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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 Jonathan Wade House

AND/OR COMMON
same**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 13 Bradlee Road

CITY, TOWN Medford

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7th

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 ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☒ OTHER: medical offices

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Guthrie

STREET & NUMBER
13 Bradlee Road

CITY, TOWN Medford

VICINITY OF
STATE Massachusetts 02155**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Middlesex County Registry of DeedsSTREET & NUMBER
208 Cambridge StreetCITY, TOWN
CambridgeSTATE
Massachusetts**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**TITLE
Inventory of the Historic Assets of the CommonwealthDATE
1974☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS Massachusetts Historical CommissionCITY, TOWN
BostonSTATE
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

The Jonathan Wade House, located at the corner of Bradlee Road and Brooks Lane near Medford Square, is a 2½ story ridge roof brick building, constructed c. 1683-1689. The house has two inside chimneys at both gable ends, and a modern irregularly shaped 1 story addition on the north gable end. The house rests on a stone foundation and has a half cellar on the northern side.

The eastern facade, five bays wide and laid in Flemish bond, has a molded brick water table and three plain brick string courses between the first and second floors. The central door and the two windows on either side are topped by brick segmental arches. All the windows, including the three added dormers, have plain trim and modern 6/1 glass panes. Both the design of this facade and its Flemish bond brickwork (the rest of the house is laid in common bond) suggest that this wall dates from a major renovation in the first half of the eighteenth century. The resemblance of this facade to the Seccomb House (1756, now demolished) which stood nearby in Medford Square and was photographed before its demolition, gives support to this hypothesis.

Alterations made to this facade around 1900 include the stairway to the front door, the bracketed hood with triangular pediment over the doorway, and the three pedimented dormers now covered in aluminum imitation clapboarding. An inscription reading "1650" over the front door also seems to date from this renovation.

The western elevation, laid in common bond, has the same window treatments as the eastern facade and has two string courses between the first and second floors. No dormers have been added here but the original central door was lowered and the first floor window on the north end was made into a door c. 1900. Above the central doorway are two small, bricked in rectangular openings with segmental, arched tops. The arches of these openings, their abrupt intrusion into the string course and the brickwork between the two indicate that these openings are not original to this facade. This elevation, with its common bond brickwork and window treatments resembles the Peter Tufts House (1679, Medford), suggesting that many of the elements of this wall date from the building's earliest period of construction.

The house has a central hall plan, with four rooms to a floor. None of the original interior paneling or hardware remains and the interior was redecorated in the Colonial Revival style c. 1900.

The one story brick ell to the north of the house was built between 1930 and 1950. It rests on a concrete foundation, is laid in common bond, and has a flat tar and gravel roof. The ell extends beyond the east and west walls of the main house and has a basement level garage that is reached by a graded driveway from Bradlee Road. It was originally constructed for medical offices and is still used for that purpose.

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 1683-1689

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Jonathan Wade House with its surviving seventeenth and eighteenth century facades is a rare example of early New England brick architecture. The Wade House, along with the Peter Tufts House and the earliest section of the Isaac Royall House are the only extant brick houses of the six or more built in Medford in the seventeenth century.

Born in 1637, the son of Jonathan Wade of Ipswich, Major Jonathan Wade, Jr. is known to have been living in Medford as early as 1676 when he and his brother Nathaniel were on the Board of Selectmen. Jonathan also served as the first recorded town clerk of Medford and as the Captain of the "Three County Troop"; from an early date, both he and his brother held titles of "Major" for reasons which remain unclear. It seems likely that both brothers had settled in Medford prior to the 1670's as their father had purchased between 900 and 1200 acres of the original Craddock grant in 1656 from Richard Russell (the deed was recorded in 1661).

At the death of Jonathan Wade, Sr. in 1683, his land and buildings in Medford were divided equally between Nathaniel and Jonathan, the buildings on Jonathan's portion being valued at £ 200. At the death of Jonathan, Jr. in 1689, specific mention is made of the brick house and the buildings on his farm which were then valued at £ 350. The increase of value in the land, as well as the notation of a brick house in court records suggest a construction date between 1683 and 1689 for the brick house.

