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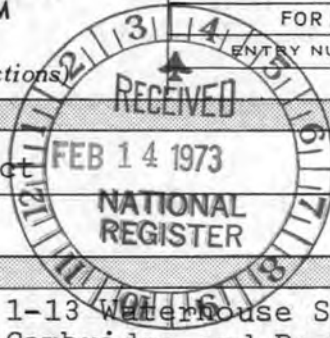
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

STATE:
Massachusetts
COUNTY:
Middlesex

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ENTRY NUMBER: _____ DATE: APR 13 1973

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1. NAME
COMMON:
Cambridge Common Historic District
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION Congressional District 8
STREET AND NUMBER: 0-18 Garden Street; 1-13 Waterhouse Street; 1448, 1511-1553 Massachusetts Avenue; Cambridge and Peabody Streets
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge
STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 25 COUNTY: Middlesex CODE: 017

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Recreational</u> <u>Institutional</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
OWNER'S NAME: Multiple public and private ownership
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Middlesex County Registry of Deeds
STREET AND NUMBER: Cambridge and Third Streets
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 25

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE OF SURVEY: Inventory of the Historical Assets of Massachusetts
DATE OF SURVEY: 1965, 1967 Federal State County Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Massachusetts Historical Commission
STREET AND NUMBER: Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, 40 Beacon Street
CITY OR TOWN: Boston STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 25

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
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	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

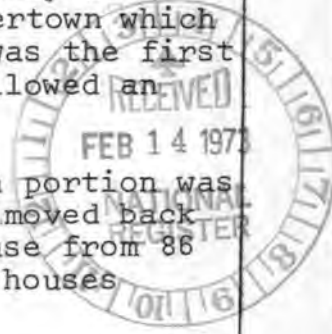
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The Cambridge Common Historic District includes the Cambridge Common, streets bordering the Common including Massachusetts Avenue, Peabody Street, Garden Street, and Waterhouse Street, and the surrounding land and buildings to a depth of about 100 feet back from the streets. The boundary line is deeper on the Peabody Street side to include Harvard buildings in the oldest part of the Yard, and on the Massachusetts Avenue-Garden Street corner to include the Old Burying Ground and Christ Church.

In addition to the Common, the District contains the following important properties: First Church, Unitarian (1833, Isaiah Rogers), a wooden Gothic Revival church, the exterior of which is in original condition except for the absence of finials around the spire; the Old Burying Ground (1635), a wooded lot of uneven terrain containing over 80 17th century stones and the 1734 milestone "8 Miles to Boston;" Christ Church (1760, Peter Harrison), a simple wooden building with arched windows and a Doric frieze, intact with the exception of two bays that were added in 1857 to lengthen the building; 1 Garden Street (1820, William Saunders), a wooden Federal-style house in good condition; Fay House (1806) in the Radcliffe College Yard, a brick Federal-style mansion rebuilt for college purposes in 1890 (Longfellow, Alden & Harlow); First Church, Congregational (1870, Abel C. Martin), a traprock church trimmed in granite and brownstone; 7 Waterhouse Street (c. 1753), originally a three-bay wooden house with later additions of the two right-hand bays and entrance porch; Harvard-Epworth Methodist Church (1891, A. P. Cutting), a Richardsonian stone church; Gannett House (1838), a Greek Revival house with full four-column portico; and Harvard buildings including Stoughton Hall (1804, Charles Bulfinch, architect, Thomas Dawes, master builder), Harvard Hall (1764, Governor Francis Bernard, designer, Thomas Dawes, master builder), Massachusetts Hall (1718), all brick buildings of early, middle, and late Georgian design.

The Cambridge Common itself represents the remaining portion of the common lands, originally extending north to Linnaean Street and beyond, set aside for cow pastures and public meetings, with the part nearest Harvard Square used occasionally for military drill. The "Path" from Charlestown to Watertown which crossed the Common from Kirkland to Mason Streets was the first way to the west in the Massachusetts colony and followed an earlier Indian trail.

The Common was diminished in 1724 when the northern portion was subdivided into parcels and the north boundary was moved back from Linnaean Street to Waterhouse Street, a decrease from 86 to about 16 acres. Roadways divided the area, but houses



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6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Title: Historic Sites Study
 Date: 1967 Level: State
 Depository: Eastern Massachusetts Regional Planning Project
 Massachusetts Department of Public Works
 Address: 100 Nashua Atreet, Boston, Mass.
 Code: 25

Title: Survey of Architectural History in Cambridge
 Date: 1964- Level: Local
 Depository: Cambridge Historical Commission
 Address: 57 Inman Street, Cambridge, Mass.
 Code: 25



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and shops were soon built around the new boundary and a row of elms was planted c. 1700 along Garden Street so that the limits of the Common were defined and the space enclosed. This sense of enclosure was reinforced by Christ Church, a schoolhouse, and other buildings after 1760. A boundary adjustment occurred at this time when a lot of the common lands was purchased by founders of Christ Church to add to their building lot and another strip of land from the common lands was added to the Burying Ground to straighten the boundary. The Proprietors of the common lands conveyed the Common to the city in 1769 for use as a training field, in apparent anticipation of coming hostilities.

