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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Massachusetts
COUNTY: Norfolk
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE OCT 15 1974

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**1. NAME**

COMMON: The John Partridge House

AND/OR HISTORIC: same

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
315 Exchange Street

CITY OR TOWN: Millis      CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 10th

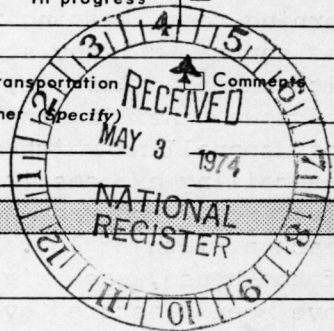
STATE: Massachusetts      CODE: 025      COUNTY: Norfolk      CODE: 021

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	



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**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: Mr. and Mrs. Craig F. Lichman

STREET AND NUMBER: 315 Exchange Street

CITY OR TOWN: Millis      STATE: Massachusetts      CODE: 025

STATE: Massachusetts

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Norfolk County Registry of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Dedham      STATE: Massachusetts      CODE: 025

COUNTY: Norfolk

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE OF SURVEY: 1973       Federal       State       County       Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Massachusetts Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER: 40 Beacon Street

CITY OR TOWN: Boston      STATE: Massachusetts      CODE: 025

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The John Partridge House, built c.1659, is a 2½ story clapboard ridge roof Colonial with center chimney. It faces west on five acres of wooded land. The house is a near-duplicate of the Cooper-Frost-Austin House in Cambridge, built in 1657. While the Partridge House was partially burned by Indians in 1676, it was renovated to its original condition in the same year. It is five bays wide and two deep with a kitchen ell extending to the rear from the southeast corner. All of the narrow windows are 9/6 sash; those on the top floors are shuttered and those on the ground level have plain surrounds with a slightly protruding wooden lintel. The enclosed vestibule, in the center of the facade, is topped by a triangular pediment and flanked by plain pilasters.

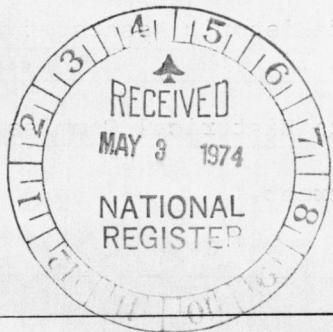
There have been two additions to the house, one being a 19th c. open shed-roof porch on the south elevation, enclosed in the 1920's. The second is a library ell, c. 1940, running parallel to the kitchen ell, off the rear northeast corner of the house.

The interior of the building has retained as much of its original fabric as has the exterior. The first floor consists of a dining room, living room, borning room, keeping room, and kitchen. Seven fireplaces are built around the central chimney stack. The dining room's fireplace is classic in design, with reeded pilasters, and is flanked on one side by beehive ovens. The handsome panelling on the fireplace mantel is continued in the pine single-board panelling which encircles three walls of the room below the chair rail. The ceiling exposes its summer beam, floor joists, and chimney, front and end girts. The room also retains its original flooring, pine boards which reach a width of 15". The living room, opposite the dining room in the front of the house, was originally wainscotted with wide vertical panels, but these have been plastered over. The keeping room runs from front to back on the north side. Its fireplace has been plastered over. Off this room, to the south and in the rear, is the borning room, located behind the central chimney. The kitchen once contained an "Indian room" and escape way, to the left of the fireplace, which connected the kitchen to the back bedroom through the attic. This, however, has been essentially demolished.

The second floor contains four rooms, three of which boast wide vertical plank wainscot on the walls, wide floor boards, and exposed roof beams. The hardware in the house is all 18th c.

At the turn of the century, the house was moved 40' on the original land to make way for a change in the roadway which passes the house.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |  |                                       |                                       |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1659

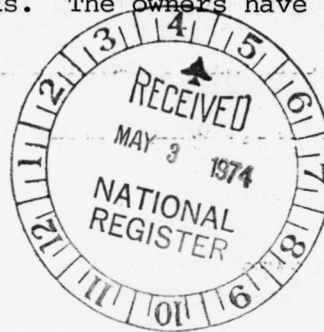
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The John Partridge House is the oldest dwelling in Millis. It was built in 1659 by John Partridge Sr. when Millis was still a part of Medfield and was comprised of a few scattered farms. John Partridge Sr. was primarily a farmer, but in 1672 he was also chosen clerk of the market. Of his several children, only John Partridge, Jr. remained in Millis. In 1682 John Jr. sold his house on Bridge Street and moved back to the present house. In 1704, two years before he died, John Sr. sold the property to his son. John Partridge Jr. became a schoolmaster in 1710 and a church deacon in 1714.

