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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

Nathaniel Thayer Estate *nh*

AND/OR COMMON

Thayer Conservatory

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

438 South Main Street

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Lancaster

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fourth

STATE

Massachusetts

— VICINITY OF

CODE

025

COUNTY

Worcester

CODE

027

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC
 PRIVATE
 BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
 IN PROCESS
 BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED
 UNOCCUPIED
 WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
 YES: RESTRICTED
 YES: UNRESTRICTED
 NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE
 COMMERCIAL
 EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 GOVERNMENT
 INDUSTRIAL
 MILITARY
 MUSEUM
 PARK
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 RELIGIOUS
 SCIENTIFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Atlantic Union College

STREET & NUMBER

Administration Building, Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Lancaster

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts 01523

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Worcester County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

2 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Worcester

STATE

Massachusetts 01608

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1973

— FEDERAL STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts 02108

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Built in 1846, the Thayer mansion was remodeled in 1902 and is essentially Georgian Revival in appearance. The central section of the white clapboard building is three stories in height and has a hip roof. On either side are two-story wings. On the south facade a central pedimented pavilion projects from the main section. The front entrance porch is supported by paired Doric columns and is surmounted with a balustrade. The main section of the house is five bays wide with 6 over 9 sash on the first and second floors, and 3 over 3 on the third.

The north elevation has two projecting end pavilions and echoes the symmetry of the Main Street facade. There are five pedimented dormers in the roof and a Palladian window in the middle of the second story. The east wing terminates in a semicircular piazza.

The first-floor entrance hall floor is laid in black and white marble. The walls are of paneled wood and were originally painted white with tapestry in the central panels. The staircase rises from the center of the hall and divides at a landing beneath the Palladian window. The stairway is mahogany and is one of the chief features to survive from the original house.

To the right of the hall is the gallery (now used as a lounge and reception room) which is paneled in oak. Beyond this is the drawing-room (now the music conservatory). This large, rectangular room occupies the entire right wing and is lighted by windows on three sides. It is richly decorated by elaborate cornice and ceiling detail. Also adjoining the gallery is a library which is paneled in polished French walnut.

To the west of the entrance hall is a den and dining room. The latter is treated in monumental style, with doorways encased within pilasters and surmounted with broken pediments. The dining room fireplace, carved from fine Italian marble, was made especially for this house. A 19th century John W. Steere organ, donated to Atlantic Union College by a Worcester church, has been rebuilt in the dining room by the music faculty.

The upper floors originally served as bedrooms. The master bedroom on the north end of the second floor is now a music laboratory for the preparatory program.

The grounds of the estate are extensive. In earlier days there were lavish gardens and a tennis court; many of the original trees and bushes remain.

Approximately 900 feet northeast of the estate is a pine tree which stands alone in an open field on a gentle rise from Roper's Brook. The field is bordered on the west by Roper's Brook and farther west by open fields in a flat flood plain. To the north is the Nashua River and on the east the boundary is formed by a stone wall and row of trees along Main Street.

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	
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<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 1846 (remodeled 1902) BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Thayer died in 1883, and in 1902 his son Nathaniel Thayer, III, had the mansion redesigned and added the wings. Thayer descendants continued to occupy the house until 1943, when it was sold to Atlantic Union College.

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¹Marvin, Abijah. History of the Town of Lancaster, 1643-1879. 1879, p. 470-477.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Barr, Ferree. Notable American Homes. 1906.
Boston Sunday Post. August 11, 1929.
 Marvin, Abijah. History of the Town of Lancaster, 1643-1879. 1879.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 25 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary begins on the north side of Main Street opposite Whitcomb Drive and runs 1250 feet north to Roper's Brook; thence easterly following Roper's Brook, Thayer Pond, again Roper's Brook 1800 feet to the Nashua River; thence southeasterly along the Nashua River 650 feet to the Sprague-Vose Bridge on Main Street; thence west along Main Street (north side) 2100 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Judy D. Dobbs, National Register Editor and Phyllis A. Farnsworth, Lancaster Historical

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

May 10, 1976

Commission

STREET & NUMBER

294 Washington 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Elizabeth Reed Amadon

TITLE

Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

May 17, 1976

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

Active

W. M. ...

DATE

7/6/76

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST

Charles ...

