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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

Salem Cross Inn

HISTORIC

White Homestead

AND/OR COMMON

Salem Cross Inn (use for publication)

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

NW of West Brookfield  
Ware Road (Route 9)

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

West Brookfield

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

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

Henry Salem

STREET & NUMBER

c/o Salem Cross Inn, Ware Rd. (Route 9)

CITY, TOWN

West Brookfield

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts

01585

## 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

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1973

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE 1707 house,  
c.1960

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Salem Cross Inn, formerly known as the White Homestead, is located on Ware Road, Route 9, in the western part of West Brookfield. It is surrounded by acres of rolling meadows and woodlots bounded by fieldstone walls and crisscrossed with old cart roads. The immediate environs preserve an atmosphere of rural colonial days.

The homestead is located on the land granted to Sergeant John White in 1707. The original one story house was built by White c. 1707 with clapboard sides and a ridge roof. The ground floor contained a kitchen with a large cooking fireplace and an oven. On the backside of the fireplace was a small heating fireplace which faced into a small chamber known as a "borning room". There were also two general use chambers on the far side of the borning room. The walls of the kitchen and borning room are the original plaster on handsplit chestnut laths. The outside walls were lined with handmade burnt bricks, some of which still remain, serving as fortification against both the Indians and the severe New England weather. Above the ground floor is a three-quarter loft with access via an enclosed staircase from the first general chamber. When the main house was constructed, this primitive structure was converted to a carriage shed and still so remains. It was moved c.1960 behind the main house. While the chimney was removed, the interior and exterior are otherwise mostly intact.

The house and barn were built by John and Cornelius White c.1740 upon their return to Brookfield from Concord to claim their father's land. The main house is a 2 story clapboard Colonial structure with a hip roof, large central chimney, and main entrance on the east facade. The windows are symmetrically ordered 12/12 lights on the first floor and 8/12 lights on the second floor. Entrance to the house is from a large granite step through double doors inset with bull's eye lights and hung with original strap hinges. The door handle and latch are etched with Salem Cross hex marks from which the current restaurant derived its name.

The entry is constructed with a door to the left and the right leading to the front rooms, and a staircase leading to the second floor. The room to the right of the entry was used as a sitting room. It is characterized by a full wall and fireplace breast of raised panelling, dado on three remaining walls, and raised panel doors. The floor is of the original pine boards. The plaster, as in the whole house, is an authentic plaster of the period (some original and some restored) consisting of ground oyster shells and sand. (The shells replaced lime which was scarce.) The room to the left of the entry was the formal dining room. A chair rail is set into the plastered walls and the cornice is made up of crown mouldings. There is a corner cupboard in the southwest corner with butterfly shelving and fluted columns. The original floor boards remain as does the fireplace with double panel above. The large room extending the width of the building, located behind the two front rooms, was the kitchen. This room has a large cooking fireplace with the crane still in place. The walls are wainscotted with wide beaded boards secured with handmade nails. The ceiling is of exposed hand-hewn beams. Two blanket rods are attached to the chimney girt in front of the fireplace. The floor is original.

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The second floor originally contained five chambers. Four of these have been combined into one large room for restaurant use. The walls are sheathed with feather-edge panelling and the beams and posts are boxed with beaded boards. The floor is original. The remaining fifth chamber is located above the sitting room and is intact with dado siding, boxed corner posts and original flooring.

The cellar of the house has fieldstone walls below grade and handmade bricks above grade to the sill. A substantial area of the cellar is filled with the huge (12x15') base for the central chimney structure.

The main house is connected to the barn by two 1½ story ridge roof ells. These 20th c. ells are covered with clapboard and have a variety of doors and windows. They are located over what was once the barnyard and their northern foundation is the original barnyard wall of drywall construction.

The large barn, which is contemporary with the house, has a ridge roof, vertical board siding, and a large double door entrance in the north wall. There is a full cellar under the barn with a foundation of large fieldstone, which was originally of drywall construction. Forty-two foot hewn chestnut timbers rest on large oak posts supporting the upper barn. The upper barn is of standard Colonial construction with posts and beams of oak and chestnut. There are numerous hay lofts overhead of chestnut boards supported by half-round floor joists.

Water was supplied to the homestead by two wells and one spring. One well is capped with a large stone and the other is open. The open well has a well-sweep used to draw water. The spring is located across the road and is capable of supplying the house with fresh spring water.

