

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

FOR NPS USE ONLY

RECEIVED FEB 28 1975

DATE ENTERED MAR 18 1975

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Francis Wyman House

AND/OR COMMON Wyman Homestead

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Francis Wyman Road

CITY, TOWN Burlington

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Massachusetts

VICINITY OF

CODE 025

COUNTY Middlesex

CODE 017

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 Francis Wyman Association

STREET & NUMBER c/o Rev. Ralph Tucker, 928 Main Street

CITY, TOWN West Newbury

VICINITY OF

STATE Massachusetts 01985

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER Third Street

CITY, TOWN Cambridge

STATE Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth (also HABS, 1935-37)

DATE 1967

☒ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Mass. Historical Commission (Library of Congress)

CITY, TOWN Boston

STATE Massachusetts

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

The Wyman Homestead sits atop a small knoll on the west side of Francis Wyman Road, a short distance northwest of the center of Burlington, Massachusetts. The first quarter 18th century building faces south and utilizes the cellar foundation and chimney structure of the former mid-17th century Francis Wyman farmhouse. The land to the north, south and east of the Wyman Homestead is occupied by a slightly crowded twentieth century urban development. The view to the west, however, presents a picture of the mid-17th century, when the Wyman farm consisted of 500 acres purchased from Henry Dunster, president of Harvard College.

The Wyman Homestead is a four over four dwelling with central chimney and pitch roof. The exterior walls are covered with clapboards with cornerboards. The fieldstone foundation extends under slightly more than half of the building and together with the chimney foundation appear to have been built during the 17th century. The roof framing is of the common rafter and purlin variety with ridge pole. Primary structural components are made of pine with the exception of studs, braces and posts.

It appears that the Wyman Homestead was built around 1730 and is an unquestionably fine example of a transition period house. The floor plan is definitely mid-18th century; however, the structure and interior trim relate more closely to the type of construction which characterizes the typical first period, single room wide structure. Each of the eight rooms of the Wyman Homestead is framed in the late first period fashion with posts at each corner and summer beams joined perpendicularly to the chimney girts with rising braces at the second floor level.

Major structural components are exposed on the second floor and retain the characteristic 18th century half round bead, whereas the exposed portion of the frame on the first floor is more elaborately enclosed in a beaded casing.

Most of the interior walls are covered with early bevel and bead molded edge sheathing complimented by large reverse curve molding at the ceiling junction. Located at the front of the chimney is a fine 18th century staircase with original newel post and molded edge rail. Other interior features include early two-panel doors, many retaining their original hardware, and a fine example of an original nine-panel front door.

The two most interesting interior features of the Wyman Homestead are the original puncheon stairway which leads to the cellar and an unfinished room in the northwest corner of the second floor. The puncheon stairs are unique in that they are one of the few intact surviving examples of this primitive construction technique. (Each stair is sawed diagonally from a rectangular block of oak and connected to the stringers with large wooden pegs.) The second floor northwest room is literally untouched in appearance with exposed wall framing which provides an excellent example of early 18th century construction.

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/HUMANITARIAN
☒ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER
☐ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		☐ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wyman Homestead stands on a small portion of the 500 acres of land originally purchased by Francis Wyman in 1655 from Henry Dunster, first president of Harvard College. The early 18th century building utilizes the chimney structure and foundation that was once incorporated in the original 1666 farmhouse built by Francis Wyman. The present house was built by a third generation Wyman. The house is architecturally significant because it clearly displays the transition in construction between the first period style, (before 1720), and that style common to mid-18th century buildings.

Many interior features also display the trend in style which placed great emphasis on the joiners trade and a decrease in importance on the carpenter or housewright's trade. The Wyman Homestead depicts that stage in the history of building construction when the heavy First Period frame became diminished in size and eventually was hidden by plaster ceilings and elaborate raised panelled sheathing.

The existence of a partially exposed frame, simple beaded trim and considerable feathered edge sheathing in combination with elaborate reverse curve moldings make this building an interesting example of transition features. This, together with a completely untouched and unfinished room, and elegant 18th century staircase with newel post and molded edge rail and a primitive puncheon stairway add another degree of importance to this dwelling.

Historically, the Wyman Homestead is significant because it stands as one of the few reminders of the first settlers in the Woburn-Billerica area. The Wymans not only played an important role in the settlement period of Billerica, but were significantly involved in the early stages of the Revolutionary War as evidenced by the fact that Samuel Adams and John Hancock took refuge in the John Wyman House while fleeing from the British prior to the battle of Concord.

