

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Beverly Massachusetts
COUNTY: Essex
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

OCT 9 1974

1. NAME

COMMON: Rev. John Hale House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

39 Hale Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Beverly

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

6th

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY:

Essex

CODE

009

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☒ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Both	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☒ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☐ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Agricultural	☐ Government	☐ Park	☐ Transportation	☐ Comments
☐ Commercial	☐ Industrial	☒ Private Residence	☐ Other (Specify)	
☒ Educational	☐ Military	☐ Religious		
☐ Entertainment	☒ Museum	☐ Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

Beverly Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:

117 Cabot Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Beverly

STATE:

Massachusetts

CODE

025

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:

Essex County Registry of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:

Federal Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Salem

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE OF SURVEY: 1974

☐ Federal☒ State☐ County☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

Massachusetts Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:

40 Beacon Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Boston

STATE:

Massachusetts

CODE

025

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☒ Excellent	☐ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	☒ Altered	☐ Unaltered	☐ Moved	☒ Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Rev. John Hale House, 1694, faces northwest on Hale Street in a residential area of Beverly. Within a few blocks are its old associates the First Parish Church, the Ancient Burying Ground, where the Hale family is interred, and the Training Field. Directly across the street is the site of Rev. Hale's first house of 1665. Traditionally it has been said that the frame of the old house was used in constructing the new in 1694. This seems to be born out by Town Records which describe how Rev. Hale was granted lumber "to build half of ye frame of ye dwelling house he is now building, July 25, 1694."

The original $2\frac{1}{2}$ story ridge roof house was parallel to the street, running east-west. In 1745 a $2\frac{1}{2}$ story gambrel wing was added to the front of the house with gambrel end to the street, running north-south. The entrance door is now in the west elevation of this addition. From 1891 through the early 20th c., various jogs and ells were added to the south and east of the original structure. The entire house is covered with grey clapboard.

The original section of the house is three bays wide and 1 deep. Windows vary between 8/12, 12/12, 14/21, and 9/9. The northwest corner of the facade retains an 8/12 bay over a 12/12 bay. The west elevation has an attic window and one 12/12 bay over a 12/12 bay.

The 1745 gambrel addition is two bays wide and two deep. The facade faces west, at right angles to, and virtually obscuring, the north facade of the original structure. The entrance door is off-center on the southern side of the facade. This portico has a pedimented entablature consisting of a cornice moulding which is repeated below the eaves of this section of the house. The frieze and pilasters are plain. The door is bible and cross with a 4-light transom. Above this door, and to the left of it on both stories, is a 12/12 window. Two pedimented dormers project from the roof.

Aside from the various small juts and ells to the east of the house, there is a sizeable 20th c. 2-story addition connected to the southeast rear corner which houses the caretaker.

There is a considerable variety of early ornamental hardware throughout the house and one room retains its original 1745 handblocked English wallpaper.

The back southwest corner of the property boasts 3 ancient beech trees, imported from England in 1859. These mammoth trees are meticulously cared for by the Beverly Improvement Society.



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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ Pre-Columbian | ☐ 16th Century | ☒ 18th Century | ☐ 20th Century |
| ☐ 15th Century | ☒ 17th Century | ☐ 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1694 and 1745

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|
| ☐ Aboriginal | ☐ Education | ☐ Political | ☐ Urban Planning |
| ☐ Prehistoric | ☐ Engineering | ☒ Religion/Philosophy | ☐ Other (Specify) _____ |
| ☐ Historic | ☐ Industry | ☐ Science | _____ |
| ☐ Agriculture | ☐ Invention | ☐ Sculpture | _____ |
| ☒ Architecture | ☐ Landscape Architecture | ☐ Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| ☐ Art | ☐ Literature | ☐ Theater | _____ |
| ☐ Commerce | ☐ Military | ☐ Transportation | _____ |
| ☐ Communications | ☐ Music | | |
| ☐ Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Rev. John Hale was the first settled minister of the first "gathered church" of Beverly, then called Cape-Ann Side of Salem. He was born at Charlestown, Mass. on June 3, 1636, and was the son of Robert and Rebecca Hale. Robert Hale emigrated from England, probably Kent, in 1632. His son, John, graduated from Harvard College in 1657. John came to Beverly in 1664 and served as "teacher" until his ordination as their minister in 1667. His acceptance speech is still extant. He served the church until his death on May 15, 1700. In 1690, he was ordered by the General Court, along with two other ministers, to be "ministers of God's word, he desired to accompany the General and forces, in the expedition against Canada, to carry on the worship of God in that expedition."

