



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

*Secretary of the
Commonwealth*

294 Washington Street Boston, Massachusetts 02108

(617) 727-8470

July 28, 1978

Mr. Charles Herrington, Chief
Registration Branch
National Register
OAHP,
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
Washington, D.C. 02040



Dear Mr. Herrington:

Please note the changes which should be made to the following National Register forms:

OK *C* Boston: Kittredge House - *Suffolk Co*
- change address to 10 Linwood Street, Roxbury, MA

OK Concord: Pest House - *Middlesex*
- change UTM coordinates to: 19/306260/4701800

OK Natick: Natick Center Historic District *Middlesex*
- # 10 Harwood Baseball Shop
- change owner to: Village Realty Development

- #3 Clark's Block
- change owner to: Arnold Zaltas

Sincerely,

Candace Jenkins

Candace Jenkins
National Register Coordinator
Massachusetts Historical Commission

CJ/lh

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Massachusetts	
COUNTY: Suffolk	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	MAY 8 1973

1. NAME	
COMMON: Alvah Kittredge House	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 12 Linwood Street			
CITY OR TOWN: (Roxbury) Boston			
STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Massachusetts	025	Suffolk	025

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☐ Site ☐ Object	☒ Public ☐ Private ☐ Both	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☒ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☒ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☐ No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
☐ Agricultural ☐ Commercial ☐ Educational ☐ Entertainment	☐ Government ☐ Industrial ☐ Military ☐ Museum	☐ Park ☐ Private Residence ☐ Religious ☐ Scientific	☐ Transportation ☒ Other (Specify) Community Center

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: City of Boston			
STREET AND NUMBER: Boston City Hall			
CITY OR TOWN: Boston	STATE: Massachusetts	CODE: 025	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Registry of Deeds			
STREET AND NUMBER: Suffolk County Court House, Norfolk County Court House			
CITY OR TOWN: Boston, Dedham	STATE: Massachusetts	CODE: 025	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Roxbury Highlands Study			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1969	☐ Federal	☐ State	☒ Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Boston Architectural Center			
STREET AND NUMBER: 320 Newbury Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Boston	STATE: Massachusetts	CODE: 025	



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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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Zn19 N 4688300

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ Excellent☒ Good☐ Fair☐ Deteriorated☐ Ruins☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☒ Altered☐ Unaltered

(Check One)

☒ Moved☐ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Alvah Kittredge House is a large free-standing frame Greek Revival mansion of two stories. Presently, the house is square with a small rear addition and has a hipped roof topped by a flat glazed octagonal cupola. Tall Ionic columns that support the full portico's broad entablature exhibit strong horizontal and vertical emphasis. Surfaced with flush siding, the five bay facade has elongated ground floor windows with 6/6 pane sashes that are topped by slightly pedimented lintels but are otherwise unframed. The upper windows have 4/4 pane sashes. Although the central door frame is covered by a projecting bracketed hood of a later date, the tabulated bands of lights surrounding the doorway appear original. Heavy plain pilasters at the corners frame the entire facade. The side walls, sheathed in narrow clapboards, are four bays deep; pairs of windows flank two evenly spaced interior fireplaces whose chimney stacks protrude from the roofline. When the house was moved in the late 19th century, side wings were removed. The foundation of, and the stairs leading to the portico are modern.



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

B. 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) 1836 - 1896

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

Built in 1836, the Alvah Kittredge House, a handsome Greek Revival mansion, is significant both for its embodiment of the distinctive characteristics of its type and period and for its associations with the lives of two locally prominent persons--Alvah Kittredge, early developer of the area, and Nathaniel J. Bradlee, noted Boston architect.

Kittredge, a merchant, purchased several large parcels of land in the Roxbury Highlands which rose south of the early 18th century settlement at Eliot Square. His mansion was constructed on the site of the Roxbury Lower Fort on what is now Highland, Linwood and Cedar Streets. The Lower Fort, erected in the summer of 1775, was a companion to the High Fort, built in the same year in the location of the present Highland Park. Both forts were part of the chain of defenses that helped bring about the evacuation of the British from Boston.

Kittredge and several other investors began an informal movement which resulted in the development of a dense residential suburb. Kittredge sold the house in 1866, and in five years Bradlee became its owner. Besides many designs for South End residences, Bradlee is known for his plans of The Fellowes Athenaeum in Roxbury, the former Boston & Maine Railroad Station at Haymarket Square, the Second Church, Copley Square, St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in the South End, and the Old New England Mutual Life Insurance building at Post Office Square. Bradlee himself did some remodeling of his Roxbury house. By the time Bradlee sold the house in 1896, the development boom had spread, covering the Highlands with blocks of rowhouses and other forms of multi-family housing. When the last two estates on Kittredge Square were to be subdivided, the Kittredge House was moved from its probable Highland Street frontage to the present location on Linwood Street.