During the Revolution, the Common was the headquarters of the Continental Army, with barracks for the soldiers located in the west corner. Afterwards the Common was still an open field of uneven topography with narrow roads crossing the area. After construction of the West Boston Bridge in 1792 and the Craigie Bridge in 1809, the area became a busier intersection of the trade routes linking Boston with the west, Massachusetts Avenue, the Concord Turnpike, and Mason-Brattle Streets.

In the 19th century, the Common began to take on its present appearance. In 1830, under special legislative authority and direction of a commission, a group of citizens was permitted to enclose the main Common by a granite post and wood rail fence as at present, diverting the roads then crossing it, and to plant trees. An attempt was made by the county the following year to reopen the direct route west, but was denied in a court case so that the Common remained closed to traffic. At this time many of the remaining building sites around the Common were filled, and the sense of enclosure increased.

In the mid-19th century, crosswalks were laid out and trees were planted along the walks and around the edge of the Common, and the path system began to take on its present form. The park assumed a ceremonial air with the addition of Soldier's Monument in 1869, three Revolutionary War cannon in 1875, the scion of the Washington Elm in 1876, the John Bridge Statue in 1882, and several granite markers at historic sites. The Common became a recreational area as well when baseball was introduced in the west corner in the second half of the 19th century. Additional park area was created when a part of Massachusetts Avenue at the north corner was enclosed and



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landscaped some time after City Council approved plans in 1858. The area, sometimes called the North Little Common, remains a well-protected and well-maintained green space in the district.

The three small areas of the Common changed considerably in the early 20th century. The installation of the subway ramp in 1909-1912 cut up the Little Common between Massachusetts Avenue and Peabody Street (plots 2 and 3 in the 1830 survey) and Flagstaff Park was created in 1913 to improve the surface. The Holmes lot was traded to Harvard in 1929 in exchange for the lot of the present Central Fire Station.

Presently the Common is in need of renovation, particularly new landscaping and improvement of the path system. Such renovations are being proposed with a 1975 completion date. Improvements may change the appearance of the Common, but any alterations will be in keeping with the historic site as required by the Cambridge Historical Commission Ordinance of 1963.



8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1631, 1775-76, 1830, 1963

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Cambridge Common has been the focal point of political, religious, and social activity in Cambridge for well over 300 years. Set aside for grazing in 1631, the Common became the location of annual elections for the governor of the colony in 1636, and the site of George Whitefield's controversial sermons in 1740. The Common was the center for rebellious activity in the years preceding the Revolution, and the main camp of George Washington's Continental Army in 1775-76, with barracks in the west corner. In the early 19th century, the Common was significant as the intersection of major trade routes through Cambridge, and in 1830 as an early example of dedication, enclosure, and improvement as a public park.

Several significant buildings and sites surround the Common. Architecture of major 18th and 19th century styles are represented by a church, a house, and four college buildings of the Georgian period, two important Federal-style houses, a Greek Revival house with elaborate detail, a Gothic Revival church, and two masonry churches of the Queen Anne period. (See #7 for descriptions.) These buildings are historically significant as well: First Church, Unitarian was built for the Unitarian branch of the First Church in Cambridge after the congregation split in 1829 and the new branch abandoned the 1756 meeting house in Harvard Square; the Old Burying Ground which replaced Cambridge's first cemetery contains the graves of Revolutionary soldiers, Harvard presidents, and other early Cambridge citizens; Christ Church (National Historic Landmark), the city's oldest surviving religious structure, was founded by Tories who fled at the outbreak of the Revolution during which troops occupied the building; 1 Garden Street was designed and occupied by William Saunders, a master builder responsible for many Federal-style and Greek Revival houses in Cambridge; 7 Waterhouse Street was the home of Dr. Benjamin Waterhouse, the scientist who made the use of smallpox vaccine acceptable and popular in the United States; Holden Chapel, the gift of the widow of an English Dissenter, introduced English taste in architecture

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to Cambridge; Harvard Hall was built by the state to replace the second Harvard Hall which burned when the General Court was meeting there; Massachusetts Hall (declared eligible for the National Historic Landmark status, but not yet accepted), Harvard's oldest existing building, was used along with Hollis Hall as barracks for colonial troops during the Revolution. Adjacent to the Common as the west end of the present Littauer Center is the site of the Hastings-Holmes house which served as the meeting place for the Committee of Public Safety and the headquarters of General Artemus Ward during the Revolutionary period, and was the birthplace and home of Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr. and Jr., in the 19th century.

The significance of the Cambridge Common Historic District is great; the area contains important landmarks of Cambridge's history; the Common and surrounding buildings represent a 340 year evolution of an area from an open field to an enclosed park in a dense setting; the Historic District itself, established in 1963, demonstrates current efforts by a city to maintain an important historic area.