Another interesting feature which adds to the historical significance of the Wyman Homestead is that this building was used as a garrison prior to 1740 because of Indian attacks in the area.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hazen, History of Billerica, Boston, MA

Dow, George Francis (S.P.N.E.A.), talk given to Francis Wyman Assoc. in October 1923

Middlesex Registry of Deeds, Book 3, page 149, 139

Woburn Town Records, 1:56, 1:50

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY slightly more than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A

1	9
3	1
7	2
1	0

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

HR/4TM OK

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

Christine Boulding, Assistant Survey Director, by Frank Demers

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

February 1975

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 R. Amador

2/26/75

TITLE Mass. State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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

AR Montezuma

DATE

3/13/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

AR Montezuma

3/12/75

Property Wyman, Francis, House

Middlesex

State Mass.

Working Number 2.28.75.309

TECHNICAL

Photos 2
Maps 2

CONTROL

OK pl
3.3.75

HISTORIAN

Accept
Thorman
3-6-75

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

RESTORATION 1901-2
UNKNOWN IF NOW ASSOCIATED IN RESTORATION

ACCEPT
LEBOVICH
3-3-75

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
3/17/75

BRANCH CHIEF

Accept
Thorman
3.12.75

KEEPER

WKA
3/12/75

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered MAR 13 1975

Federal Register Entry _____

5-6-75

Re-submit _____

INT:2106-74



FORM 10-301 A
(6/72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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

1. NAME

COMMON

Wyman Homestead

AND/OR HISTORIC

Francis Wyman House

NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)

2. LOCATION

STATE

Massachusetts

COUNTY

Middlesex

TOWN

Burlington

STREET AND NUMBER

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT

A.A. Cerullo

DATE

January 1975

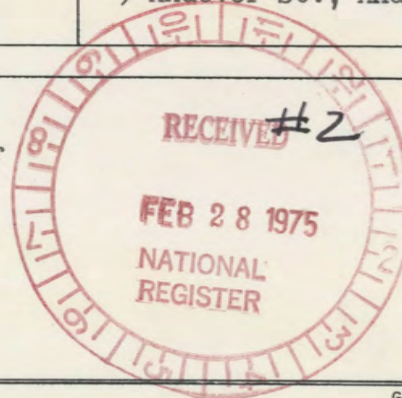
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9 Andover St., Andover, MA

