

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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
Dr. John Cuming House
AND/OR COMMON
same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER W of Concord st
Barretts Mill Road and Reformatory Circle
CITY, TOWN Concord
STATE Massachusetts
VICINITY OF
COUNTY Middlesex
CODE 025
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
CODE 017

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Massachusetts Department of Corrections
STREET & NUMBER 100 Cambridge Street
CITY, TOWN Boston
VICINITY OF
STATE Massachusetts
CODE 02202

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Registry of Deeds, Middlesex County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER 208 Cambridge Street
CITY, TOWN Cambridge
STATE Massachusetts
CODE 02141

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth
DATE 1967
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 Dr. John Cuming House, a simple eighteenth century farmhouse, was built about 1754. It is located at Reformatory Circle, on a one and one half acre lot. The house is encircled by tall evergreen trees that shield it from the traffic on Route 2.

It is a two and one half story dwelling of wood frame construction. Four inch clapboard and narrow cornerboards, painted white, cover the house. Its roof is hipped and pierced by a small nineteenth century chimney. The symmetrical facade of the house is of five bays. It is composed of six over six sash windows, flanked by louvered shutters and a central pedimented portico. Two square posts, attached to the house by balustrades, support the pediment. The wooden door under the portico is flanked by full length sidelights. A small screened-in porch extends from the left side of the house.

Appended to the rear of the house is a two story nineteenth century ell. The windows in the ell are six over six sash, graced with fluted shutters, and the walls are four inch clapboard, painted white. They are identical to those of the main house and combine to form a unified structure architecturally. A pedimented overhang, supported by simple brackets, protects a side door in the ell.

Two simple nineteenth century outbuildings stand behind the house.

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 type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		Medical

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1754 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Dr. John Cuming House is an historically significant residence in the town of Concord. Dr. John Cuming, for whom the house is named, was a prominent eighteenth century figure in the community - active in medical, philanthropic, political and military affairs.

Dr. Cuming was born in Concord in 1728. He entered Harvard in 1743, but left for England in 1746, before completing his degree. At Edinburgh, he continued his education and upon his return from Europe, he became one of the town's first doctors. During the French and Indian War, he served as a Lieutenant Colonel, then returned to his practice in Concord. In 1775, he treated both British and American soldiers wounded in the fighting on April 19. He became a leader in town government and the Patriot cause, serving in numerous town and state offices, including that of representative to the State's Constitutional Convention in 1779. Dr. Cuming also acquired large amounts of property, much of which is now the town of Cummington, which he helped to establish and which is named for him. At his death in 1788, he bequeathed large amounts of money to the church, to the town for educational and humanitarian purposes and to the "University in Cambridge in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts." Harvard received "three hundred pounds sterling", the income of the same to be appropriated for the Professor of Physics, if any such there be or shall be...". Added to the Hersey and other funds, the bequest was soon used, as he had wished, to establish Harvard Medical School.

The house is currently owned by the Massachusetts Department of Corrections and is directly across Route 2 from the Concord Reformatory complex.

Property Cuming, Dr. John, House

State Mass.

Working Number 8.23.76.3993

Middlesex

TECHNICAL

Photos 2
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK ^{pl} 8.24.76

Did Cuming actually live here? The statement does not say!
yes-

HISTORIAN
CALL - ACCEPT
LW suggested
1 N 76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Called 4-8-77
See call sheet

~~Accept~~ 4-8-77
M. J. H. 11-18-74

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
4-11-77

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Hannigan
11-8-77

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

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Federal Register Entry _____

2.7.78

Re-submit _____

INT:2106-74



Dr. John Cuming House, looking north, front elevation, Middlesex County
Middlesex County

Dr. John Cuming House
Concord, MA
Massachusetts Dept. of Public Works
1975
100 Nashua St., Boston, MA
Facade of the house
Photo #1 *82*

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Dr. John Cuming House, looking west, the east side and rear elevation,
showing out buildings.

Middlesex Co

Dr. John Cuming House
Concord, MA
Massachusetts Dept. of Public Works
1975
100 Nashua St., Boston, MA
South side of the house and detached
garage
Photo #2