PROPERTY Cambridge Common Historic Dist. STATE MASS

WORKING NUMBER 2.14.73.2250

TECH REVIEW
Photos 3
Maps 1

9/6/73 Middlesex

CONTROL REVIEW need a new map.

*MDY
3-26-73*

HISTORIAN

*Accept - AML
3/29/73*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF District overlaps "old Harvard Yard
Historic District" but is acceptable as
submitted, due to 1963 Ordinance.

*Accept
Call
4-10-73*

Publisher's Note: Do not include Harvard Yard in write-up

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

*OK for
for 4/14/73*

National Register write-up _____

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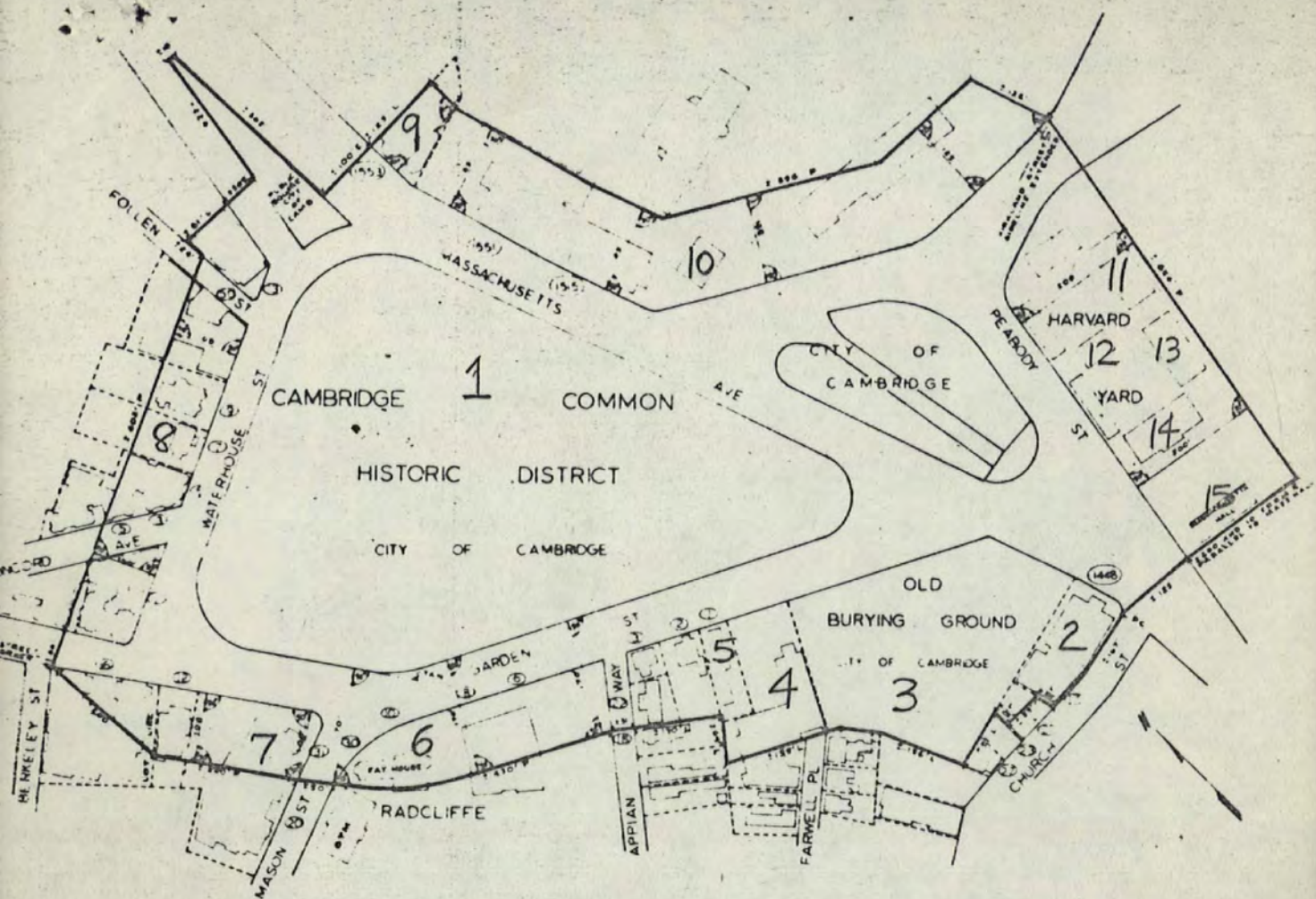
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- 7. Description. _____
- 8. Statement of Significance. _____
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- 10. Geographical Data.
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 - b. Acreage. _____
- 11. Form Prepared By. _____
- 12. Certification. _____
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- Map Coverage. could you please send us a ^{USGS} ~~map~~ map with report
- Other. _____

Clarification or correction of the above items must be made prior to the initiation of our professional review. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily insure that the nomination will then satisfy the National Register criteria in full.

Thank you for your attention to the above items checked.

