

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Fogg Library

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number 1 Columbian Street _____ not for publication

city, town Weymouth _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 12th

state Massachusetts code 025 county Norfolk code 021

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
____ district	☒ public	☒ occupied	____ agriculture
☒ building(s)	____ private	____ unoccupied	____ commercial
____ structure	____ both	____ work in progress	☒ educational
____ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	____ entertainment
____ object	____ in process	____ yes: restricted	____ government
	____ being considered	☒ yes: unrestricted	____ industrial
		____ no	____ military
			____ museum
			____ park
			____ private residence
			____ religious
			____ scientific
			____ transportation
			____ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Town of Weymouth, Town Hall

street & number 75 Middle Street

city, town E. Weymouth _____ vicinity of _____ state Massachusetts 02189

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Norfolk County Registry of Deeds

street & number 650 High Street

city, town Dedham _____ state Massachusetts

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

title _____ has this property been determined eligible? ____ yes ☒ no

date 1978 _____ federal ☒ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission

city, town Boston _____ state Massachusetts 02108

7. Description

Fogg Library

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

The Fogg Library (1897-1898) is an excellent example of late Victorian eclecticism in Weymouth. The building combines Dutch and classical elements in an unusual but dignified composition. Fogg Library is impressively sited on a generous lot overlooking Columbian Square, a major traffic intersection.

The architects of the Fogg Library were the well-known firm of Cutting, Carlton, and Cutting of Worcester. The style of architecture, while not strictly pure, approaches the Italian Renaissance. Dutch motifs may have been influenced by the "Dutch House," Holland's pavilion at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, which was reconstructed in Brookline in 1894.

The 1½ story building is composed of a small central block with a hip roof and two asymmetrical, gabled wings. The exterior is built of random coursed ashlar with a granite water table and limestone cornices, quoins, pilasters, copings, window sills, and lintels. The roof is covered with green slate, and all the metal work of the roof, such as skylights, crestings, and gutters, are of copper. The 1-story wings of the building feature step gables and slightly projecting end chimneys.

The fenestration consists of paired rectangular windows on the facade and single windows on the other elevations, all with rectangular limestone sills and lintels. Windows on the east wing have stained glass transoms created by Redding, Baird, & Co. of Boston. The delicately colored Brisi glass reproduces the marks or trade devices of early printers and booksellers. The walls are ornamented with a molded water table above the basement, a stringcourse above the first floor windows, a molded cornice on the wings, and a decorative entablature on the central block.

The 1½ story central block is the most distinctive exterior feature of the building, with its first floor loggia and second story gabled pavilion. The Renaissance-derived loggia, enclosed on one side, has Doric and Ionic pilasters supporting a full entablature. The right side, which is an open entry, contains round arches and portions of the original stone balustrade. The pavilion centered above the loggia has a step gable enclosing a large arched window.

The interior plan is typical of the period: a reading room on the right, a central part for library business, and on the left a long room for the stacks. These sections are separated, in an open fashion, by rows of Tuscan columns. The interior finish throughout the first and second stories, including floors (except those of the two vestibules, which are ^{marble} mosaic), wainscoting, doors, door and window trimming, book stacks, and all the furniture, is in quartered oak. The walls and ceilings are finished in hard plaster and decorated. At either end of the building, one in the reading room and one in the stack room, are very large fireplaces with grilled openings for ventilation. The fireplace in the reading room has a large quartered oak mantel, with Sienna marble facings and wrought brass grilles. The stacks are each decorated with a recessed upper panel, edged with an egg and dart molding.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
☐ prehistoric	☐ archeology-prehistoric	☐ community planning	☐ landscape architecture	☐ religion
☐ 1400–1499	☐ archeology-historic	☐ conservation	☐ law	☐ science
☐ 1500–1599	☐ agriculture	☐ economics	☐ literature	☐ sculpture
☐ 1600–1699	☒ architecture	☒ education	☐ military	☐ social/
☐ 1700–1799	☐ art	☐ engineering	☐ music	☐ humanitarian
☒ 1800–1899	☐ commerce	☐ exploration/settlement	☐ philosophy	☐ theater
☐ 1900–	☐ communications	☐ industry	☐ politics/government	☐ transportation
		☐ invention		☐ other (specify)

Specific dates 1897–98

Builder/Architect Cutting, Carlton, and Cutting (Worcester)

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Fogg Library is an architectural and visual landmark of the village of South Weymouth and represents the philanthropy of one of the town's leading nineteenth-century industrialists. The building thus meets criteria B and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

The Fogg Library is the third such association in South Weymouth. The establishment of this library and building was the result of the munificence of the late John S. Fogg, a prominent Weymouth banker and shoe manufacturer. Fogg (1817–1892) left in his will \$50,000 to found and perpetuate "in that part of Weymouth known as South Weymouth" a free public library. It was also his intention to provide a fine hall for public assemblies and a building that would be an ornament to the community and town. A few years ago, the Fogg Library gave up its charter as a private library and became a branch of the Town's library system.