Although hemmed in by later buildings, the house occupies a key position visually on Kittredge Square being clearly visible to anyone approaching the square on Highland Street.



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Drake, Frances S., The Town of Roxbury: Its Memorable Persons and Places, Roxbury, 1878
 Unpublished papers of Reverend Wolcott Cutler (at Boston Athenaeum)
 Major, Howard, Domestic Architecture of the Early American Republic, Philadelphia, 1926.
 Plans, Vol. 1-50, N. J. Bradlee (at Boston Athenaeum)

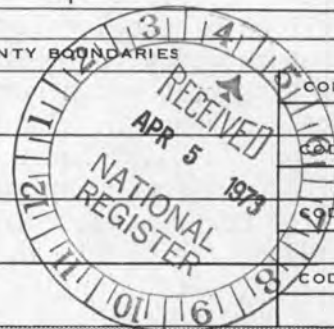
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		42	19	39.62
SE	° ' "	° ' "		71	05	43.59
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Judith McDonough for Elizabeth Amadon, State Survey Director	
ORGANIZATION Massachusetts Historical Commission	DATE March, 1973
STREET AND NUMBER: 40 Beacon Street	
CITY OR TOWN: Boston	STATE Massachusetts
	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. D. [Signature]
 Secretary of the Commonwealth and
 Chairman, Massachusetts Historical
 Title Commission

Date March 30, 1973

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

Robert A. Gentry
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 5/8/73

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 4 27 73

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

PROPERTY

Kittredge (Aluah) House

STATE

Mass

WORKING NUMBER

4.5.13.2743

Plymouth
Suffolk

TECH REVIEW

Photos

1

Maps

1

73000855

CONTROL REVIEW

CM
4-13-
73

HISTORIAN

OK
I believe ^{this} should be returned for date of moving
and justification for retaining of hist. integrity. AM
→ Unless architecturally superior - Return 4/13/73

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

I'm with Art. The house is
submitted for architecture + unless Return
it qualifies architecturally I say 4-23-73
C shall

ARCHEOLOGIST

I assume it was moved c. 1896, which means that
it has been on the present site much longer than it was
on the original site. Beautiful bldg.

Accept
KH
4/24/73

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

Agree @ KH

OK
4/27/73

KEEPER

Accept for its architectural superiority

OK
4/27

National Register write-up

Send-back

Federal Register entry

2-3-73

Re-submit

Entered

MAY 8 1973



Boston (Roxbury), ALVAH KITTREDGE
House

NPS Number 5/2/35

Title: Kittredge House

Loc. South Main

South Street looking north

Linwood St.

