

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

CROWELL/BOURNE FARM

historic

same

and/or common

2. Location

street & number W. Falmouth Highway _____ not for publication

city, town West Falmouth _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 12th

state Massachusetts code 025 county Barnstable code 001

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
____ district	____ public	____ occupied	☒ agriculture	____ museum
☒ building(s)	☒ private	☒ unoccupied	____ commercial	____ park
____ structure	____ both	____ work in progress	____ educational	☒ private residence
____ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	____ entertainment	____ religious
____ object	____ in process	☒ yes: restricted	____ government	____ scientific
	____ being considered	____ yes: unrestricted	____ industrial	____ transportation
		____ no	____ military	____ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Trustees of Ebb Realty Trust, Mrs. Harriet Crocker

street & number Box 103

city, town West Falmouth _____ vicinity of _____ state Massachusetts

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Barnstable County Registry of Deeds

street & number Route 6A

city, town Barnstable state Massachusetts

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth as this property been determined eligible? ____ yes ☒ nodate 1979 ____ 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 _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Crowell/Bourne Farm is located on Old Main Road (Route 28A) in West Falmouth and faces south over Crocker's Pond, a deep $7\frac{1}{2}$ acre glacial pond. It consists of a mid-eighteenth century farmhouse, (photo #1) two barns, (photo #2) 9 small outbuildings (photo #3) and 35.73 acres of land which are enclosed by a dry laid stone wall. The Penn Central Railroad traverses the property from north to south, and a cattle pass which was cut under it is still in existence. West of the railroad most of the property is upland forest with elevations ranging from 20 to 90 feet above sea level, while to the east is level pasture land.

The main house is a two and one half story, rectangular plan, timber frame structure with a large chimney rising slightly west of center. It rests on a hammered granite foundation and is enclosed by a pitched roof which is currently covered with asphalt shingles. The structure itself is covered with unpainted cedar shingles, and is trimmed with plain cornerboards. A one story, shed roofed addition is attached to the west elevation.

The facade (south) is four bays, containing from west to east at the first story, a window, the entry, and two windows with four windows directly above these openings at the second story.

The windows have plain architraves, shutters and contain 2/2 sash.

The entry is a Victorian replacement, consisting of a horizontally panelled door and a bracketted hood.

The east elevation contains one window at its southern end and a paired window at its northern end on the first story, two windows at the second story and one window in the gable. All window openings contain 2/2 sash. The west elevation contains one window in the addition at its southern end, and a porch protecting a doorway and window at its northern end. Two windows are located in the second story and one in the gable. The upper windows contain 6/6 sash while the window in the addition contains 2/2 sash. The rear elevation contains from east to west at the first story a window, the entry and two windows with four windows at the second story. Sash on the rear elevation is 6/6. The interior has been little altered and contains fine raised field paneling (photo #4).

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/
☒ 1700-1799	☐ art	☐ engineering	☐ music	☐ humanitarian
☐ 1800-1899	☐ commerce	☒ exploration/settlement	☐ philosophy	☐ theater
☐ 1900-	☐ communications	☐ industry	☐ politics/government	☐ transportation
		☐ invention		☐ other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1775 **Builder/Architect** Joseph Crowell (builder)

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Crowell/Bourne Farm possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship as well as important associations with the early development of Falmouth. Consisting of a main house, barns and other outbuildings, fields and stone walls, it is a rare representative of Cape Cod's eighteenth century agricultural character.

The present farm was purchased and developed by Joseph Crowell (1744-1817) in 1772, and the house was probably built shortly thereafter. Records are not available as to the exact size of the original farm, but Massachusetts valuation records of 1811 show that Crowell owned a house, barn, two outbuildings, three cows, thirty acres of pasture land, four acres in tillage, four in English mowing and a storehouse of rye, oats, corn and hay.

Although his farm was located on the fringes of West Falmouth Village, Crowell was more closely associated with the center village primarily because he was a Congregationalist, and the population of West Falmouth was largely Quaker. Married to Elizabeth Nye of North Falmouth, he attended services both there and in Falmouth center. He was active in the building of the first meetinghouse in Falmouth and in 1756 was assigned one of the pews on the first floor. Later he also acquired a pew at the East End Meetinghouse.