SIGNED: _____



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1. Cambridge Common
2. First Church, Unitarian
3. Old Burying Ground
4. Christ Church *NR, NHL HABS*
5. 1 Garden Street
6. Fay House
7. First Church, Congregational
8. 7 Waterhouse Street
9. Harvard Epworth Methodist Church
10. Gannett House
11. Stoughton Hall
12. Holden Chapel
13. Hollis Hall
14. Harvard Hall
15. Massachusetts Hall *NR NHL*

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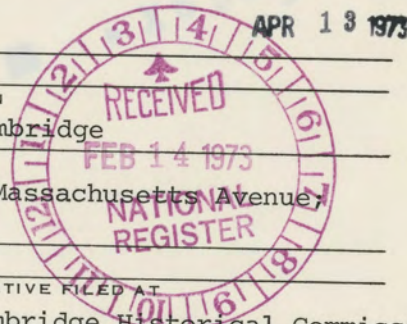
Cambridge Historical Commission
57 Inman Street

Cambridge, Ma. 02139

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Aerial view of Cambridge Common from southeast



Aerial View

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Christ Church
Garden St
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Bertram Adams
photograph

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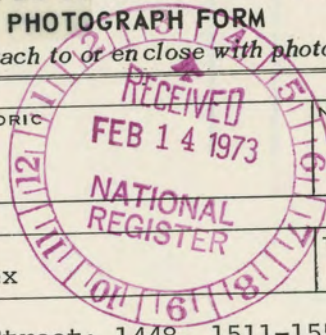
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7 W. Main St

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7 Waterhouse St.

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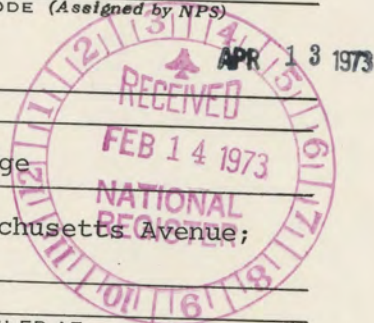
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Front Facade, 7 Waterhouse Street (Benjamin Waterhouse Home), view from southeast



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Boston, North, Mass.