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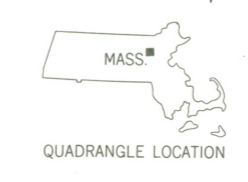
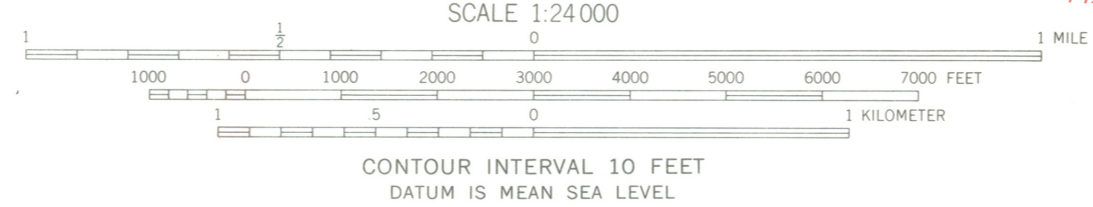
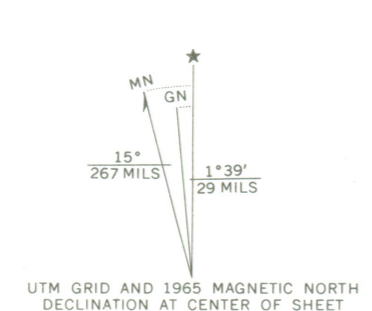
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Dr. John Cuming House
Concord, MA
19/302960/4704220

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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Topography by planetable surveys 1941. Revised 1965
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	

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

MAYNARD, MASS.
N4222.5—W7122.5/74
1965
MS 6768 IV NW—SERIES 9814





PAUL GUZZI

Secretary of the
Commonwealth

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

294 Washington Street Boston, Massachusetts 02108

(617) 727-8470

August 17, 1976

Mr. Charles Herrington
Registrar
National Register
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240



Dear Charles:

Enclosed please find nomination forms for the following properties:

1. Concord, Dr. John Cuming House
2. Melrose, Joseph Lynde House
3. Concord, Pest House
4. Lancaster, North Village Historic District

These properties have been reviewed by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (State Review Board) and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer, Elizabeth R. Amadon.

Sincerely yours,

Patricia L. Weslowski
Survey Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

PLW/edh
enc.

DATE 4-8-77

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL AM
PM

1. CALL TO: FROM (Name)

Joe Orfant

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

Mass 617-727-8470

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Dr. John Cuming House, Middlesex Co., MA

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

Did Dr. John Cuming live here - (yes)

When? 1754-1788 (death)

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

TITLE

OFFICE

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered NOV 11 1977

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Cuming, Dr. John, House	Concord vicinity Middlesex County
Smith, Samuel, Tavern Site	Wellfleet vicinity Barnstable County
Fowle, Edmund, House	Watertown Middlesex County
Merrill's Wharf Historic District	New Bedford Bristol County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Paul Tsongas
Hon. Gerry E. Studds
Hon. Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
Mr. David F. Hales, Deputy Assistant
for Fish and Wildlife and Parks
Mr. F. Ross Holland, Chief, Cultural
Resource Management

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

Regional Director, North Atlantic Region

11/16/77

Mott/js

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NR Data Sheet

DATE: 11/76
Reviewer INITIALS: [Signature]
NR DOE
NOV 11 1977

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Cuming, Dr. John, House

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER: W of Concord at Barrets Mill Rd. and Reformatory Circle
CITY, TOWN: [Blank]
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: [Blank]
VICINITY OF: Concord
STATE: Massachusetts
COUNTY: Middlesex
code: 017

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE **STATE** LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline): [Blank]
FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME): [Blank]
NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) **N.ATLANTIC** MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST
SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR EXTERIOR ENVIRONS
- Substantially intact-1 - Substantially intact-2 - Substantially intact-3
- unknown - 4 - unknown - 5 - unknown - 6
- not applicable - 7 - not applicable - 8 - Not applicable-9

- Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION - EXCELLENT - DETERIORATED - UNALTERED ORIGINAL SITE
 GOOD - RUINS ALTERED - MOVED
- FAIR - UNEXPOSED - Reconstructed - Unknown
- Unexcavated - Excavated

ACCESS - **Yes-restricted** Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES **NO**

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES **NO**
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES **NO**
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES **NO** Saved? YES **NO**

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)
then- **HOUSE**
now- **same**

SIGNIFICANCE:

- ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
- ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
- AGRICULTURE
- ARCHITECTURE
- ART
- COMMERCE
- COMMUNICATIONS
- CONSERVATION
- ECONOMICS
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- EXPLORATION
- INDUSTRY
- INVENTION
- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- LAW/Gov't/politics
- LITERATURE
- MILITARY
- MUSIC
- PHILOSOPHY
- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT
- RELIGION
- SCIENCE
- SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER (SPECIFY)
- entertainment
- health
- recreation
- settlement
- socio/cultural
- urban & commun planning

Claims

"first?" YES **NO** "oldest?" YES **NO** "only?" YES **NO**

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder:

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role & appropriate date)

personal Dr. John Cuming

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century):

1754

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

1.3

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

Frame, clapboarding; 2 1/2 stories, modified rectangle, gabled roof, interior chimney, front center entrance, rear extension. Colonial elements. Home of Dr. John Cuming, prominent 18thc. physician, philanthropist, and leader.

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

Dr. John Cuming, a prominent 18th century physician, philanthropist, and leader, lived in this house -