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1707 and 1740 ,

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John White; John and Cornelius White

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Salem Cross Inn is significant to the local Brookfield area both for its architectural and its associative values. The 1707 structure is one of the last remaining structures from the early days of the second settlement of Brookfield and the 1740 building is important as an example of an excellently restored, 18th c. architecture in its original rural setting. The main house also retains its original outbuildings.

In addition to its architectural significance, the Salem Cross Inn is also important as being the home of three persons notable in history:

John White, who received the original land grant, was the grandson of Peregrine White, the first male child born in New England aboard the Mayflower as it rode at anchor in Cape Cod Harbor. John White was also an important figure in Brookfield town history. In 1706 he served second in command at the local Goss Garrison. As Indians had forced the removal of the first settlement in Brookfield (now West Brookfield) and were still a constant threat there, the garrison was most important. In 1707 John was granted 60 acres of land by the inhabitants of the town. In March, 1710, he and eight other men were granted permission to build a sawmill to service the community. John White was one of the victims of the Indian massacre at Brookfield on July 22, 1710, at which time he and five other men were killed while harvesting hay. This massacre was the last act of hostilities committed by the Indians in Brookfield. The 1740 house was built by White's sons, John and Cornelius.

The two other important figures who lived in the house were Sarah White Smith (b. 1813) and her sister, Adeline White Tracy (b. 1809), daughters of Deacon Alfred White, the great grandson of John White. Sarah and Adeline were both missionaries. In 1834 Adeline sailed for Singapore as the first woman missionary under the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Sarah, determined to follow her sister's example, was sent by the American Board to Oregon in 1838. She, along with five other women in her overland trek, holds a place in history as being one of the first white women to cross the Rocky Mountains. After spending two years in Oregon, Sarah and her missionary husband, Asa Smith, left and were finally able to arrange a missionary appointment in Hawaii, where they arrived in 1842.

The Inn is named for the entrance door's Salem Cross hex marks, etched on the door handle and latch.



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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Salem Cross Inn property is bounded on the northeast by Ware Road. Halfway between the Inn and Snow Road on Ware Road, the boundary drops south, then goes due west just before the swamp. A line drawn northwest connects the southern boundary with the western one, avoiding the pond and crossing Lamberton Brook where it becomes the town line between the West Brookfield and Warren. The western boundary follows this town line north just past Cutler Road, then cuts east to connect with Ware Road.

### 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 / TITLE  
Mindy Arbo, N.R. Editor for Pat Weslowski, State Survey Director

ORGANIZATION  
4 Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE  
1/13/74

STREET & NUMBER  
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 Reef Amador*  
 TITLE: Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission  
 DATE: 3/10/75

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
 ATTEST: *W. M. ...* DATE: 4/14/75