In 1775 when the First Continental Congress was being formed, a group of citizens in Falmouth met to form a local militia. Crowell was named an Ensign although there was no formal record of his participation in battle. Crowell served as a Deacon of the Congregational Church and as a selectman. Following Crowell's death the farm passed to his son, Admah and then to a hired helper, Justis Davis. It was owned by his great grandson, Lester Bourne, from 1925 until the present when it was purchased by Salt Pond Acres Bird Sancturries, Inc. to be preserved as an exhibit of a working farm.

The Crowell/Bourne Farm possesses archaeological potential associated with both the pre-historic and historic periods. Prehistoric site potential can be expected to be high as the property sits above a glacial pond on undisturbed lands not more than one mile from the Atlantic coast. The lack of recorded aboriginal sites from this portion of upper Cape Cod would enhance the importance of any site found there. As a working farm dating from the third quarter of the eighteenth century, the Bourne Farm undoubtedly contains historic period culture resources from the eighteenth and seventeenth centuries. Such material culture might be expected to elucidate patterns of trade in a coastal region far from an urban center.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Freeman, Frederick, History of Cape Cod, volume 2, printed for the author George C. Rand & Avery, 3 Cornhill Boston, Massachusetts 1860
Dillingham, John Hoag, Traditions & Narratives of West Falmouth, Mass., property of West Falmouth Library, 1909.
(see continuation sheet)

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property 35.73 acres

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Woods Hole/ Falmouth

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A 19 364180 4608410
Zone Easting Northing

B 19 364340 4608680
Zone Easting Northing

C 19 364840 4608400

D 19 364730 4608120

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

Please refer to the attached assessor's map, sheet 15, section 2.
The nominated property is outlined in red

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 Candace Jenkins, National Register Coordinator with Ermine Lovell
Salt Pond Acres, Inc.
organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date December 1979
street & number 294 Washington Street telephone 617-727-08470
city or town Boston state Massachusetts