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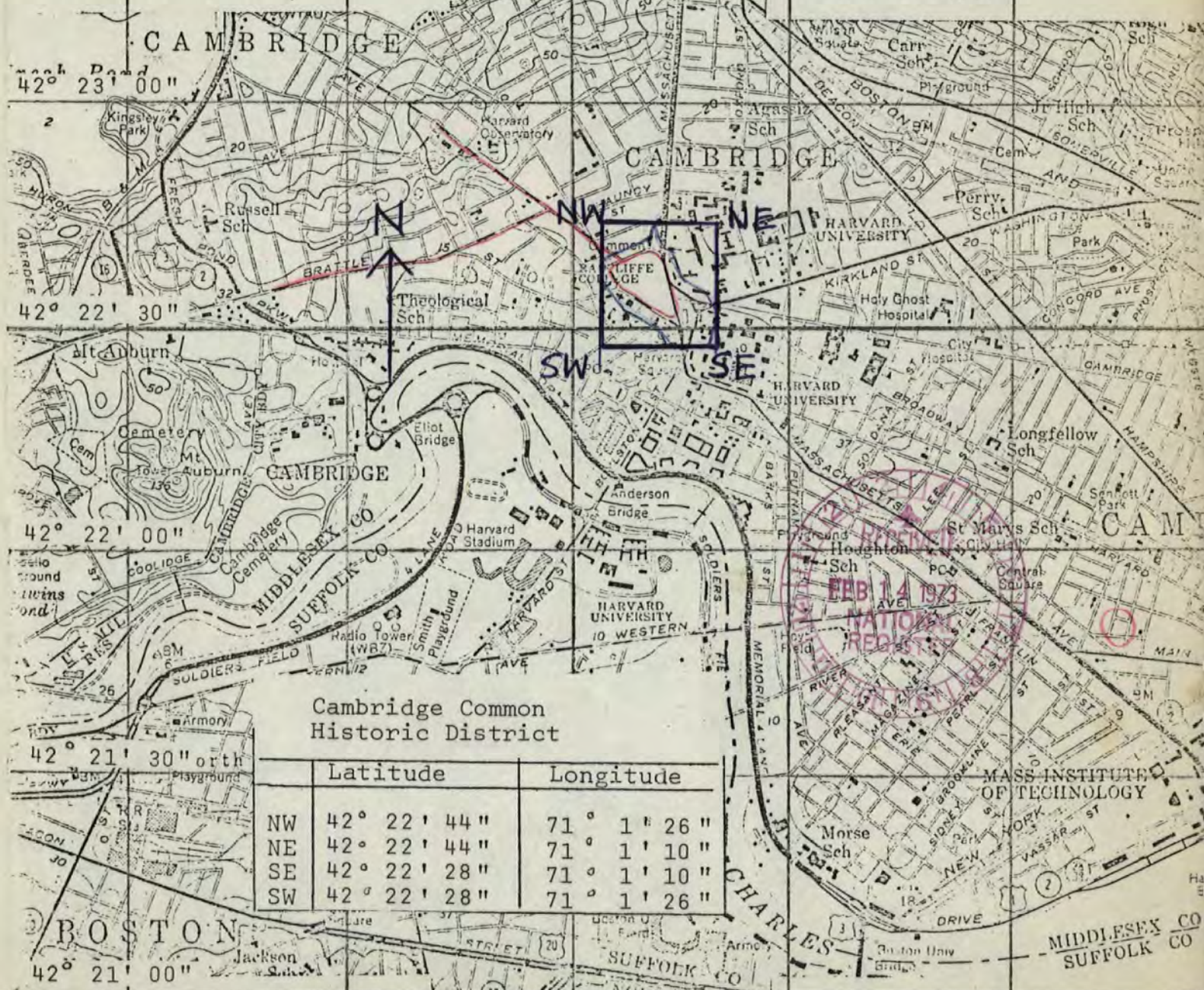
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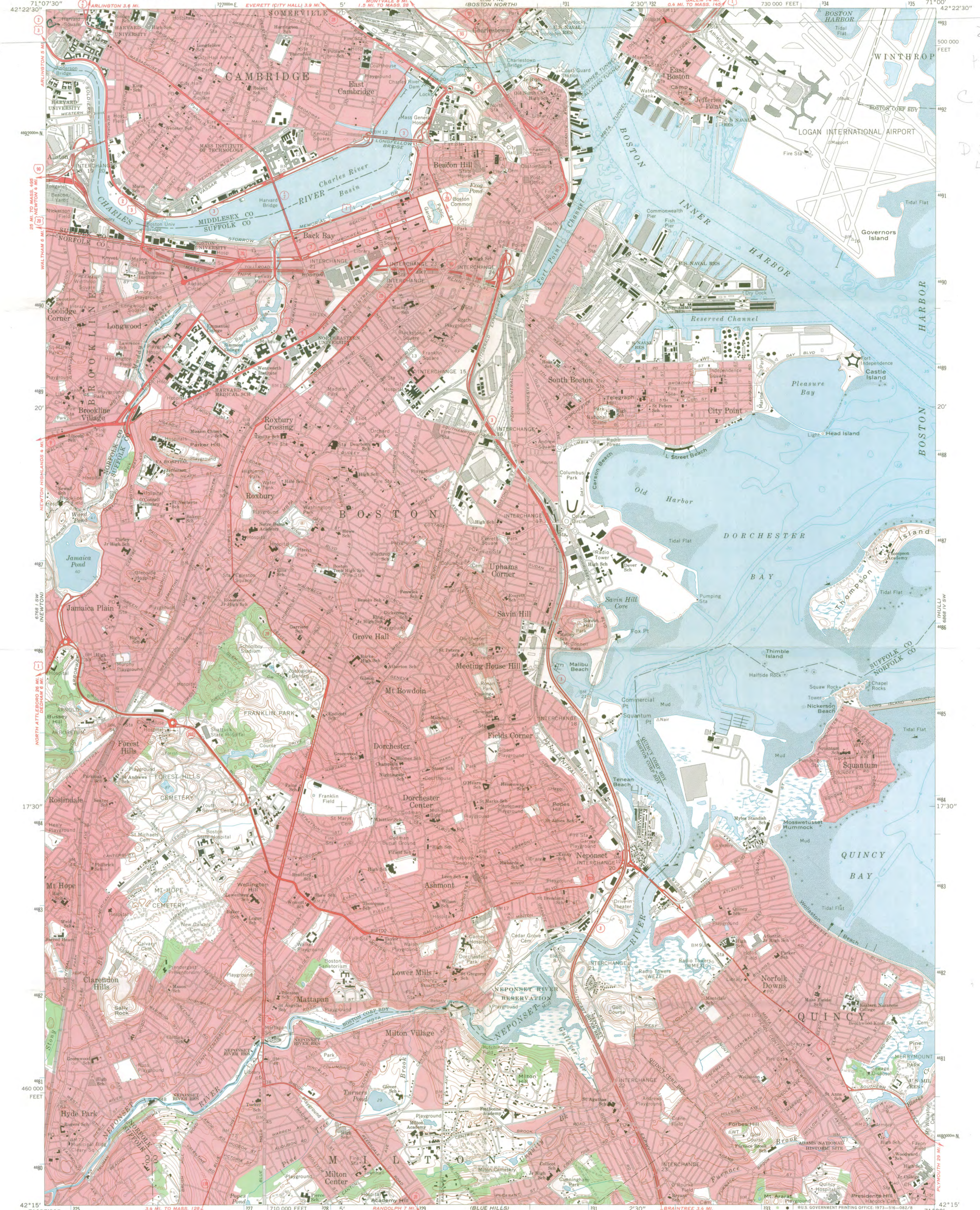
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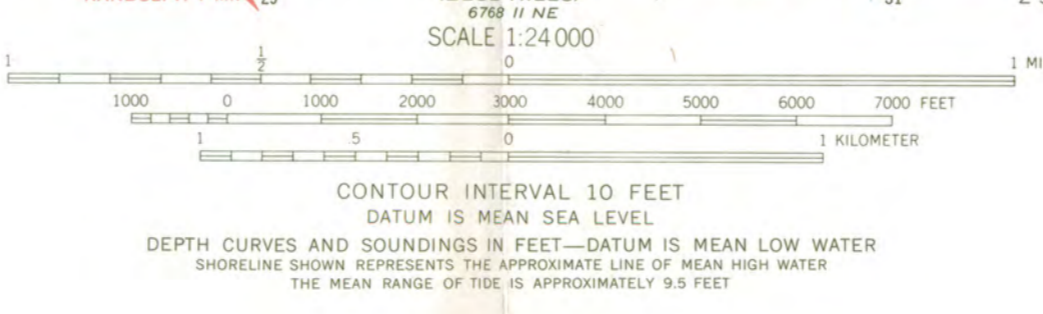