DATE

6-25-76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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NATHANIEL THAYER ESTATE

Lancaster, Massachusetts

Nashua River

North

Roper's Brook

Roper's Brook

Thayer Pond

Pine tree
at site of
Rowlandson Garrison

Thayer Mansion

Driveway

Cemetery

Main Street

Elderly Housing

Wrl-comb Drive

Boston & Main Railroad

Taken from
Assessor's Map
1973

Scale: 1" = 200'

25 acres



1250'

1800'

2100'

650'



Property Shayer, Nathaniel, Estate

State Mass.

Working Number 5.24.76.3459

Worcester

TECHNICAL

Photos 2
Maps 1

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Called 6.21.76

CONTROL

OK - 5.25.76
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HISTORIAN

ACCEPT
LIVINGOOD
3 JE 76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept
SOLDHAN
5/27/76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
COLE
6/7/76

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

HARRIS
6.25.76

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Federal Register Entry 8-3-76

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Nathaniel Thayer Estate
Lancaster, MA
Wendell Bartlett, photographer
May 1975
Lancaster Historical Commission, Town Hall,
Lancaster, MA 01523
Looking northwest at facade.

Photograph #1

Worcester Co.

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Dr Nathaniel Thayer Estate
(Thayer Cemetery)
438 South Main Street
Lancaster, Mass.
May 1975
Photographer - Wendell Bartlett



Nathaniel Thayer Estate

Lancaster, MA

Wendell Bartlett, photographer

May 1975

Lancaster Historical Commission, Town Hall,

Lancaster, MA 01523

Looking southeast at rear.

Photograph #2

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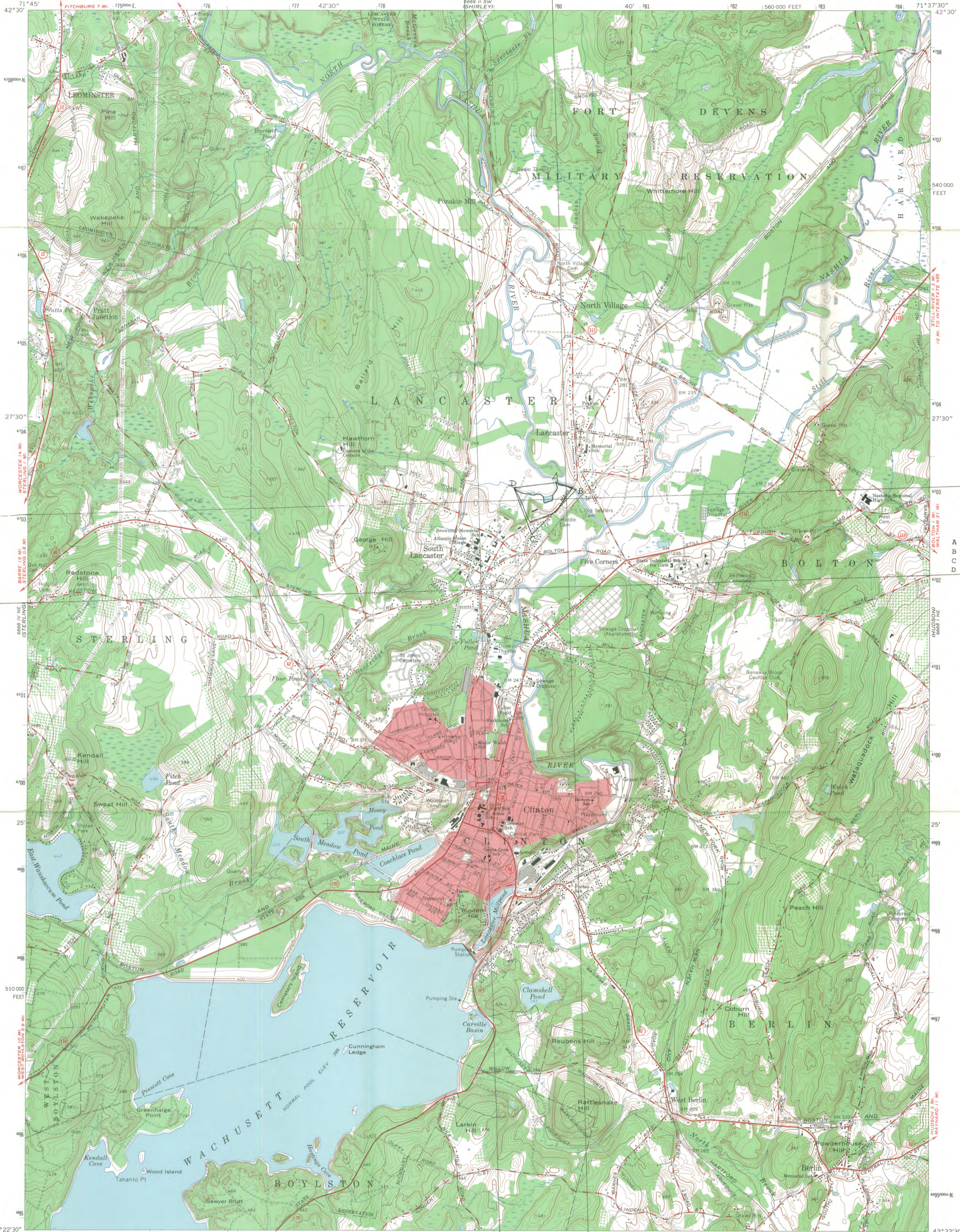
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To Nathaniel Thayer Estate (rear)
(Thayer Conservatory)
438 South Main Street
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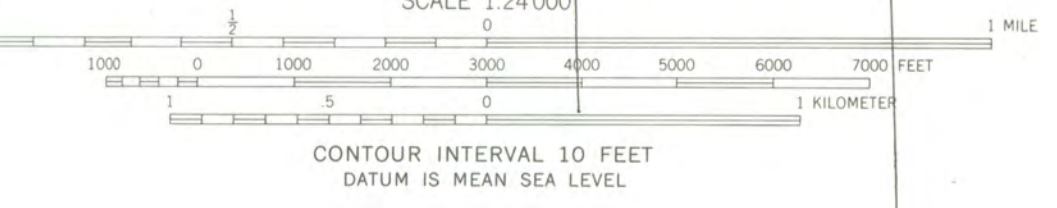
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Nathaniel Thayer Estate