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER  
 DATE: APR 9 1975





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**3 PHOTO REFERENCE**

PHOTO CREDIT Archie Jay

DATE OF PHOTO 1974

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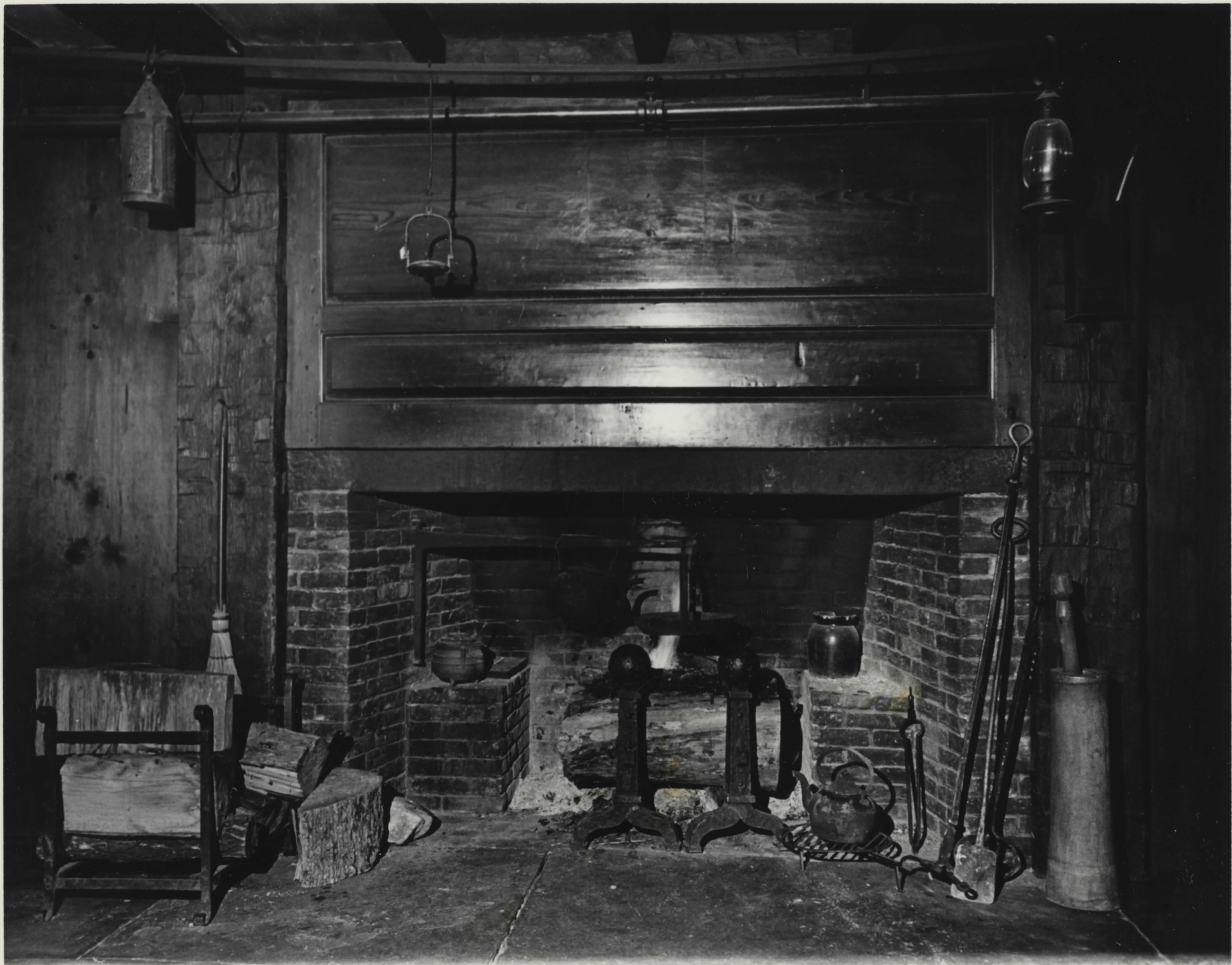
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north wall of southeast 2nd floor bedroom

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north wall of southeast 2nd story bedroom





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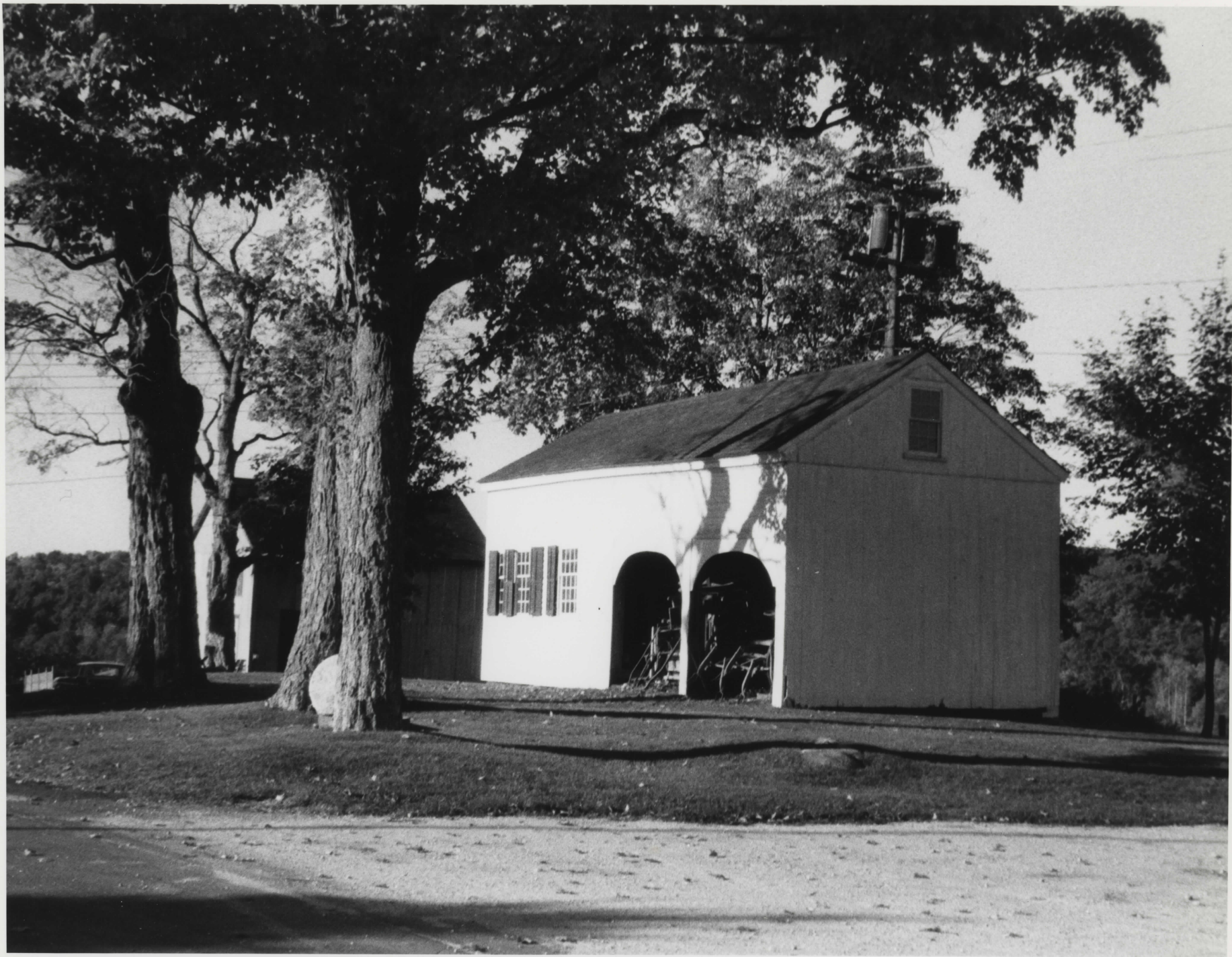
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kitchen fireplace, 1735 house