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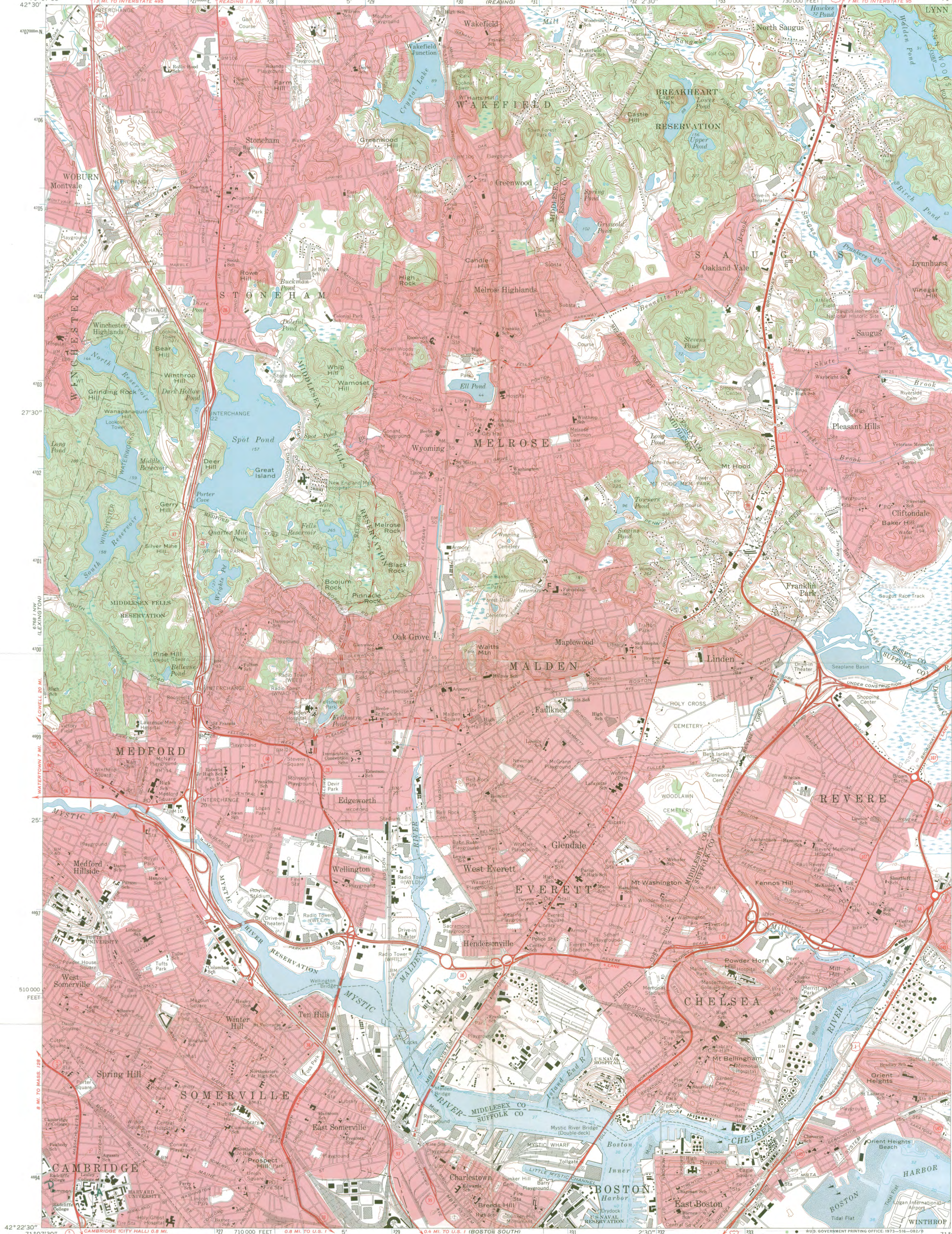
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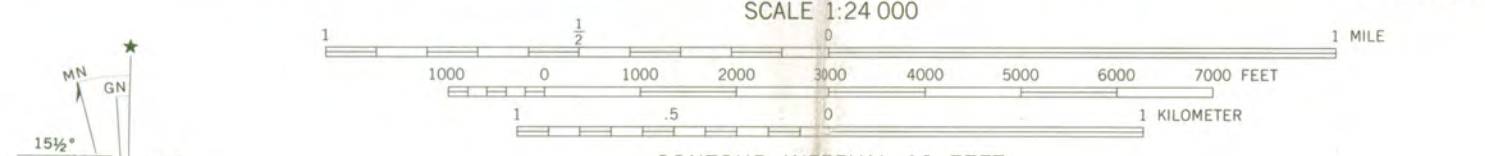
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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