In 1692 the witchcraft delusion broke out and the good reverend was caught up in the trials. He testified at the trials of two of his own parishioners and they were subsequently arrested. However, in October 1692, a Wenham resident accused his wife, Sarah Hale, of witchcraft, and she was taken to prison. "The whole community was convinced that the accusers, in crying out upon Mrs. Hale, had perjured themselves; and from that moment their power was destroyed; the awful delusion ceased; the curtain fell, and a close was put to one of the most tremendous tragedies in the history of real life".

It was here that Rev. Hale, in 1697, wrote a work entitled "A modest inquiry into the nature of witchcraft, and how persons guilty of that crime may be convicted; and the means used for their discovery discussed, both negatively and affirmatively, according to scripture and experience."

Rev. Hale was first married to Rebeckah Byles by whom he had a son, Robert, the next owner of the house. At her death, he married Mrs. Sarah Noyes and they had four sons: James, Samuel, Joanna, and John. Samuel settled in Newbury and had three sons. His son, Samuel, settled in Coventry, Conn. and was father of Nathan Hale, patriot of the Revolutionary War. Edward Everett Hale also traced his ancestry back to Rev. Hale, and his most famous work, "Man Without a Country" was written on a visit to Beverly.

In 1700, after the death of Rev. Hale, his oldest son, Robert, became the next owner of the property. He was graduated from Harvard in 1686. He served the town in various offices; was master of the Grammar School, selectman and representative in the General Court; he was also a physician and shipowner.

The house remained in the family for 12 generations and was sold to the Beverly Historical Society in 1937.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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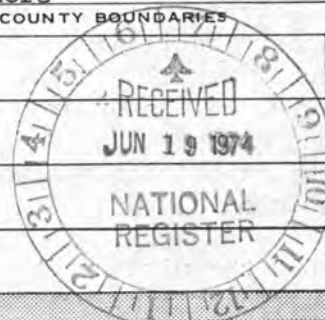
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE			
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0 0 0	0 0 0	42	32	56 1/2
NE	0 0 0	0 0 0	70	52	30
SE	0 0 0	0 0 0			
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 1 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
For Elizabeth Amadon, State Survey Director, By Mindy Arbo, N.R. Editor

ORGANIZATION
Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE
4/9/74

STREET AND NUMBER:
40 Beacon Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Boston 617-727-8470

STATE
Massachusetts 02108

CODE
025

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name John F.X. Davoren
Honorable John F.X. Davoren
Secretary of the Commonwealth
Title Chairman, Massachusetts Historical Commission

Date 6/11/74

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Al R. Winters
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 10/9/94

ATTEST:

Charles A. Smith
Keeper of The National Register

Date 10.4.74

PROPERTY Hale, Rev. John, House STATE Mass.

WORKING NUMBER 6.19.74.987

TECH REVIEW

PHOTOS 2

MAPS 2

Essex

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CONTROL REVIEW

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OK

HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Interesting evolution of house - ACCEPT
H. J. and
8/6/74

ARCHEOLOGIST

Sig. in archit. is not justified - Return
JCT
8/6/74

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
8/12/74

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Accept
Henry
for Muntz
10/4/74

National Register Write-up Nov 12, 1974

Federal Register entry 12/3/74

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PHOTO CREDIT: Alex Ushakoff			
DATE OF PHOTO: 1973			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: photographer			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
Facade, facing northwest.			