The site chosen for the Fogg Library Building is located in one of the most historically significant areas of the town, Columbian Square, and the architecture of the building is complemented by the location. The formality and severity of the composition are relieved by a curious combination of stylistic motifs, forming a reserved yet ambitious design. The step gables and classical loggia are particularly distinguishing features of this civic landmark.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Dedication of Fogg Library, South Weymouth, MA: H.H. Joy, Printer (1898)

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property approx. 1/2 acre

Quadrangle name Weymouth

Quadrangle scale 1:25,000

UMT References

A

1	9	3	38	8	50	46	7	0	77	0
Zone		Easting				Northing				

B

Zone		Easting				Northing				

C

Zone		Easting				Northing				

D

Zone		Easting				Northing				

E

Zone		Easting				Northing				

F

Zone		Easting				Northing				

G

Zone		Easting				Northing				

H

Zone		Easting				Northing				

Verbal boundary description and justification

see attached

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Wendy Frontiero, Preservation Planner with Chester Kevitt,
Weymouth Historical Commission

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date December 29, 1980

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Pattina Z. Weslowski

5/1/81

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission date

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

Entered in the

National Register date 6.11.81

for Delores Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



WEYMOUTH HISTORICAL COMMISSION

WEYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

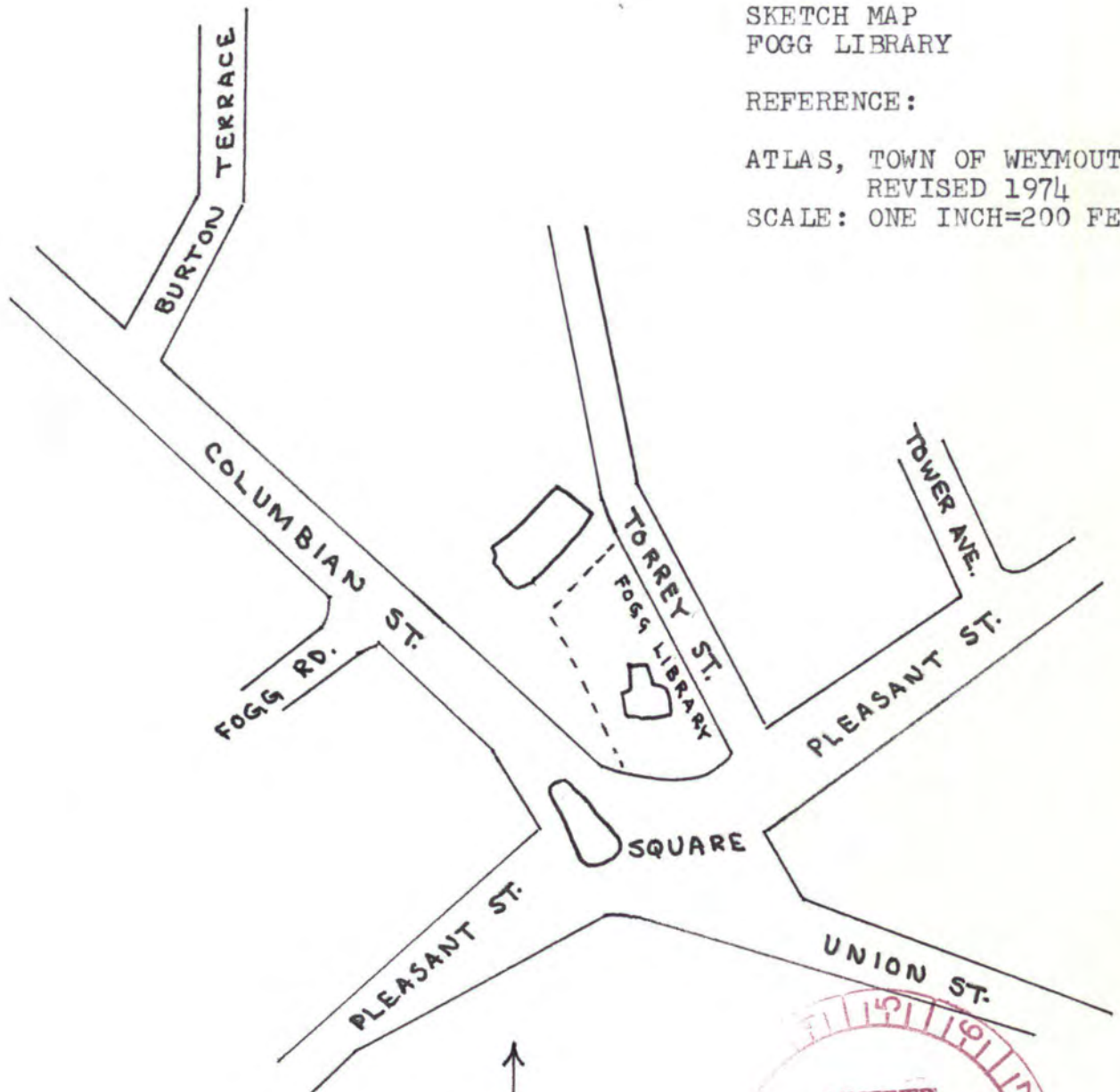
NATIONAL REGISTER
OF
HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM
(Attachment)