John F. X. Davoren

Secretary of the Commonwealth

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
40 Beacon Street

Boston, Mass. 02108
February 6, 1973

National Register of Historic Places
Department of Interior
National Park Service
18th and C Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240



Attention: Mr. Jerry Rogers

CERTIFIED MAIL

Dear Jerry:

Enclosed is a National Register submission for:

Middlesex County, Cambridge, Cambridge Common Historic District

This has been declared eligible for submission by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the State Review Board, and has been signed by Secretary of the Commonwealth John F. X. Davoren, Chairman of the Massachusetts Historical Commission and designated the State Liaison Officer.

You will note that this submission overlaps that for the Old Harvard Yard District, submitted May 8, 1972. We have allowed this duplication since the boundaries of the previous submission defined an historical and visual unit and the boundaries of the present submission follow those of the local historic district established under the Commonwealth's enabling act, Chapter 40 C of the General Laws.

Cordially,

Bob,

Robert B. Rettig
Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

RBR:pm
Encls.

Note
Editors: Avoid Harvard
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STATE MASSACHUSETTS

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Cambridge Common Historic District	Cambridge Middlesex County
Wenham Historic District	Wenham Essex County
"Old Stone Church"	West Boylston Worcester County
Hamilton Historic District	Hamilton Essex County
Cyclorama Building	Boston (South End) Suffolk County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Thomas F. O'Neill, Jr.
Hon. Michael J. Harrington
Hon. Robert Drinan
Mr. Floyd H. Hyde, HUD
Director, Northeast Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Hon. John F.X. Davoren
Secretary of the Commonwealth
Chairman, Massachusetts Historical
Commission
40 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

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FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

1. TYPE OF ACTION

PREAPPLICATION

APPLICATION

(Mark appropriate box)

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT (Opt.)

REPORT OF FEDERAL ACTION

2. APPLICANT'S APPLICATION

a. NUMBER 799

b. DATE Year month day 19 78 7 14

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3. STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER

NUMBER 77060882

b. DATE Year month day ASSIGNED 19 77 07 29

SECTION I - APPLICANT/RECIPIENT DATA

4. LEGAL APPLICANT/RECIPIENT

a. Applicant Name : Commonwealth of Massachusetts

b. Organization Unit : Massachusetts Historical Commission

c. Street/P.O. Box : 294 Washington Street

d. City : Boston e. County : Suffolk

f. State : Massachusetts g. ZIP Code: 02108

h. Contact Person (Name & telephone No.) : Patricia L. Weslowski, S.H.P.O. (617) 727-8470

5. FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO. 046-002-284

6. PROGRAM (From Federal Catalog)

a. NUMBER 1 5 • 9 0 4

b. TITLE Historic Preservation

7. TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT

Cambridge Common Historic District: Holden Chapel Development Project, Cambridge, Middlesex County

Holden Chapel, built in 1742, is significant as one of the most important groupings of historic college buildings located in the Cambridge Common Historic District, which has been the focal point of political religious and social activity in Cambridge for well over 300 years. The project objective is stabilization

8. TYPE OF APPLICANT/RECIPIENT

A-State H-Community Action Agency

B-Interstate I-Higher Educational Institution

C-Substate J-Indian Tribe

D-City K-Other (Specify):

E-City

F-School District

G-Special Purpose District

Enter appropriate letter A

10. AREA OF PROJECT IMPACT (Names of cities, counties, States, etc.)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

11. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PERSONS BENEFITING

5.7 million

9. TYPE OF ASSISTANCE

A-Basic Grant D-Insurance

B-Supplemental Grant E-Other

C-Loan

Enter appropriate letter(s) A

13. PROPOSED FUNDING

a. FEDERAL	\$ 10,000.00
b. APPLICANT	14,000.00
c. STATE	.00
d. LOCAL	.00
e. OTHER	.00
f. TOTAL	\$ 24,000.00

14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:

a. APPLICANT 9

b. PROJECT 8

16. PROJECT START DATE Year month day 19 77 6 1

17. PROJECT DURATION 40 Months

18. ESTIMATED DATE TO BE SUBMITTED TO FEDERAL AGENCY Year month day 19 78 7 14

15. TYPE OF CHANGE (For 12c or 12e)

A-Increase Dollars F-Other (Specify):

B-Decrease Dollars

C-Increase Duration

D-Decrease Duration

E-Cancellation

N/A

Enter appropriate letter(s)