Having died intestate, Jonathan, Jr.'s estate was divided among his heirs by court appointed administrators. Specific rooms and sections of the brick house were granted to Elizabeth Wade, his widow, Dudley Wade, his only son, and Prudence Swan and Elizabeth Wade, daughters. The house continued to be owned by several individuals until the ownership was consolidated by Andrew Hall in the 1730's. It is thought that Hall lived in part of the house prior to the construction of his own house at 43 High Street in the 1720's. Later in the 18th century the house was occupied by Andrew's grandson, Benjamin Hall, Jr. who, along with the rest of his family, was active in his financial and political support of the Revolution. It is thought that Benjamin Hall, Sr. was responsible for the enlargement of the house in the eighteenth century for his son. However, as the present house size corresponds with the number of rooms listed in the division of Wade's estate in 1689, it would seem likely that Hall did not enlarge the house but rather renovated it in more current taste, resulting in the east facade and chimney alterations.

In the mid-nineteenth century the property came into the possession of Daniel Lawrence and served as part of his estate until his death, at which time it passed into the hands of his son Samuel C. Lawrence, Medford's most prominent citizen in the last half of the nineteenth century.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Medford Historical Society, Medford Historical Register, Vol. 4, 1901, Vol. 7, 1904.
Middlesex County Registry of Deeds

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A

1	9
3	2
6	3
4	0

4	6
9	8
2	4
0	

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C

D

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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 and Brian Pfeiffer

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

March 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.

SHPO
FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Elizabeth R. Amadon

TITLE Mass. State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE *March 24, 1975*

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

R. P. Mortensen
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE *4/21/75*

ATTEST

Charles H. Herring

DATE *4.18.75*

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Property

Wade, Jonathan, House

Middlesex

State

Mass.

Working Number

4.1.75.592

TECHNICAL

Photos

3

Maps

1

CONTROL

OK 4.4.75

HISTORIAN

Have to trace chronology through
the construction ...

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ACCEPT
H. J. and
4/4/75

ARCHEOLOGIST

Accept
Lebowich
4/14/75

OTHER

HAER

Inventory

Review

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
4.14.75

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Accept
H. J. and
Mintz
4.18.75

National Register Write-up

Send-back

Entered

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Federal Register Entry

6-3-75

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3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Brian Pfeiffer

DATE OF PHOTO 1975

NEGATIVE FILED AT Medford Historical Commission

4 IDENTIFICATION

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PHOTO NO. 3

West facade, south elevation

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PHOTO NO. 2

east facade and addition

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east facade

PHOTO NO. 1

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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Medford

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Middlesex

STATE

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3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