SKETCH MAP
FOGG LIBRARY

REFERENCE:

ATLAS, TOWN OF WEYMOUTH
REVISED 1974

SCALE: ONE INCH=200 FEET



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JUN 11 1981



DUE 6/10/81 - 6/25/81
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Name Logg Library
State, County MA Norfolk Fed Nom or Request-Agency _____
Working Number 5.11.81.151 Federal Register Date 2.2.82

☒ Nomination
☐ Determination of Eligibility
☐ On Nomination Form

☒ Bldg(s)
☐ Site
☐ Object
☐ Structure
☐ District

Within:
☐ Multiple Resource Area
☐ Thematic Group

Maps 4, 2
Photos 2

Nomination prepared by:
☒ State Staff
☐ Local
☐ Other

Action: Entered in the
☒ ACCEPT 6.11.81 National Register
☐ RETURN _____
☐ REJECT _____

Check if Appropriate:
☐ State Request for Review
☐ Keeper's Decision to Review
☐ 2nd Return

I. Evaluation of Resource (cont. on back if necessary)

II. Evaluation of Nomination

	Good	Adequate	Poor	Comments
1. Descriptive Statement Short Format ☐ Yes ☐ No				
2. Significance Statement Short Format ☐ Yes ☐ No				
3. Concepts/Integrity				
4. Concepts/Criteria				
5. Concepts/Boundaries				
6. Contextual Evaluation				

General Comments (cont. on back if necessary):



WEYMOUTH, MASS.

Fogg Library MAY 11 1981

Looking northwest

Photo by Chester

Kevitt, 1978

Negative filed at

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MASS.



WEYMOUTH, MASS.