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PHOTO NO. 1

original 1707 house, east facade

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PHOTO NO. 6

site of Hayward Grist Mill, looking north

#4036

site of Hayward Grist Mill, looking North

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entryway, 1735 house

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PHOTO NO. 2

east facade, north elevation, of 1735 house; 1740 barn  
in rear.

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Worcester STATE MA

**3 MAP REFERENCE**

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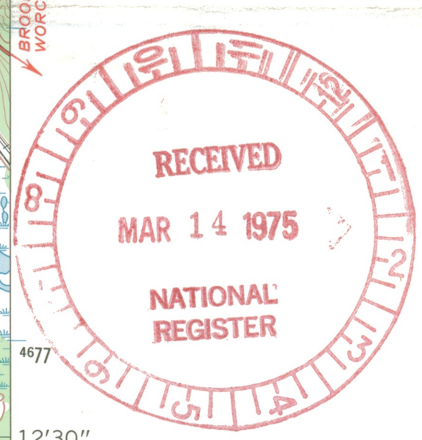
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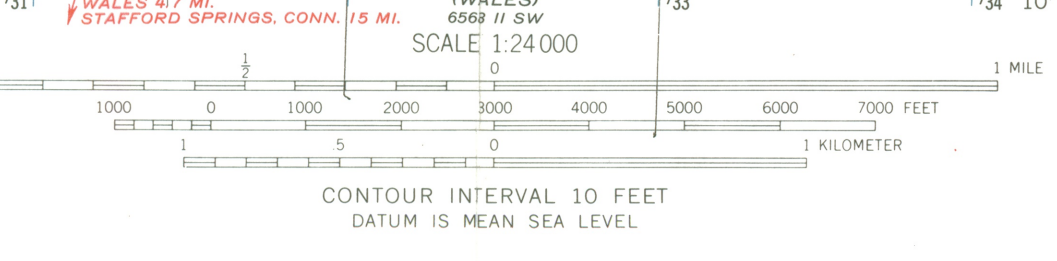
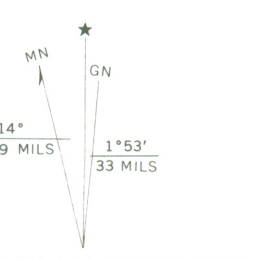


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Salem Cross Inn  
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, all weather, hard surface	Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface	Unimproved road, fair or dry weather
Interstate Route	State Route

