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# DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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RECEIVED APR 1 1975

DATE ENTERED APR 21 1975

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--- NOT FOR PUBLICATION  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

--- VICINITY OF  
7th

STATE  
Massachusetts

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: 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 Deeds

STREET & NUMBER  
208 Cambridge Street

CITY, TOWN  
Cambridge

STATE  
Massachusetts

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE  
Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE  
1974

--- FEDERAL  STATE --- COUNTY --- LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN  
Boston

STATE  
Massachusetts 02108

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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## 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 Secomb 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				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> 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	19	326340	4698240
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

*SHPO*  
*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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 4/21/75

DATE 4.18.75

*achig*

Property

Wade, Jonathan, House

Middlesex

State Mass.

Working Number 4.1.75.592

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 3

Maps 1

**CONTROL**

*cm*  
OK 4.4.75

**HISTORIAN**

*Hard to trace chronology through  
the construction ...*

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

*ACCEPT*  
*H. J. Jandl*  
*4/4/75*

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

*Accept*  
*Lebowitz*  
*4/14/75*

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

*Accept*  
*Cole*  
*4.14.75*

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

*accept*  
*Hunt for*  
*Montgomery*  
*4.18.75*

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Federal Register Entry 6-3-75

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

INT:2106-74



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ONE WAY  
DO NOT  
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**3** PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Brian Pfeiffer

DATE OF PHOTO 1975

NEGATIVE FILED AT Medford Historical Commission

**4** IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO. 3

West facade, south elevation

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PHOTO NO. 2

east facade and addition

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**3 PHOTO REFERENCE**

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**4 IDENTIFICATION**

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east facade

PHOTO NO. 1

#303

#303

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
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**1 NAME**

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**2 LOCATION**

CITY, TOWN Medford \_\_\_\_\_ VICINITY OF COUNTY Middlesex STATE MA

**3 MAP REFERENCE**

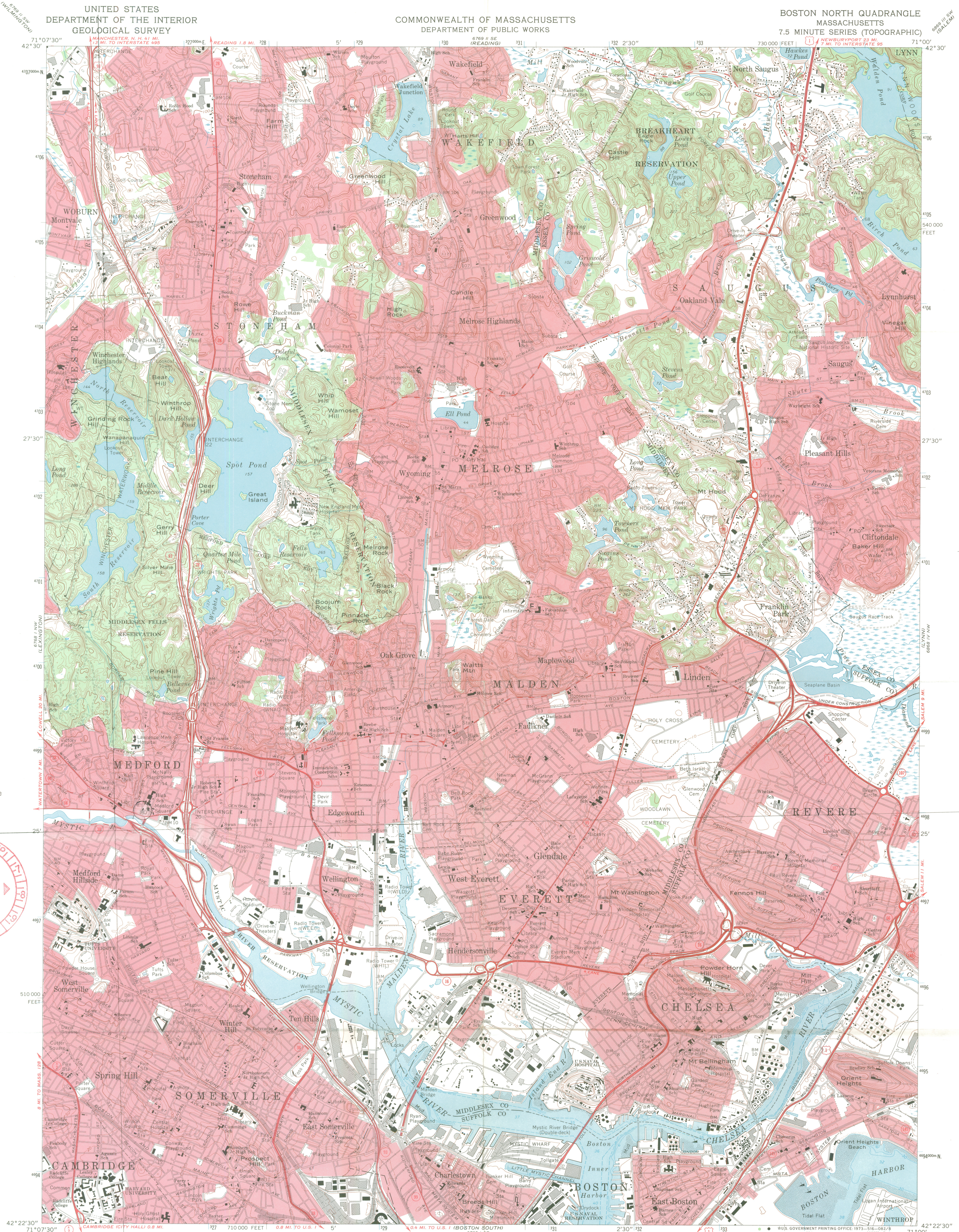
SOURCE United States Geological Survey, Boston North quadrangle