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Patricia Lubinski

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

date 2/25/80

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

date 4/23/80

Keeper of the National Register

date 4/22/80

Attest: Patrick Andrews

Chief of Registration

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE

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

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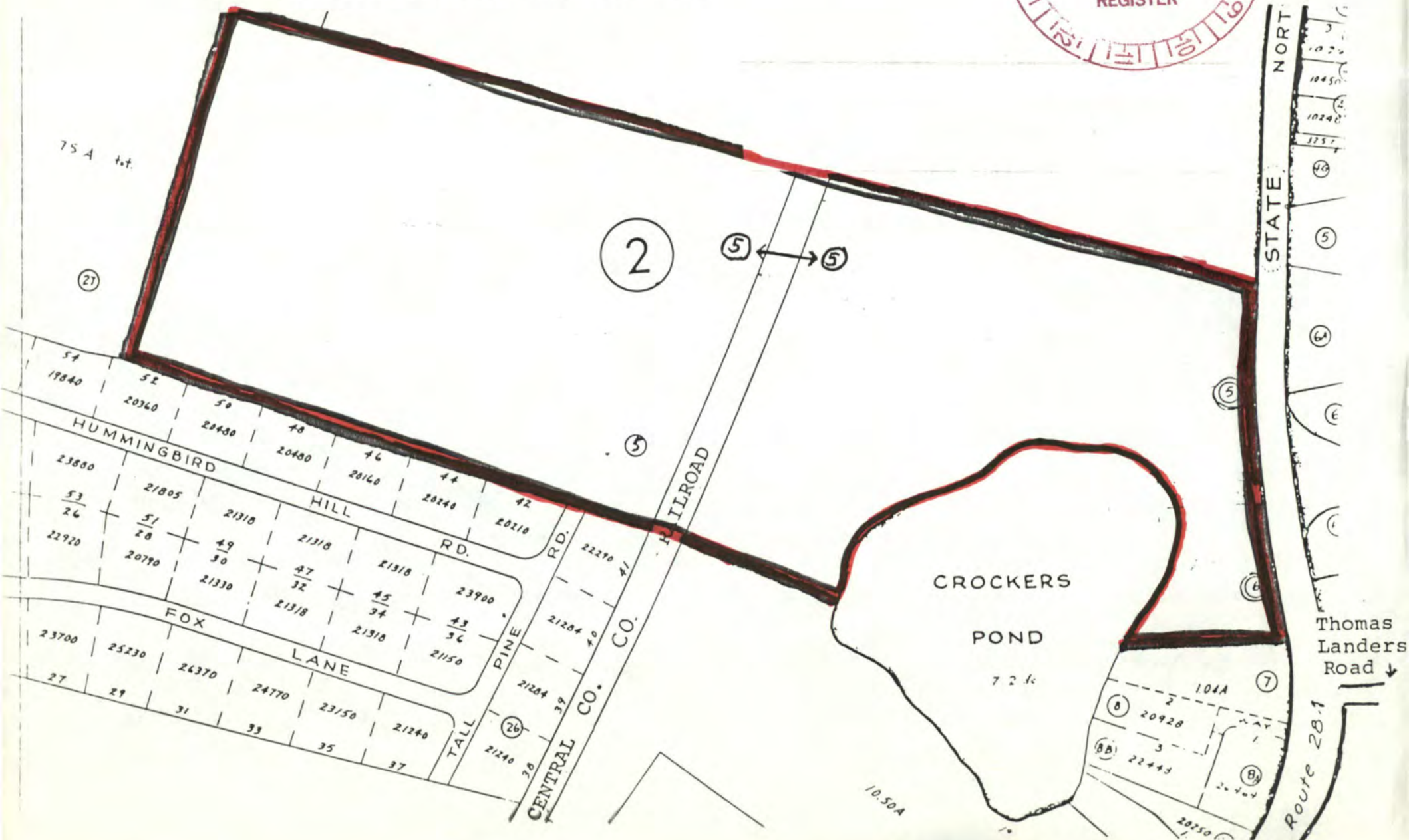
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CONTINUATION SHEET Bibliographical ITEM NUMBER 9 PAGE

Falmouth, Town of, Records of Town Clerk
Falmouth Public Library, Annals of the Town of Falmouth

CROWELL/BOURNE FARM
WEST FALMOUTH HIGHWAY
FALMOUTH, MASS.
ASSESSOR'S PLAT MAP

Falmouth Town Map, Sheet 15, Section 2
Both Lots recorded: Book 1445 Page 1084



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Book 1442 Page 1064
Section 12, Twp 12N, R. 12E, S. 34E

WAS 2000/12 1741 W/L
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Property

Crowell/Bourne Farm

State

Ma - Barnstable

Working Number

2-28-80 617**TECHNICAL**

Photos

3

Maps

3**CONTROL****HISTORIAN**

a rare representative of an intact, working cape Cod 18th cent. farm - this nomination is eligible for architecture and agriculture. The farm consists of a vernacular type farmhouse, 2 1/2 story timber frame structure, built c. 1775, 2 barns, numerous small outbuildings, 35.73 acres of fields, all of which is surrounded by stone walls. archeology has been selected, but there is no evidence to support this.

Accept
Patrick Ardens
4/22/80

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**ARCHEOLOGIST****OTHER****HAER**

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**BRANCH CHIEF****KEEPER**

National Register Write-up

Federal Register Entry

2.3.81

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Crowell/Bourne Farm
West Falmouth Highway
Falmouth, Mass.

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Bruce Chalmers 1979
Sippewisett Road
Falmouth, Mass.

Photo #1 of 3
Facade, facing north

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Crowell/Bourne Farm
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Falmouth, Mass.

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Bruce Chalmers 1979
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Falmouth, Mass.

Photo #2 of 3
House, barn, stone walls and pasture land
facing west

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Falmouth, Mass.