Fogg Library

MAY 11 1981

Looking north

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Kevitt, 1978

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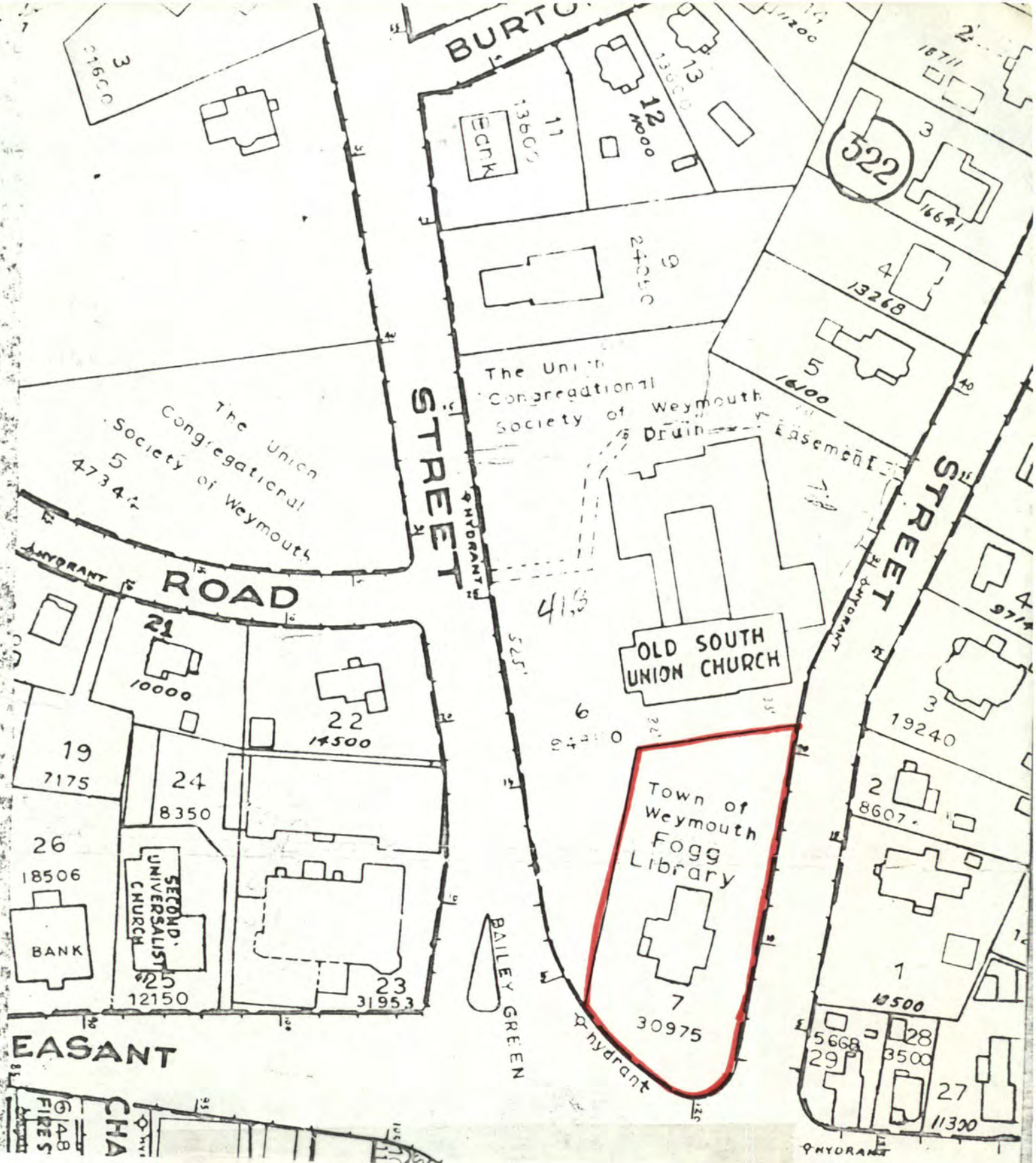
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Commission

Norfolk County

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LOOKING NORTH
S. WEYMOUTH,

MA JUN 11 1981



ATLAS OF TOWN OF WEYMOUTH

Prepared by: Department of Public Works, Engineering Division

"Plan of a part of Weymouth"