SCALE 1:24,000 DATE 1971

**4 REQUIREMENTS**

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

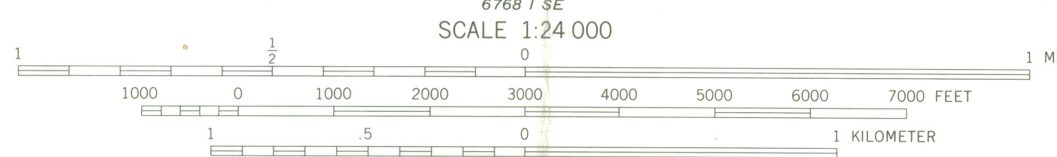
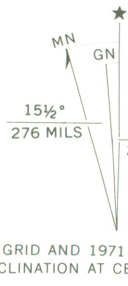
1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES



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  
100-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 19, shown in blue  
Boundaries in tidewater area from information supplied  
by Massachusetts Department of Public Works  
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL  
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER  
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER  
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 9.5 FEET



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

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

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1971  
AMS 6768 1 NE—SERIES V814

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered APR 21 1975

<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 K. MacDonald  
Hon. Gerry E. Studds  
Regional Director, North Atlantic  
Region

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

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

# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

**1** NAME as it appears on federal register: *Wade, Jonathan, House*

**2** OTHER NAMES:

**3** date of entry: *4-21-75* **4** county code: *017*

**5** LOCATION street & number: *13, Brodlee Rd.* city / town: *Medford* vicinity of: state: *MA* county: *Middlesex* **6** NPS REGION: *North Atlantic*

**7** OWNER  PRIVATE  STATE  MUNICIPAL  COUNTY  MULTIPLE  FEDERAL (agency name) **8** ADMINISTRATOR:

**9** EXISTING SURVEYS  HABS  HAER  NHL **10** FUNDED?  YES  NO **11** CONGRESS. DISTRICT: *7th.* **12** SOURCE OF NOMINATION:  STATE  FEDERAL

**13** WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?  YES, NAME  NO **14** WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?  YES, NAME  NO **15** ACREAGE: *less than 1* if state who prepared form? *Christian Building*  LOCAL  PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

**16** CONDITION  deteriorated  altered  original site **17** features:  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3  
 excellent  ruins  unaltered  moved  NOT INTACT-0  NOT INTACT-0  NOT INTACT-0  
 good  unexposed  reconstructed  unknown  UNKNOWN-4  UNKNOWN-5  UNKNOWN-6  
 fair  unexcavated  excavated  NOT APPLICABLE-7  NOT APPLICABLE-8  NOT APPLICABLE-9

**18** ACCESS  YES - Restricted  YES - Unrestricted  No Access  Unknown **19** ADAPTIVE USE  YES  NO **20** SAVED?  YES  NO **21** IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT?  yes  no

**21** AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:  ARCHEOLOGY - prehistoric-2  COMMERCE-6  ENGINEERING-11  LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15  POLITICS / GOVT.-21  RECREATION-28  
 ARCHEOLOGY - historic-1  COMMUNICATIONS-7  ENTERTAINMENT-26  LAW-16  RELIGION-22  SETTLEMENT-29  
 AGRICULTURE-3  CONSERVATION-8  EXPLORATION-12  LITERATURE-17  SCIENCE-23  URBAN PLANNING-31  
 ARCHITECTURE-4  ECONOMICS-9  HEALTH-27  MILITARY-18  SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24  OTHER (SPECIFY)  
 ART-5  EDUCATION-10  INDUSTRY-13  MUSIC-19  SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30  TRANSPORTATION-25  
 INVENTION-14  PHILOSOPHY-20

**22** CLAIMS: explain 'first'   
'oldest'   
'only'

**23** functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: House CURRENTLY: House **24** dates of initial construction: *c. 1683-89* major alterations: *c. 1750, renovation of east facade* **25** ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION: *--* historic events: *1900, east facade altered; (over)*

**26** architectural style(s): *Colonial, Georgian & Georgian Revival elements* **27** architect: *--* **28** master builder: *--* **29** engineer: *--*

**30** landscape architect / garden designer: *--* **31** interior decorator: *--* **32** artist: *--* **33** artisan: *--* **34** builder/contractor: *--*

**35** NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: Major Jonathan Wade, Jr. -- original owner Samuel C. Lawrence, 1.19th c. owner, Medford's most prominent 1.19th c. citizen EVENTS: INSTITUTIONAL:

**36** NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP *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.*

*sp. Rare example of early New England brick architecture.*

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