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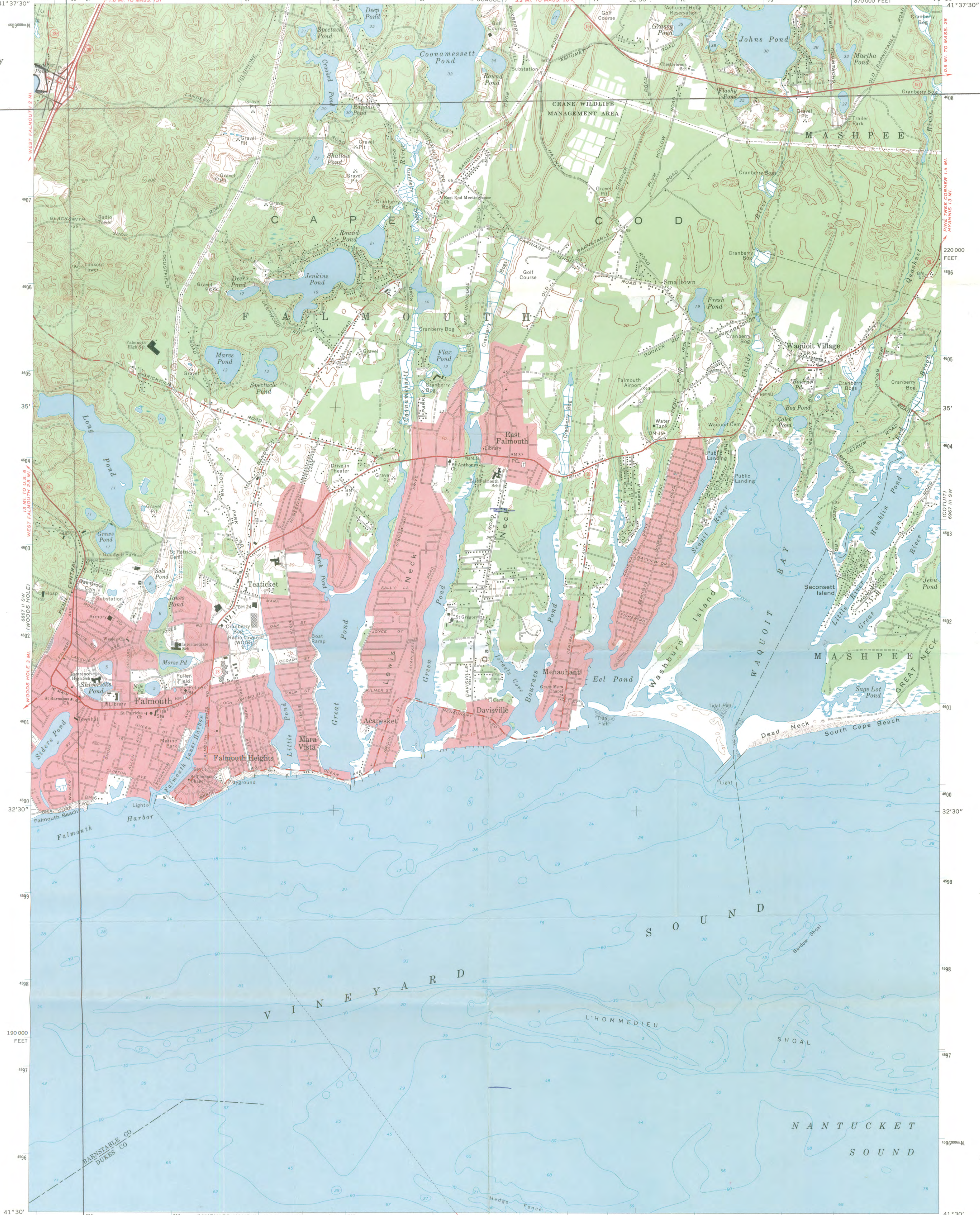
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Falmouth, Mass.