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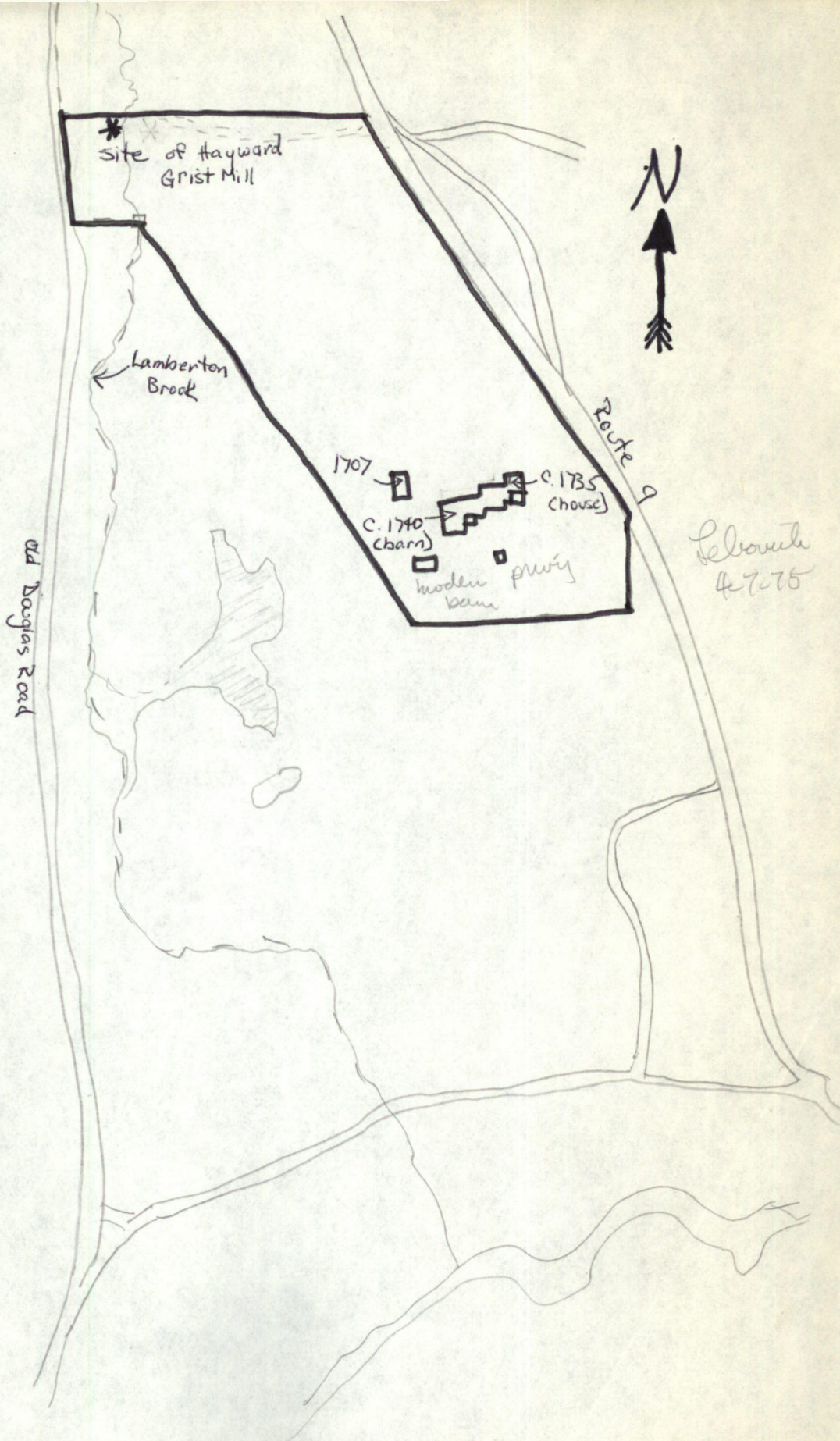
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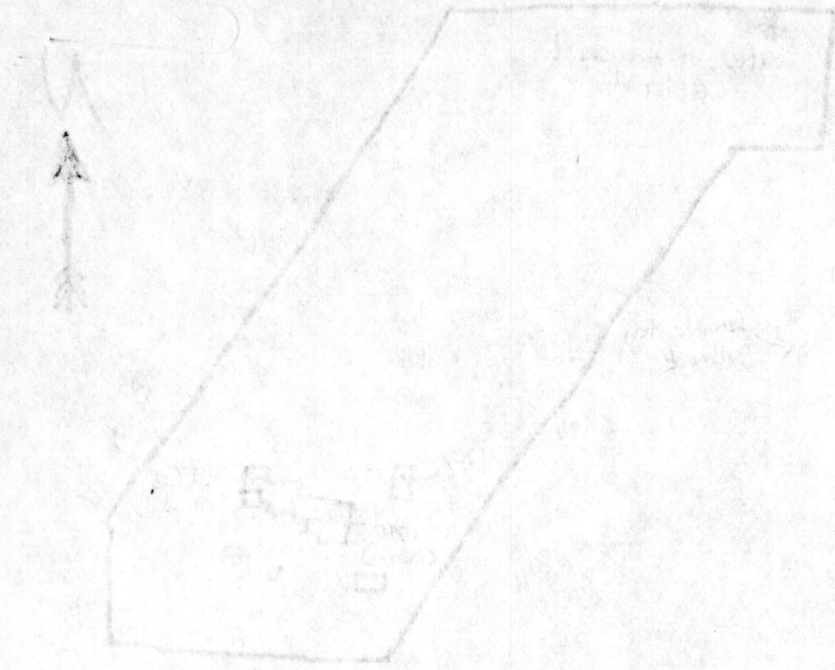
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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY White Homestead--Salem Cross Inn  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Worcester