Revised to January 1, 1974

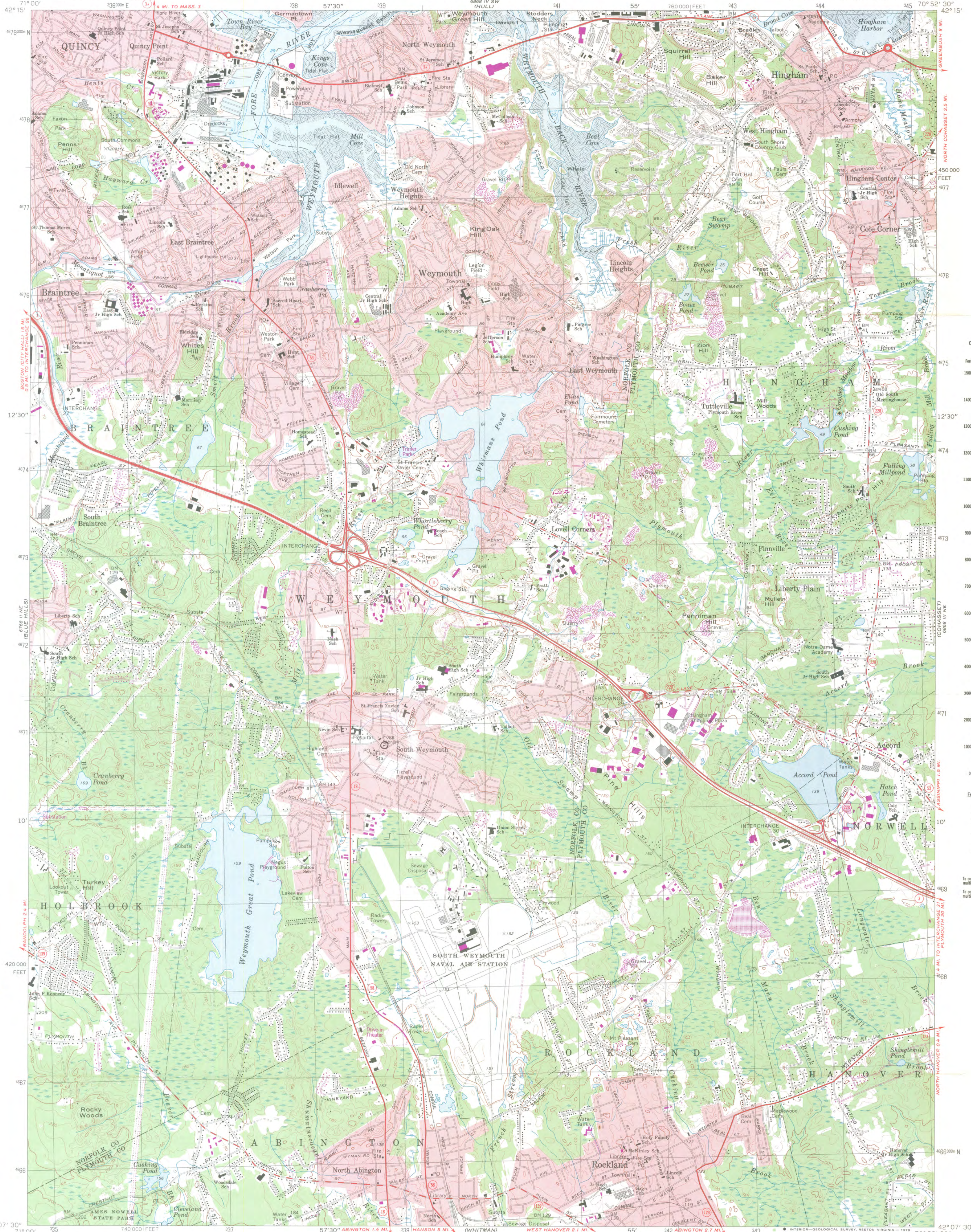
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WEYMOUTH, MA
Fogg Library

UTM Reference:
19/338850/4670770



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Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
Topography by planimetric surveys 1936. Revised from
aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1971
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Chart 246 (1971)
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,
zone 19
Red tint indicates areas in which only
landmark buildings are shown
There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of
the National or State reservations shown on this map

UTM GRID AND 1979 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

FOGG LIBRARY
S. WEYMOUTH
MA

SCALE 1:25 000
1 000 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 FEET
1 KILOMETER

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 9.5 FEET

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with State of
Massachusetts agencies from aerial photographs taken 1977 and other
source data. This information not field checked. Map edited 1979



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

WEYMOUTH, MASS.
N4207.5—W7052.5/7.5
1971
PHOTOREVISED 1979
AMS 6888 III NW—SERIES V814

CONVERSION SCALES
Feet Meters
15000 4500
14000 4000
13000 3500
12000 3000
11000 2500
10000 2000
9000 1500
8000 1000
7000 500
6000 0
5000 0
4000 0
3000 0
2000 0
1000 0
0 0
To convert feet to meters
multiply by .3048
To convert meters to feet
multiply by 3.2808



**MASSACHUSETTS
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Office of the Secretary of State**

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MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

May 4, 1981

Mr. Jerry Rogers, Acting Keeper
Registration Branch
Heritage, Conservation & Recreation
Service
DOI, W434
Washington D.C. 20243

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Enclosed you will find the following nomination forms for publicly owned buildings:

Barnstable-Barnstable County Courthouse (state)

Fall River-B.M.C. Durfee High School (local)

Hull-Point Allerton Lifesaving Station (state)

Lynn-Old Post Office (local)

Weymouth-Fogg Library (local)

All have been voted eligible by the State Review Board and have been signed
by the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Sincerely,

Candace Jenkins

Candace Jenkins
Registration Director



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

JUN 11 1981

Date Entered

Name

Location

Durfee, B. M. C., High School

Fall River
Bristol County

Fogg Library

Weymouth
Norfolk County

Barnstable County Courthouse

Barnstable
Barnstable County

Point Allerton Lifesaving Station

Hull
Plymouth County

Also Notified

Honorable Paul E. Tsongas

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Honorable Margaret M. Heckler
Honorable Gerry E. Studds

Northeast Region, HCRS

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski
Executive Director
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