The architectural significance of the house is notable as it is not only a handsome example of early Colonial architecture, but it also retains much of its original fabric and structural details. The owners have carefully restored it and plan to open it to the public.



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*John Partridge House  
400 S. Millis St.  
Millis, MA 01928*

**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

1. Town Records, Town of Medfield, 1659.
2. Jameson, Rev. E.O., History of Medway, Providence, R.I. 1886.
3. Tildon, William F., History of Medfield, Boston, 1887.

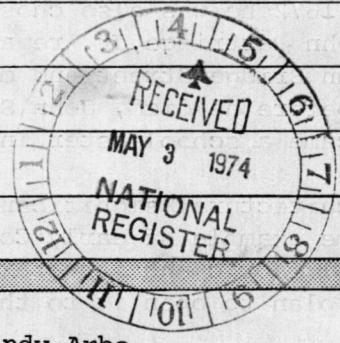
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		42 ° 10' 34 "	71 ° 21' 37½ "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5 acres

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 AND TITLE:  
Elizabeth Amadon, State Survey Director, By Mindy Arbo

ORGANIZATION: Massachusetts Historical Commission DATE: 1/8/74

STREET AND NUMBER: 40 Beacon Street

CITY OR TOWN: Boston 617-727-8470 STATE: Massachusetts 02108 CODE: 025

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: John F. X. Davoren  
Honorable John F. X. Davoren  
Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Title: Chairman, Massachusetts Historical Commission

Date: 4/24/74

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

R. P. Winters  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 10/15/74

ATTEST: Comptroller  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 10-11-74

PROPERTY Pantidge, The John, House STATE Mass.

WORKING NUMBER 5.3.74.696

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Norfolk

TECH REVIEW  
PHOTOS 2  
MAPS 1

CONTROL REVIEW #10 Hersey is missing

cm  
5.8  
74

OK

HISTORIAN  
Accept  
W.R. Luce  
7/24/74

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN Despite changes & move ...

Accept  
JCT  
7/15/74

ARCHEOLOGIST  
Called Mindy Arbo - 9/12/74  
5 acres is acreage -  
R. Luce.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF  
Call to make sure the  
5 acres in #7 are the acreage

Accept  
Cole  
9/12/74

BRANCH CHIEF  
Accept  
Hunt  
10/19/74

KEEPER  
W. Hunt  
10/16/74

National Register Write-up Nov 5, 1974

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Register entry 12/3/74

Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Promotional Resources Development  
DATE OF PHOTO: 10/10/73

NEGATIVE FILED AT: Promotional Resources Development, 40 Grove Street  
Wellesley, Mass.

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

#1 of 2 East elevation, rear of the house.