DATE RECEIVED: 1/07/13 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/23/13  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 09000619

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 2-25-13 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**Additional Documentation Approved**

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER E Beall DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.





**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

December 26, 2012

Edson H. Beall, Historian  
National Register of Historic Places  
Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
1201 Eye Street, NW 8<sup>th</sup> floor  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Edson:

09000619

Re: White Homestead, West Brookfield (Worcester County) MA, NRIND 4/14/1975

I am writing to request that the name Salem Cross Inn be added to National Register nomination for the above referenced property. We have recently become aware of the fact that the property appears in the Federal Register as the White Homestead. In the Massachusetts State Register, it is listed as the Salem Cross Inn, which is the preferred name in the National Register Nomination. We would appreciate your making this addition so that our records are consistent with yours.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Friedberg".

Betsy Friedberg  
National Register Director  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

# Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.



Property

White Homestead

Salem Cross Inn

Worcester

State

Massachusetts

Working Number

3.14.75.382

TECHNICAL

1 sketch map

Photos

6

Maps

1

CONTROL

OK pl  
3.14.75

HISTORIAN

Return  
W.R. Luce  
3/19/75

- Use White Homestead for publication.  
Grist mill appears to be sawmill mentioned  
in nomination. - Need more on dates.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

WHAT DOES THE GRISTMILL HAVE TO DO  
WITH WHITE HOMESTEAD? FORMER NOT MENTIONED  
IN NOMINATION.

(OTHER STRUCTURES ON MAP NOT MENTIONED)

I CANNOT BELIEVE THE  
DATES UNLESS THESE STRUCTURES  
WERE EXTENSIVELY ALTERED.  
CALL OR RETURN  
LEBOVICH  
3-17-75

ARCHEOLOGIST

CALLED 3-18

4-7-75 Chris: Mrs. Amazon & N. Brookfield  
are satisfied that house is 1740. They asked  
Cummings and he said extensively altered,  
sawmill was built in another town, not gristmill.

OTHER

HAER

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

Review \_\_\_\_\_

"after all is said & done"


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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

Paul Guzzi

Secretary of the Commonwealth

40 Beacon Street Boston, Massachusetts 02108

727-8470

March 10, 1975

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



Dear Charles:

Enclosed please find National Register nomination forms for the following properties:

1. Arlington, Belcher House, Middlesex County
2. Franklin, Dean Junior College Historic District, Norfolk County
3. Marblehead, Fort Sewall, Essex County
4. West Brookfield, Salem Cross Inn, Worcester County

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

If you have any questions or need more information, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

*Patricia L. Weslowski*

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Survey Director  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Old Ship Street Historic District	Medford Middlesex County
Fort Sewall	Marblehead Essex County
First Baptist Church, Cambridge	Cambridge Middlesex County
St. Stephen's Church	Boston Suffolk County
Fowle-Reed Wyman House	Arlington Middlesex County
<del>Salem Cross Inn</del>	West Brookfield vicinity Worcester County

*White Homestead  
change card!*

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy  
 Hon. Edward W. Brooke  
 Hon. Torbert H. MacDonald  
 Hon. Michael J. Harrington  
 Hon. Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.  
 Hon. John J. Moakley  
 Hon. Edward P. Boland

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

Regional Director, North Atlantic Region

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# General Society of Mayflower Descendants

ORGANIZED 12 JANUARY, 1897 AT PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

MRS. ROBERT M. SHERMAN  
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128 Massasoit Drive  
Warwick, Rhode Island 02888  
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25 June 1975

National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
Interior Building  
Washington DC 20240

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Worcester Mass. Evening Gazette carried an article on p. 34, May 21, 1975, regarding acceptance of the Salem Cross Inn, West Brookfield, Mass. for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The article repeated the tradition connecting the Inn with Peregrine White of the Mayflower.