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

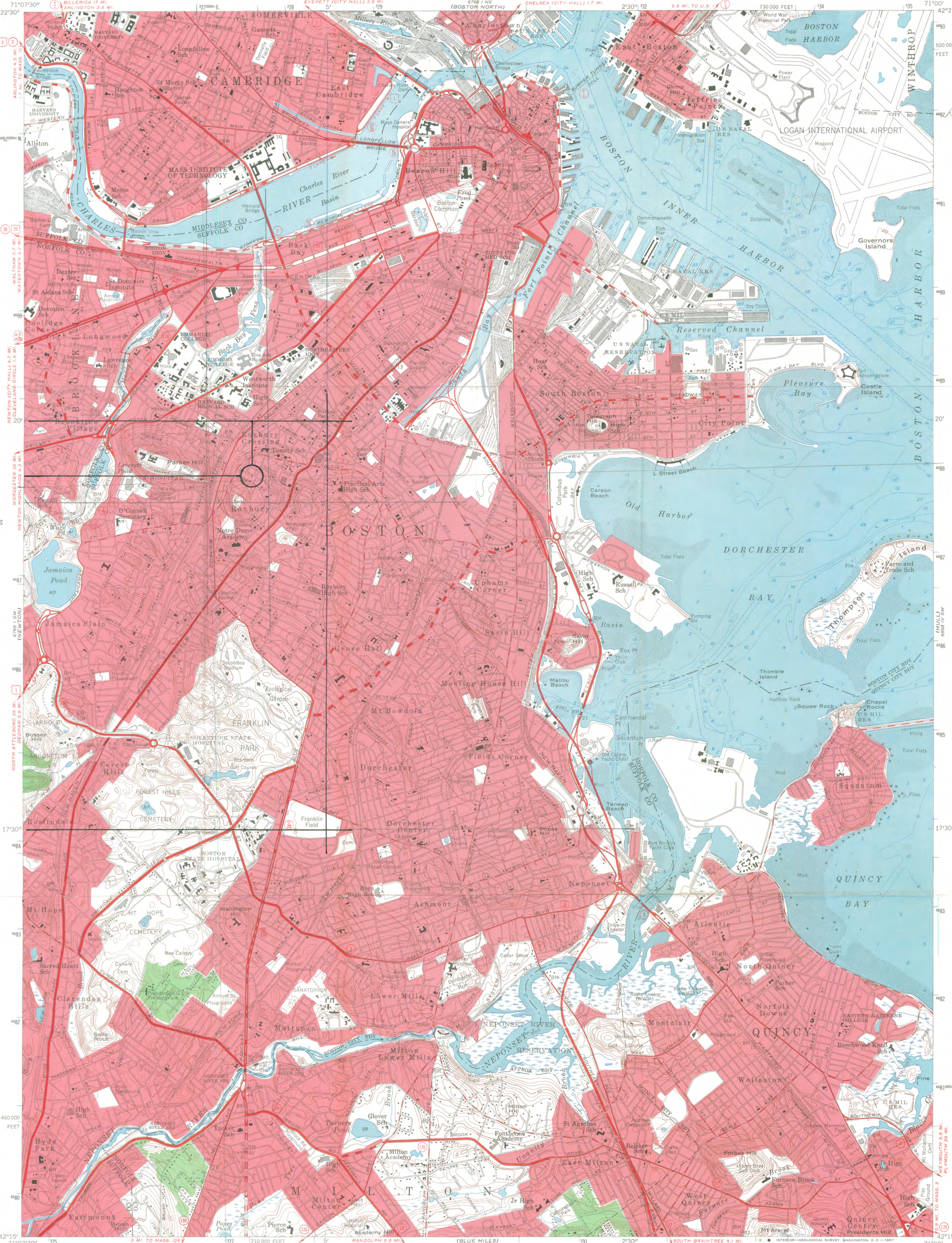
(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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STATE: Massachusetts	CODE 025	COUNTY: Suffolk	CODE 025
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: USGS 7.5' Series, Boston South Quadrangle			
SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1965			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			





71°05'43.59"
42°19'39.62"

ALVAH KITTREDGE HOUSE
BOSTON
(ROXBURY)



Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, Mass. Harbor & Land Commission,
and Mass. Geodetic Survey

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photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1955
Field check 1956

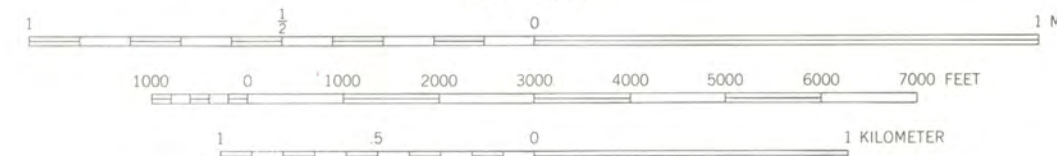
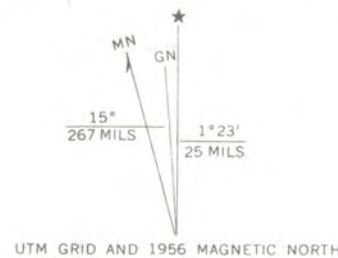
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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts (Mainland)
coordinate system.

1,000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue

Boundaries in tidewater areas from information
supplied by Mass. Dept. of Public Works

Red tint indicates areas in which only
landmark buildings are shown



SCALE 1:24,000

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET

DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET-DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER

SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER

THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 9.5 FEET



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

BOSTON SOUTH, MASS.

N 4215—W 7100/7.5

1956

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered MAY 8 1973

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Pratt (Dexter) House	Cambridge Middlesex County
Old Chelmsford Garrison House Complex	Chelmsford Middlesex County
Kittredge (Alvah) House	(Roxbury) Boston Suffolk County
Boston Public Library	Boston Suffolk County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
Hon. Paul Cronin
Hon. John Moakley

Director, Northeast Region

PHR

NRowland:mm

5/9/73

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Secretary of the Commonwealth
Chairman, Massachusetts Historical
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