20. FEDERAL AGENCY TO RECEIVE REQUEST (Name, City, State, ZIP code) Washington D.C. 20240

Dept. of the Interior, Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service

21. REMARKS ADDED

Yes No

SECTION II - CERTIFICATION

22. THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT

a. To the best of my knowledge and belief, data in this preapplication/application are true and correct, the document has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant and the applicant will comply with the attached assurances if the assistance is approved.

b. If required by OMB Circular A-95 this application was submitted, pursuant to instructions therein, to appropriate clearinghouses and all responses are attached:

(1) Office of State Planning

(2)

(3)

23. CERTIFYING REPRESENTATIVE

a. TYPED NAME AND TITLE

Patricia L. Weslowski, S.H.P.O. and Acting Executive Director

b. SIGNATURE

Patricia L. Weslowski

c. DATE SIGNED Year month day 19 78 7 14

SECTION III - FEDERAL AGENCY ACTION

24. AGENCY NAME

Department of the Interior

25. APPLICATION RECEIVED Year month day 19 78 7 25

26. ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT

Service Heritage Conservation & Recreation

27. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Grants Administration Div.

29. ADDRESS

18th and C Streets NW, Washington, D.C. 20240

31. ACTION TAKEN

a. AWARDED

b. REJECTED

c. RETURNED FOR AMENDMENT

d. DEFERRED

e. WITHDRAWN

32. FUNDING

a. FEDERAL	\$ 10,000.00
b. APPLICANT	14,000.00
c. STATE	.00
d. LOCAL	.00
e. OTHER	.00
f. TOTAL	\$ 24,000.00

33. ACTION DATE Year month day 19 78 8 23

35. CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Name and telephone number)

Stephen D. Newman 202 523-5472

34. STARTING DATE Year month day 19 78 8 1

36. ENDING DATE Year month day 19 80 9 30

37. REMARKS ADDED Yes No

38. FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 ACTION

a. In taking above action, any comments received from clearinghouses were considered. If agency response is due under provisions of Part 1, OMB Circular A-95, it has been or is being made.

b. FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 OFFICIAL (Name and telephone no.)

Same as #35

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NOTIFICATION OF GRANT-IN-AID ACTION

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1. STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER 73070340	2. (Reserved for use by State central information reception agency)
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3. GRANTOR: a. Federal agency
Department of the Interior

b. Organizational unit
National Park Service

c. Administering office - (1) Name
Division of Grants

(2) Address - Street or P.O. Box 18th and C Streets NW.	City Washington	State DC	Zip Code 20240
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4. FEDERAL AGENCY GRANT IDENTIFIER: a. Code 25-74-00147-00-B	b. Title Cambridge Common Historic District: First Unitarian Church Development
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c. Purpose **The Church was built for the Unitarian branch of the First Church in Cambridge after the congregation split in 1829. Project work will include roofing reconstruction; exterior and interior repairs and painting and window repairs.**

5. GRANTEE: a. Name
Massachusetts Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon, Exec. Dir., MA Historical Commission

b. Address - Street or P.O. Box 40 Beacon St.	City Boston	State MA	Zip Code 02108
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6. GRANTEE TYPE (Check only the single most applicable box)

a. State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b. Inter-state <input type="checkbox"/>	c. County <input type="checkbox"/>	d. City <input type="checkbox"/>	e. School district <input type="checkbox"/>	f. Special unit <input type="checkbox"/>	g. Community action <input type="checkbox"/>	h. Sponsored organization <input type="checkbox"/>	i. Other <input type="checkbox"/>
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7. APPLICATION RECEIPT DATE Year: 75 Month: 02 Day: 26	8. ACTION DATE Year: 75 Month: 03 Day: 31	9. EFFECTIVE STARTING DATE Year: 75 Month: 03 Day: 31	10. ENDING DATE Year: 78 Month: 03 Day: 30
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11. TYPE OF ACTION (Check as many boxes as apply to this action)

a. New grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b. Continuation grant <input type="checkbox"/>	c. Supplemental grant (identify agency in item 16) <input type="checkbox"/>	d. Change in existing grant	(1) Increase in duration <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) Decrease in duration <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) Cancellation <input type="checkbox"/>	(4) Increase (\$) <input type="checkbox"/>	(5) Decrease (\$) <input type="checkbox"/>
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12. AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION a. Federal - (1) basic \$ 12,300 (2) Supplemental \$	b. State \$ 35,700*	c. Local \$	d. Other \$
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13. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (if none, clarify in item 16) a. Program Number 15.904	b. Supplemental Program Number
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14. AUTHORIZATION

a. Federal Budget Accounts	10-58-1040-0-1-405		
b. Public Laws	PL Title Sec. 89 665	PL Title Sec.	PL Title Sec.
c. U.S. Code	16 U.S.C. 470		

15. FACILITY LOCATION: (For facility grant actions only) a. City 3 Church Street, Cambridge	b. County Middlesex
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16. REMARKS
***First Parish in Cambridge**