This tradition has no basis in fact, for the Salem Cross Inn is associated with a White family which descends from quite a different immigrant ancestor than Peregrine.

I dare say this will not affect the listing of the Inn in your Register, but before any publicity is prepared on this new listing, I hoped you would look into this matter and be sure of your facts on the White connection. We will gladly share what information we have.

Sincerely

Ruth Wilder Sherman, F.A.S.G.  
(Fellow of the American Soc. of Genealogists)



E. Smith 7-17-75  
w. R. Lee 7/17/75  
7-18-75  
C. Shull

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JUL 23 1975

Mrs. Ruth Wilder Sherman  
Office of the Secretary General  
General Society of  
Mayflower Descendants  
128 Massasoit Drive  
Warwick, Rhode Island 02888

Dear Mrs. Sherman:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the possibility that inaccurate information was mistakenly submitted in the nomination of Salem Cross Inn to the National Register of Historic Places (you indicated that Salem Cross Inn was not associated with Peregrine White of the Mayflower).

We have notified the Massachusetts Historical Commission of your suggestion and a copy of your letter will be kept in our file on Salem Cross Inn. We will be happy to receive any further information you can offer on Salem Cross Inn.

Sincerely yours,

[(Sgd.) William J. Murtagh]

William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register

cc: Mr. Frederick C. Williamson  
Director, Rhode Island Department  
of Community Affairs  
150 Washington Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903 w/cy inc

BASIC FILE RETAINED IN PR

FNP: ESmith:dph:7/17/75

bcc: Regional Director, North Atlantic Region w/cy inc  
Director's Reading File

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# Salem Cross a national historic site

WEST BROOKFIELD — The Salem Cross Inn on Ware Road has been declared a national historic site, according to Paul Guzzi, secretary of the Commonwealth.

Historical sites are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Massachusetts Historical Commission made the recommendation for the listing in the national register. Guzzi is a member of that Commission.

The original one-story house was built in 1707 and was later converted to a carriage house. It is one of the last remaining structures from the second settlement of

what was originally part of the town of Brookfield.

What is now the main house and the barn were built in 1740. It is a two story clapboard Colonial structure with a double pitch roof, large central chimney and a main entrance. The original family, descendants of John White, owned the house until it was purchased several years ago by the Salem family.

The Salem Cross Inn is significant to the local Brookfield area as one of the last remaining structures from the early days of the second settlement of Brookfield (1686-1718). The building is also important to the local

and state area as an example of excellently restored, 18th century architecture in its original rural atmosphere.

In addition to its architectural significance, the Salem Cross Inn is also important as being the home of three persons notable in history:

John White, who received the original land grant, is reported by local historians to have been a descendant of Peregrine White, the first male child born in New England aboard the Mayflower as it rode at anchor in Cape Cod harbor. John White is also an important figure in Brookfield town history. In 1706 he

served second in command at the Garrison. The following year he decided to settle and was granted sixty acres of land by the inhabitants of the town. In March of 1710 he along with eight other men were "granted liberty to build a saw-mill and had forty acres of land granted for their encouragement to be divided among them." In addition, he was one of the victims of the Indian massacre at Brookfield on July 22, 1710 at which time he and five other men were killed while harvesting hay. This massacre of the haymakers was the last act of

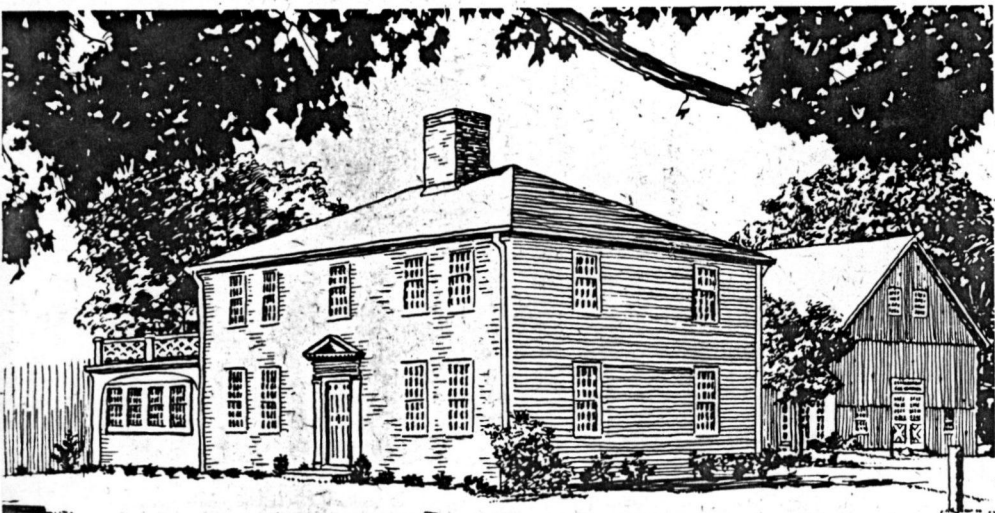
hostilities committed by the savages in Brookfield.