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Revised 1965

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

Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty —————
- Medium-duty ————
- Light-duty - - - - -
- Unimproved dirt - - - - -
- State Route ○

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **MASSACHUSETTS**

Date Entered **JUL 6 1976**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thayer, Nathaniel, Estate	Lancaster Worcester County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Robert F. Drinan
Regional Director, North
Atlantic Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon
Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

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AUG 18 1976

New
England
Newsclip

Worcester

Thayer estate now national, historic site

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Word of the acceptance came from Gary Everhardt, director of the National Park Service in the U.S. Department of the Interior.

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NR Data Sheet

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NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Thayer, Nathaniel, Estate

OTHER NAMES: Thayer Conservatory sec

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER 438 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN Lancaster

STATE MA

VICINITY OF

025

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4th

COUNTY code
Worcester 027

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>
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--Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

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	<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
	<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	<input type="checkbox"/> Reconstructed	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
		<input type="checkbox"/> Unexcavated	<input type="checkbox"/> 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- Residence

now- College Building

SIGNIFICANCE:

- | | | | | |
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Claims

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

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Georgian Revival

architect/m.builder:

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role & appropriate date)

personal Nathaniel Shayer 1846-1883 ^{owner} in this house

events location of the start of King Philip's War Feb 10, 1676 with a massacre of townspeople and burning of the Garrison

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1846

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: 1902 - house ~~relocated~~ remodeled + wings added

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S): 1846-1943

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

25

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

Frame, clapboarding, 2-3 1/2 stories, modified rectangle, hipped roof, interior and exterior end chimneys, denticulated modillion cornice, gabled dormers, front center entrance, ~~the small~~ 1-story portico with ~~house~~ belvedere deck, ~~was~~ 2nd story Palladian window. wings added, 1902, ~~one~~ with semi-circular 2-story porch at end, ~~house~~ remodeled, 1902 Georgian Revival.

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

This house was built for Nathaniel prominent Lancaster citizen, Nathaniel Shayer, owner of ~~an influential~~ influential financial firm; ~~on~~ property includes ~~the~~ site of the massacre ^{that} started King Philip's War in 1676.