Photo #3 of 3
House barn and outbuildings, facing east
(NOTE: the large structure appearing to
the left of the barn is located across
the street and is not a part of the
nomination)

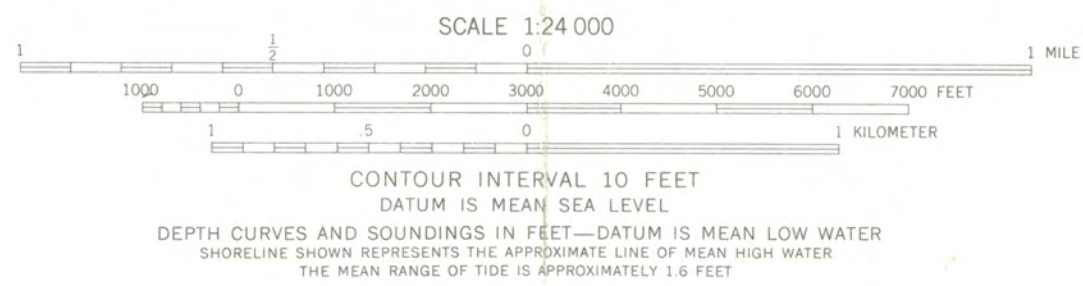
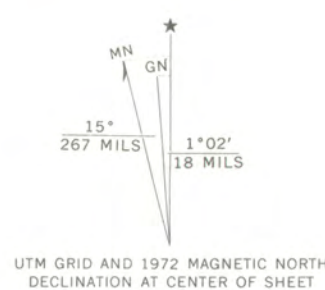
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D 19/364730/4608120



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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 tidal water areas from information furnished
by Massachusetts Department of Public Works
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Unimproved road
Interstate Route
U. S. Route
State Route

FALMOUTH, MASS.
N4130-W7030/7.5

1972

AMS 6867 II SE-SERIES V814

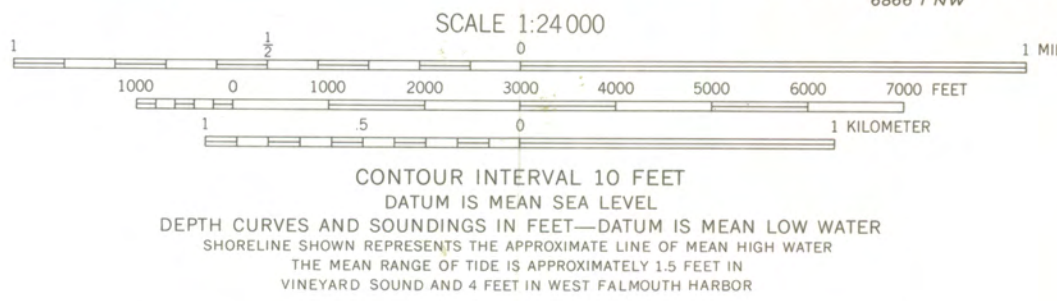
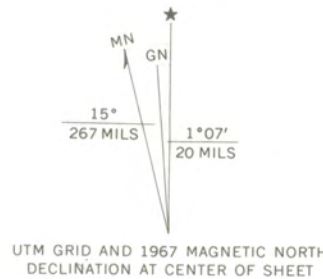


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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, all weather, hard surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface
Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Unimproved road, fair or dry weather
State Route

WOODS HOLE, MASS.
N4130—W7037.5/7.5

1967

AMS 6867 II SW—SERIES V814



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**MASSACHUSETTS
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Office of the Secretary of State**

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MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

February 26, 1980

Ms. Carol Schull, Acting Keeper
Registration Branch
HCRS
440 G Street NW
Washington, DC 20243



Dear Ms. Schull:

Enclosed you will find the following nomination forms:

Brookline - Town Green Historic District
*Falmouth - Crowell/Bourne Farm
Peabody - Civic Center Historic District
Williamsburg - Williamsburg Center Historic District

All have been voted eligible by the State Review Board and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Sincerely,

Christine Boulding (cj)

Christine Boulding
Survey Director

*Notified under new procedures

CB/mt
encls.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **MASSACHUSETTS**

Date Entered **APR 23 1980**

Name

Location

Suffolk County Jail

**Boston
Suffolk County**

Crowell-Bourne Farm

**West Falmouth
Barnstable County**

Also Notified

Honorable Paul Tsongas

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Honorable John J. Moakley
Honorable Garry E. Studds

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski
Executive Director, Massachusetts
Historical Commission
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Boston, Massachusetts 02108

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Byers/bjr 4/29/80

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