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

interior, room in north west corner, second floor



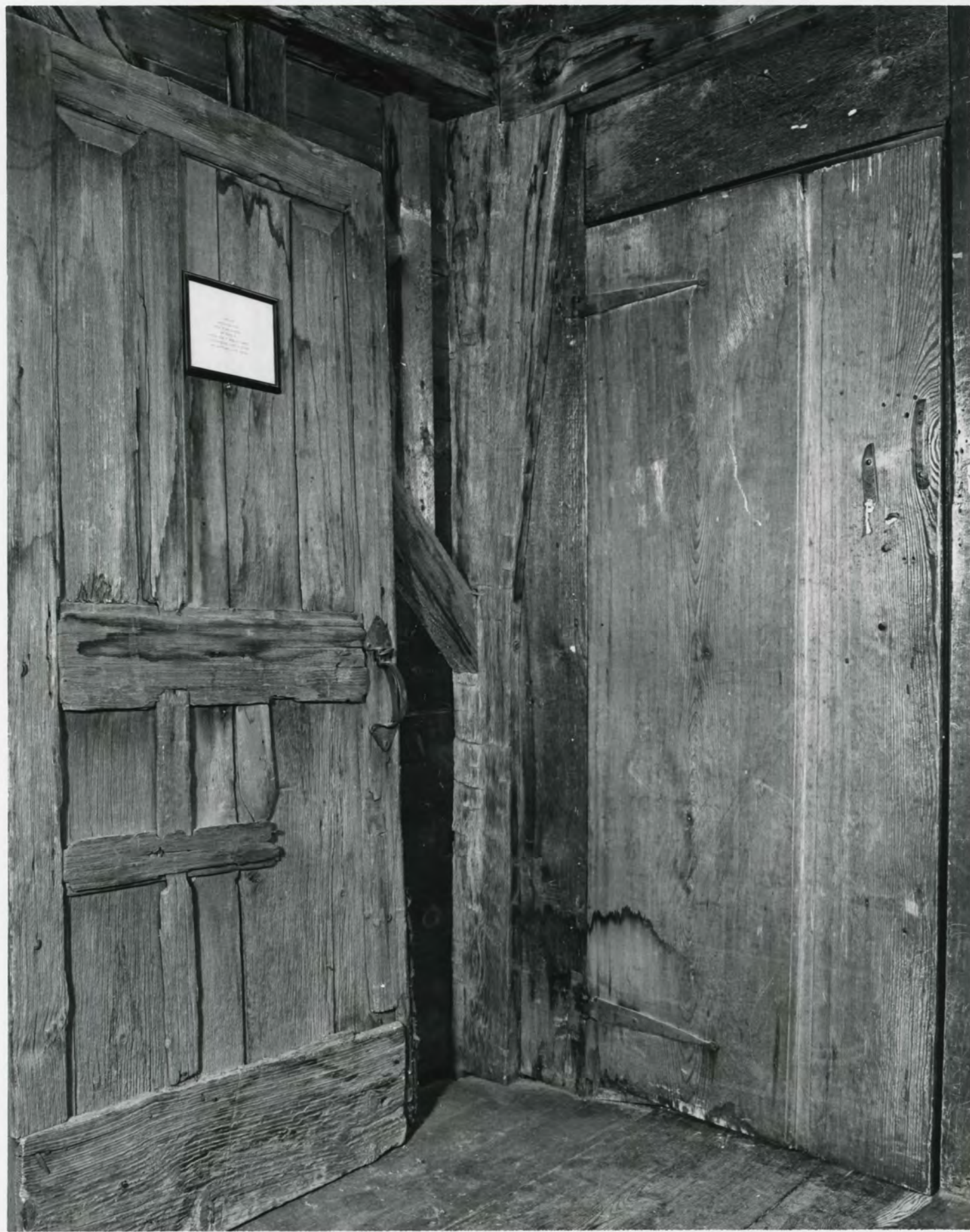
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GPO 932-009

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

CERULLO

1/11/75 FRANCIS WYMAN HOUSE AA CERULLO



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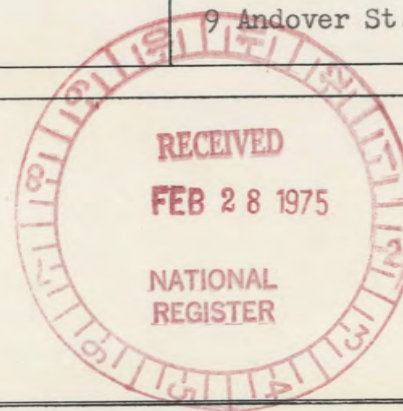
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COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	
Wyman Homestead	Francis Wyman House	MAR 13 1975

2. LOCATION		
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Massachusetts	Middlesex	Burlington
STREET AND NUMBER		

3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
A.A. Cerullo	January 1975	9 Andover St. Andover, MA

4. IDENTIFICATION
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

south facade



#292

GPO 932-009

CERULLO

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

111175 FRANKLIN WYMAN HOUSE AA CERULLO

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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Francis Wyman House

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Wyman Homestead

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN

Burlington

____ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Middlesex

STATE

MA

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

sketch map

SCALE

not to scale

DATE

January 1975

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES

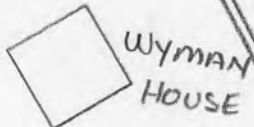
BILLERICA

TOWN LINE

BURLINGTON



500 ft ±



WYMAN
HOUSE

100 ft ±

FRANCIS WYMAN Rd. (RTE 62)

FRANCIS WYMAN
HOMESTEAD

CENTER OF
BURLINGTON



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Wyman Homestead

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Burlington

____ VICINITY OF

COUNTY Middlesex

STATE MA

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE United States Geological Survey