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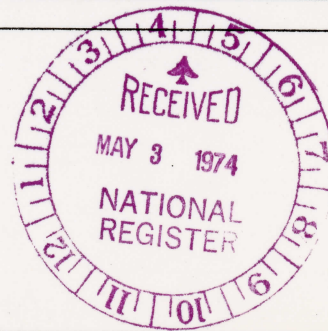
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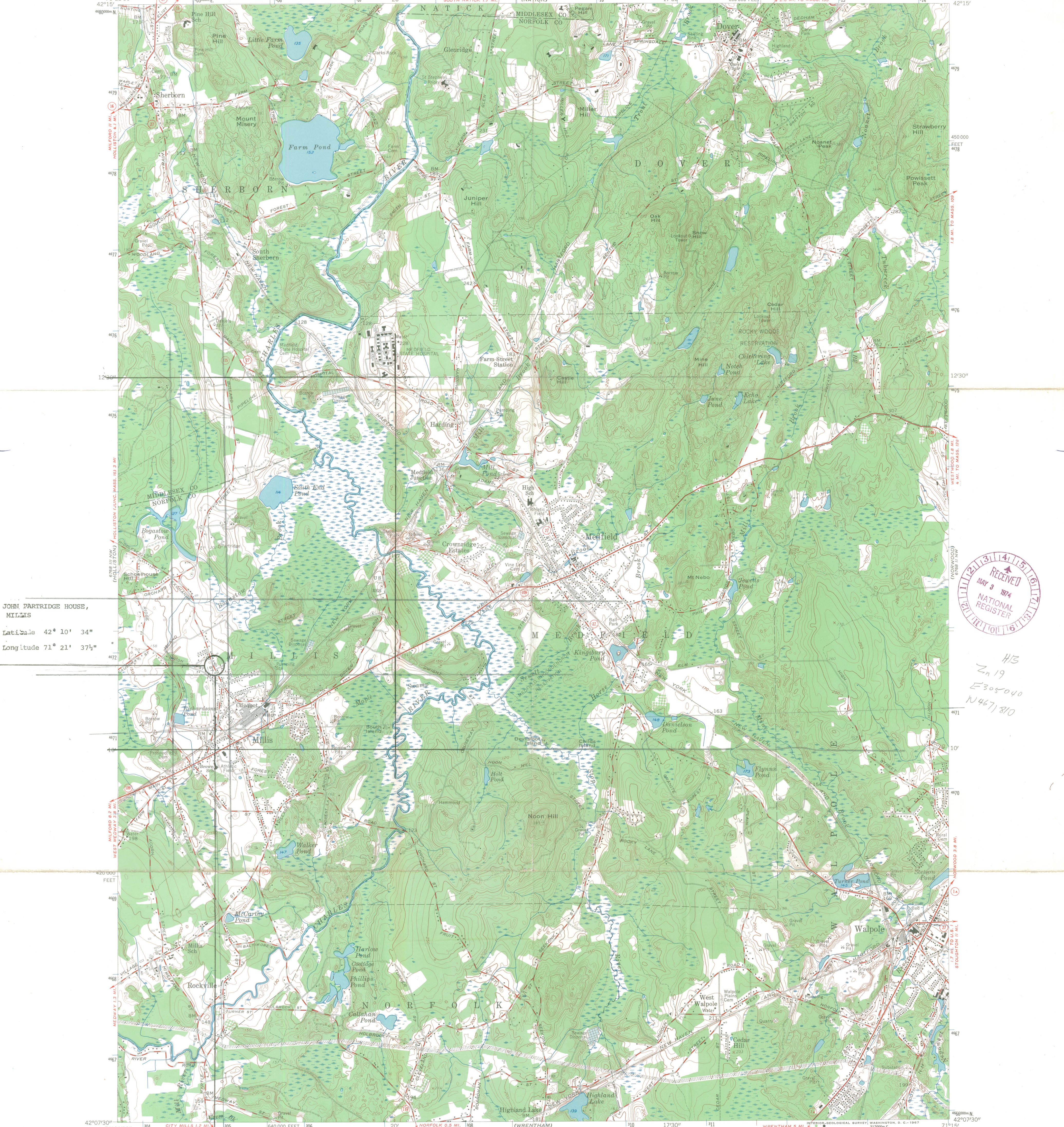
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Massachusetts	Norfolk	Millis
STREET AND NUMBER		
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		
Facade, facing west.		

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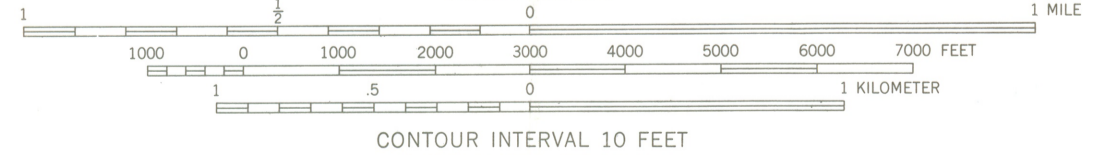
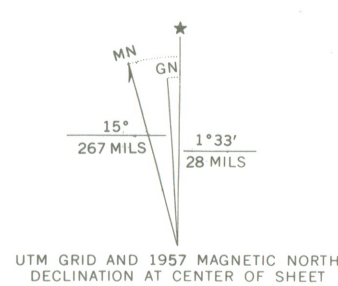


JOHN PARTRIDGE HOUSE,  
MILLIS  
Latitude 42° 10' 34"  
Longitude 71° 21' 37"



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and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey  
Topography by planetable surveys 1937-1938  
Culture revised 1957  
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



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
	State Route



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N4207.5-W7115/7.5  
1957  
23 Washington Street  
Natick, Mass. 01960  
AMS 6768 III NE-SERIES V814

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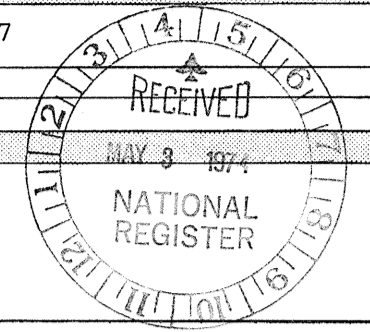
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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE    MASSACHUSETTS

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Name

Location

Partridge, John, House

Millis  
Norfolk County

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Hon. Edward W. Brooke  
Hon. Margaret M. Heckler  
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Atlantic Region

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