(label role

&

appropriate date)

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century):

185 1805

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

1938 +
1960

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

less than 1

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

Frame, clapboarding; 2 1/2 stories, modified L-shape, hipped roof, interior chimneys, front center entrance bay articulated by 2-story Tuscan columns; frontispiece entrance with pilasters, fanlight and sidelights surmounted by 2nd-story Palladian window; fanlight in attic pediment, corner pilasters; Federal interior; rear ell raised to 2 stories, 1938; hipped roof ell added, 1960. Well-preserved Federal residence, Agawam's most elaborate pre-1850 architectural work.

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

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MAISE MITCHELL