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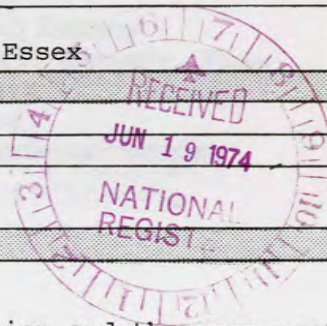
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Of the original 1694 structure, the west elevation and the rear-south elevation with caretaker's addition			
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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE: **sketch map**

SCALE:

DATE:

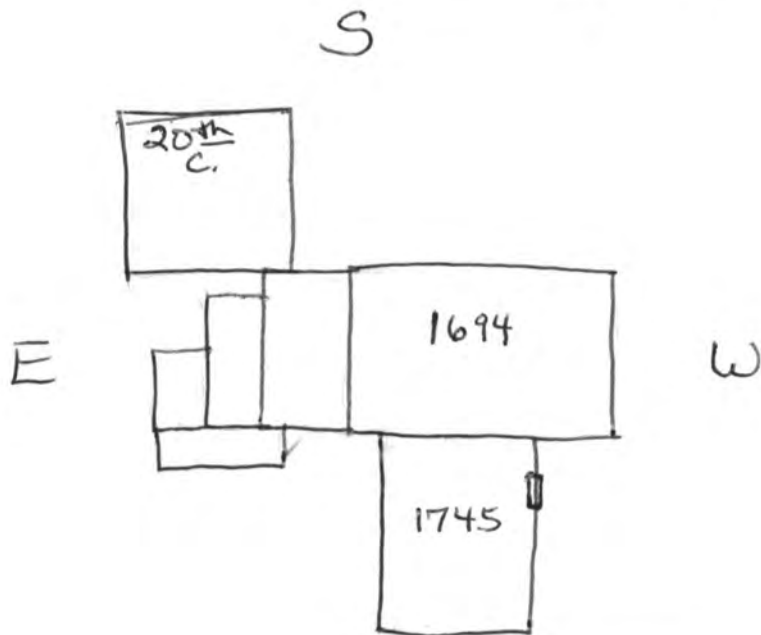
4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.