The two remaining figures are Sarah White Smith (b. 1813) and her sister Adeline White Tracy (b. 1809), daughters of Deacon Alfred White, the great grandson of Sergeant John White, Sarah and Adeline were both missionaries. In 1834, Adeline sailed for Singapore as the first woman missionary under the American Board. Sarah, determined to follow her sister's example, was sent by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to Oregon in 1838. Thus Sarah Smith,

along with five other women, in her overland trek, holds a place in history as being one of the first white women to cross the Rocky Mountains.

Then after spending two troublesome years in Oregon, Sarah and her missionary husband, Asa Smith, left and were finally able to arrange a missionary appointment in Hawaii where they arrived in 1842.

The home of these notable persons, now known for its food and rustic atmosphere, The Salem Cross Inn is entering its 15th year of operation.



Salem Cross Inn

White Homestead



# NR Data Sheet

DATE: 3/21/77  
 Reviewer INITIALS: *gropo*  
 NR DOE April 14, 1975

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NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: <sup>10</sup> White Homestead

OTHER NAMES: Salem Cross Inn - *rec.*

**LOCATION:**

STREET & NUMBER: Ware Road (~~MA 9~~) NW of West Brookfield on 2 (MA 9)  
 CITY, TOWN: West Brookfield vicinity VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2nd  
 STATE: Massachusetts COUNTY: Worcester code 027

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

ADMINISTRATOR (underline): \_\_\_\_\_ FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME): \_\_\_\_\_  
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 SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

**FEATURES:**

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IF YES, NAME:			
WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
IF YES, NAME:			

ADAPTIVE USE:  YES  NO Saved?  YES  NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- *private residence*  
 now- *private Residence + commercial*

**SIGNIFICANCE:**

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**Claims**

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

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: GEORGIAN

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role & appropriate date)

personal (1) JOHN WHITE - EARLY SETTLER, INDIAN FIGHTER - GRAND-SON OF PEREGRINE WHITE - 1st WHITE CHILD BORN IN NEW ENGLAND  
(2) JOHN and (3) CORNELIUS WHITE - Early Settlers' sons - builders of House (4) SARAH WHITE SMITH - and (5) ADELINE WHITE TRACY - later residents of House - foreign missionaries with American Board of Commissioners, c. 1830.

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DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1707, 1740

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre) 60

COMMENTS:

(include architectural information here)

1/2 stories, FRAME, CLAPBOARDING; IRREGULAR SHAPE, HIPPED ROOF, CENTER CHIMNEY, FRONT CENTER ENTRANCE full-panded interiors; WITH PEDIMENTED CORNICES, 1-STORY RAILED SIDE WING; 1 1/2 STORY 20TH C. GABLED CONNECTORS ATTACH 18TH C. BARN TO MAIN HOUSE; ORIGINAL 1/2 STORY HOUSE CONVERTED TO CARRIAGE HOUSE AND MOVED, C. 1960; GEOR- GIAN. BUILT FOR JOHN AND CORNELIUS WHITE, SONS OF EARLY SETTLERS; ~~AND~~ <sup>JOHN WHITE</sup> ~~AND~~ <sup>Commander.</sup>

SIGNIFICANCE:

(maximum two sentences)

area settler; John White; later residence of Sarah White Smith and Adeline White Tracy, foreign missionaries of the American Board of Commissioners, c. 1830.



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WITH PEDIMENTED ARCHWAYS, 1-STORY RAILED SIDE WING; full-paneled intricas; 1 1/2 STORY 20TH C.

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woman missionary under the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (1834),

and her sister Sarah White Smith, early missionary to Oregon.