United States Geological Survey, Boston North quadrangle

SCALE

1:24,000

DATE

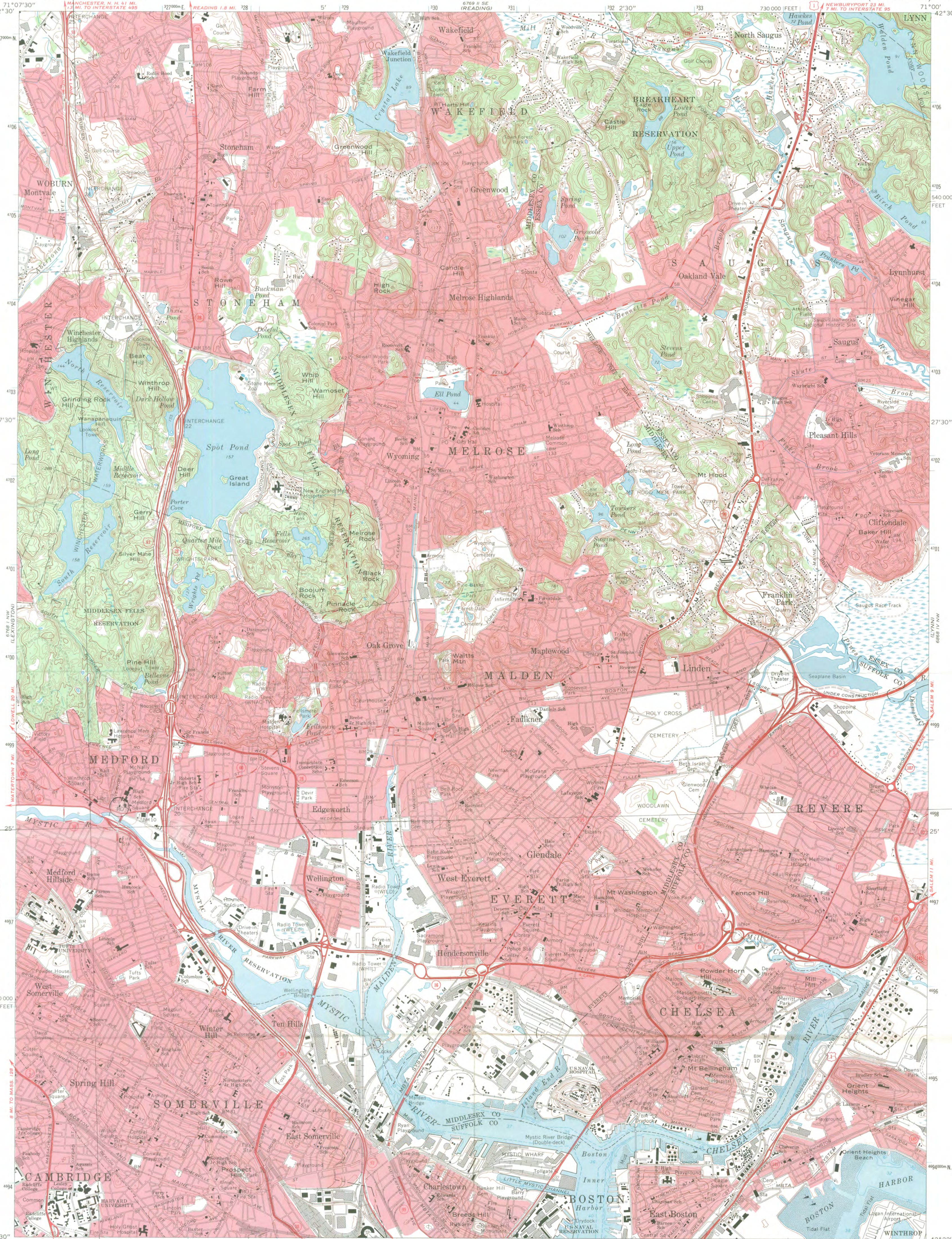
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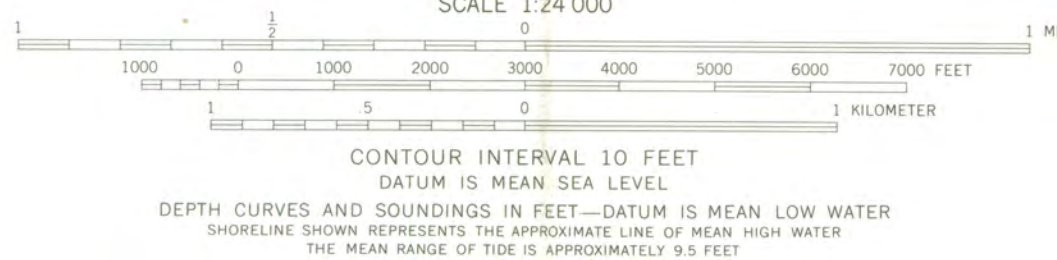
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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

Medford
Jonathan Wade House
UTM reference:
19/326340/4698240



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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Topography by planetable surveys 1943. Revised from
aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1971
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Chart 248 (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 ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue
Boundaries in tide-water areas from information supplied
by Massachusetts Department of Public Works
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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



BOSTON NORTH, MASS.
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1971
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Brooks, Shepherd, Estate	Medford Middlesex County
Hillside Avenue Historic District	Medford Middlesex County
Park Street Railroad Station	Medford Middlesex County
Carney, Sergeant William H., Home	New Medford Bristol County
Provincetown Public Library	Provincetown Barnstable County
Wade, Jonathan, House	Medford Middlesex County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Torbert H. MacDonald
Hon. Gerry E. Studds
Regional Director, North Atlantic
Region