SCALE 1:24,000

DATE 1965

4 REQUIREMENTS

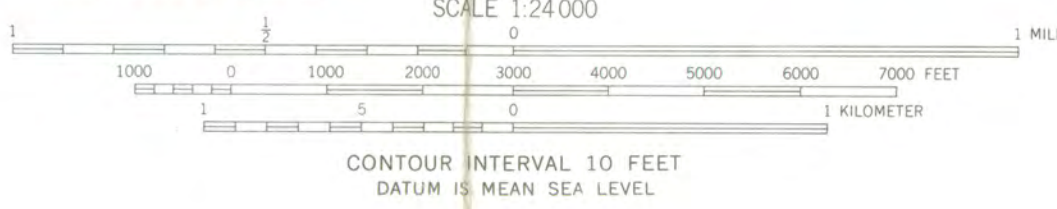
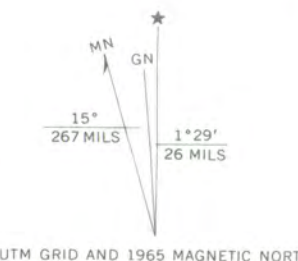
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Francis Wyman House
Burlington, MA
UTM reference:
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Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1939. Topography by planimetric surveys 1942. Revised 1965
Polyconic projection. 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 areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



WILMINGTON, MASS.
N4230—W7107.5/7.5
1965
AMS 6769 II SW—SERIES V814

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



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

February 26, 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

CERTIFIED MAIL
APPORTIONMENT WARRANT
NOMINATION

Dear Charles:

Enclosed please find three National Register submissions for the following properties:

1. Burlington, Francis Wyman House, Middlesex County
2. Gloucester, Oak Grove Cemetery, Essex County
3. Newburyport, Brown Square House, Essex County

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

Please note that the properties covered by these submissions expect to apply for FY '76 funding. If you have any questions or need more information please let us know.

Sincerely,

Patricia L. Weslowski

Patricia L. Weslowski
Survey Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

PLW:CB:nb
Encl.



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **MASSACHUSETTS**

Date Entered **MAR 18 1975**

Name

Location

G.A.R. Hall

**Worcester
Worcester County**

Wyman, Francis, House

**Burlington
Middlesex County**

Also Notified

**Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Joseph D. Early
Hon. Torbert H. MacDonald**

**Regional Director, North Atlantic
Region**

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

PR

MMott 3/14/75

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 3/23/77
 Reviewer INITIALS: joff
 NR DOE Mar 13, 1975

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Wyman, Francis, House

OTHER NAMES: Wyman Homestead - sec.

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER Francis Wyman Road

CITY, TOWN Burlington

STATE Massachusetts

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

COUNTY Middlesex code 017

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle)

PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR Substantially intact-1
 unknown - 4
 not applicable - 7

EXTERIOR Substantially intact-2
 unknown - 5
 not applicable - 8

ENVIRONS Substantially intact-3
 unknown - 6
 Not applicable-9

Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION - EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED
 Unexcavated

UNALTERED
 ALTERED
 Reconstructed
 Excavated

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED
 Unknown

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- private residence

now- museum

SIGNIFICANCE:

ARCHAEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC CONSERVATION LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE RELIGION entertainment
 ARCHAEOLOGY-HISTORIC ECONOMICS LAW/Gov't/politics SCIENCE health
 AGRICULTURE EDUCATION LITERATURE settlement recreation
 ARCHITECTURE - 4 ENGINEERING SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN socio/cultural
 ART EXPLORATION MUSIC urban & commun
 COMMERCE PHILOSOPHY TRANSPORTATION planning
 COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY POLITICS/GOVERNMENT OTHER (SPECIFY)

Claims

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

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Colonial

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role

&

appropriate date)

personal

events

Francis Wyman - early area settler -
involved in Rev. war struggles

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): c. 1730

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)

slightly more than 1

COMMENTS:

(include architectural information here)

FRAME, CLAPBOARDING, FIELDSTONE
FOUNDATION; 2 1/2 STORIES, RECTANGULAR, GABLED ROOF, ^{central} CENTER
CHIMNEY; FRONT CENTER AND SIDE ENTRANCES, EACH WITH ^{wide} ARCHIT-
TRAVE; INTERIOR FEATURES PRIMITIVE WOODWORK AND RARE PUNCHEON
BUILT ON FOUNDATIONS OF 1666 HOUSE.
CELLAR STAIRS; ~~EXAMPLE~~ ^{Classic} EXAMPLE OF TRANSITIONAL CONSTRUCTION
TECHNIQUES, WITH SOME EXPOSED FRAMING; CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF

SIGNIFICANCE:

(maximum two sentences)

~~MID-18TH C. COLONIAL STYLE.~~

EXHIBITING BOTH PRIMITIVE EXPOSED FRAMING AND REFINED.

INTERIOR WOODWORK. Museum.

HABS, C.