1859
Beech
Trees



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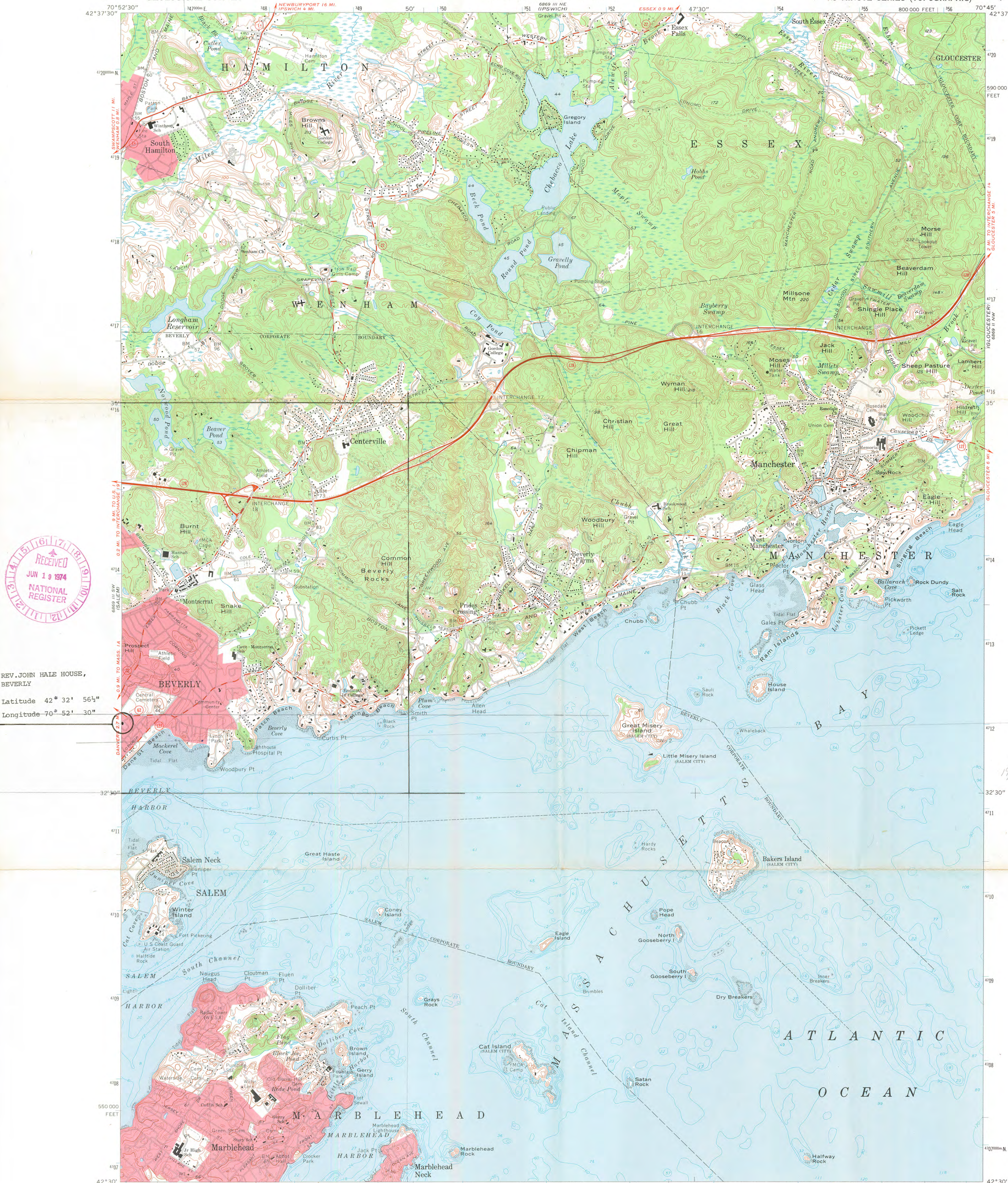
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STATE Massachusetts	COUNTY Essex	TOWN Beverly
STREET AND NUMBER 39 Hale Street		
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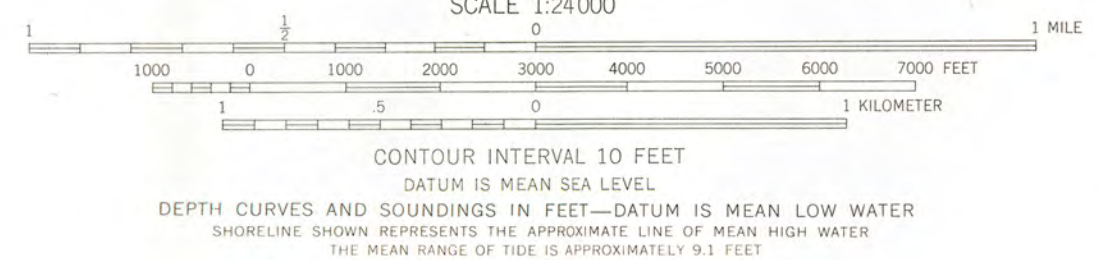
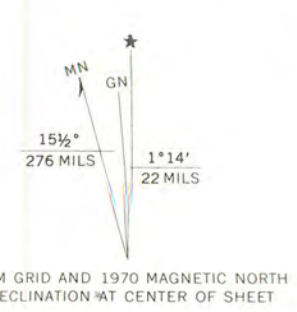




REV. JOHN HALE HOUSE,
BEVERLY
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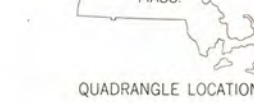


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Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1938. Topography by planimetric surveys 1942. Revised
from aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1970
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Charts 240 and
241 (1970). This information is not intended for navigational purposes
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue
Boundaries in tidewater areas from information supplied
by Massachusetts Department of Public Works
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route



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N4230—W7045/7.5
1970
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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The 1790 House	Woburn Middlesex County
Sparrow, Richard, House	Plymouth Plymouth County
Howland, Jabez, House	Plymouth Plymouth County

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