Mr. Robert F. Crecco, DOT
PR MMott/row 4/23/75

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

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: <i>Wade, Jonathan, House</i>		2 OTHER NAMES:		3 date of entry: <i>4-21-75</i>	4 county code: <i>017</i>
5 LOCATION street & number <i>13, Broadlee Rd.</i>		city / town <i>Medford</i>	vicinity of	state <i>MA</i>	county <i>Middlesex</i>
7 OWNER ☒ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☐ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☐ MULTIPLE ☐ FEDERAL (agency name)		8 ADMINISTRATOR:		6 NPS REGION: <i>North Atlantic</i>	
9 EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ HABS ☐ HAER ☐ NHL		10 FUNDED? ☐ YES ☐ NO		11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT <i>7th.</i>	
12 SOURCE of NOMINATION ☐ STATE ☐ FEDERAL		13 ACREAGE <i>less than 1</i>		14 if state who prepared form? <i>Christian Building</i>	
15 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES, NAME ☒ NO		16 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☐ YES, NAME ☒ NO		17 LOCAL ☐ PRIVATE ORGANIZATION	
18 CONDITION ☒ excellent ☐ ruins ☐ good ☐ fair ☐ deteriorated ☐ unexposed ☐ unexcavated		19 altered ☐ unaltered ☐ reconstructed ☐ excavated ☐ original site ☐ moved ☐ unknown		17 features: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 ☒ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-4 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-7 SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-5 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-8 SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-6 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-9	
20 ACCESS ☐ YES-Restricted ☐ YES-Unrestricted ☒ No Access ☐ Unknown		21 ADAPTIVE USE ☐ YES ☒ NO		22 SAVED? ☐ YES ☐ NO	
23 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ yes ☒ no		24 CLAIMS: explain 'first' ☐ 'oldest' ☐ 'only' ☐			
25 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 ☐ COMMERCE-6 ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 ☐ COMMUNICATIONS-7 ☐ AGRICULTURE-3 ☐ CONSERVATION-8 ☒ ARCHITECTURE-4 ☐ ECONOMICS-9 ☐ ART-5 ☐ EDUCATION-10		☐ ENGINEERING-11 ☐ ENTERTAINMENT-26 ☐ EXPLORATION-12 ☐ HEALTH-27 ☐ INDUSTRY-13 ☐ INVENTION-14		☐ LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 ☐ LAW-16 ☐ LITERATURE-17 ☐ MILITARY-18 ☐ MUSIC-19 ☐ PHILOSOPHY-20	
26 POLITICS / GOVT.-21 ☐ RECREATION-28 ☐ RELIGION-22 ☐ SETTLEMENT-29 ☐ SCIENCE-23 ☐ URBAN PLANNING-31 ☐ SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24 ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY) ☐ SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30 ☐ TRANSPORTATION-25		27 dates of initial construction: <i>c. 1683-89</i> major alterations: <i>c. 1750, renovation of east facade</i> historic events: <i>1900, east facade altered; (over)</i>			
28 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: <i>House</i> CURRENTLY: <i>House</i>		29 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION <i>--</i>		30 architectural style(s): <i>Colonial, Georgian & Georgian Revival elements</i>	
31 architect: <i>--</i>		32 master builder: <i>--</i>		33 engineer: <i>--</i>	
34 landscape architect / garden designer: <i>--</i>		35 interior decorator: <i>--</i>		36 artist: <i>--</i>	
37 artisan: <i>--</i>		38 builder/contractor: <i>--</i>		39 NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: <i>Major Jonathan Wade, Jr.--original owner</i> <i>Samuel C. Lawrence, 1.19th c. owner, Medford's most prominent 1.19th c. citizen</i> EVENTS: INSTITUTIONAL:	
40 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP <i>Brick, 2 1/2 stories, L-shaped, gabled roof, paired interior end chimneys, center entrance in segmental-arched reveal, surmounting heavy bracketed gabled hood, 1st-story openings in segmental-arched recesses, dormers, rear center & side entrances; 1-story side wing, 1930--1950; alterations, circa 1750 and 1900; major interior renovation, 1900. Colonial, Georgian and Georgian Revival elements.</i> <i>Rare example of early New England brick architecture.</i>					

reviewers initials *ST* *Jeff* date *3/31/78* *4-11-78*

IF ADDITIONAL SPACE NEEDED, NUMBER & PUT ON REVERSE

