

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 General Samuel Chandler House
AND/OR COMMON same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 8 Goodwin Road
CITY, TOWN Lexington
STATE Massachusetts
VICINITY OF Boston
CODE 02173
COUNTY Middlesex
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 5th
CODE 017

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Robert P. and Charlotte C. Outerbridge
STREET & NUMBER 8 Goodwin Road
CITY, TOWN Lexington
VICINITY OF Boston
STATE Massachusetts
02173

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth
DATE 1975
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Massachusetts Historical Commission
CITY, TOWN 294 Washington Street, Boston
STATE Mass. 02108

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 General Samuel Chandler House is situated on the summit of Meriam Hill overlooking Lexington Green in Lexington. The house is encircled by a quite short street which was originally the driveway. This street, Goodwin Road, forms the boundary line for the well maintained property. The surrounding area is residential, with only two other houses in the immediate vicinity.

The two story, two chimney, house is an example of the early Italianate villa style popularized by Andrew Jackson Downing in Cottage Residences (1842). The exterior wall surface is rusticated wood designed to resemble stone block. A wooden stringcourse defines the first and second floors. True to its' Downingsque inspiration, the house has a shallow gabled roof with overhanging eaves. There are double brackets at the cornice line, and a variety of window styles. Some of the windows are round arched, covered by projecting triangular bracketed pediments. Others are simple double hung windows with flat projecting lintels. There is a small Palladian window in the western gable. The western ridge-roofed section of the house shows louvered shutters.

There are two open verandas. The rear veranda, on the northern elevation, has clustered posts supporting the bracketed roof. The veranda was originally continuous from the facade, around the west end of the house, but was altered during the 1920's. This is the only known alteration to the original structure. The one-bay entrance veranda, on the southern facade has three arches and a bracketed sloping roof.

A semi-circular, two story, flat roofed bay projects from the facade, and a full three story asymmetrically placed campanile tower rises next to the bay. The tower has triple round arched windows on each of the four third story sides. Beneath each set of windows, there is a wooden balcony supported by heavy brackets. The tower roof is shallow pitched with paired brackets at the cornice, and is surmounted by a wooden pinnacle. This irregular and picturesque massing is typical of the villa style.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1846

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Issac Melvin

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The General Samuel Chandler House is significant as the only example of the fully developed Italian villa style in Lexington. The house is expressive of the solid character of its' original owner, General Samuel Chandler, who was born in Lexington in 1795. General Chandler fought in the War of 1812 and was a lieutenant at Fort Erie when it was under seige. By the end of the war, he has become a first lieutenant, and shortly thereafter was appointed major general in the Militia. General Chandler returned to Lexington after the war. He managed a grocery store there from 1822 until 1825 when he took charge of the Monument House, one of Lexington's many early 19th century inns. He gradually acquired prominence in town affairs. In 1834 he was elected to the committee responsible for moving the bodies of the Minute Men slain on the morning of April 19th, 1775, from the Old Burying Ground to a site near the 1799 Revolutionary War monument on Lexington Green. In 1839, he represented Middlesex County in the State Senate. He later became a justice of the peace, a trial justice, and for ten years, sheriff of Middlesex County.

In 1846, General Chandler commissioned Isaac Melvin, a local architect, to submit plans for an Italianate villa to be located behind Buckman Tavern on Meriam Hill. General Chandler lived in the house until his death in 1867.

Isaac Melvin grew up in Concord, and lived in Lexington from 1833 until 1847. He designed several buildings in Lexington including the Stone Building, the First Parish Church, the first Town Hall, and a house for Samuel Chandler's brother, Daniel. In about 1847, Melvin moved to Cambridge where a number of houses and a Baptist Church are credited to him. He died in California in 1852.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Approx. 1/2 acre.

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,9	3,1,6	6,8,0	4,7,0,2	0,6,0	B					
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING				ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		
C						D					

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Elizabeth W. Reinhardt, Lexington Historical Commission

Blaine Mallory and Joseph Orfant, National Register Editor

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

October 18, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

294 Washington Street

TELEPHONE

727-8470

CITY OR TOWN

Boston

STATE

Mass. 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Elizabeth Reed Amador

TITLE Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE 10/26/76

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Leslie J. ...

DATE 4/13/77

ATTEST: *Charles ...*

DATE 3.18.77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Property Chandler, General Samuel, House

Middlesex

State Mass. Working Number 11.1.76.4416

TECHNICAL

Photos 12
Maps 21

CONTROL

KP
OK 11.1.76

This is only checked for architecture, but has significance for its association of Samuel Chandler, also.

HISTORIAN

accept
B. Grosvenor
11/15/76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

claim now bay curved section is original what is gambrel roofed section? Joe has found other Mass examples.

called record
11.6.76 12/15/76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

nice! Accept
Cole
2/21/77
actue

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Thompson
for inventory
2.15.77

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered APR 13 1977
Federal Register Entry 5-3-77 Re-submit _____

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General Samuel Chandler House
Lexington, Mass.
January, 1976
Elizabeth W. Reinhardt
10 Eliot Road, Lexington, Mass.
Photo #1 *of 2*
Southern facade, and west elevation.

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*General Samuel Chandler
House*

8 Goddwin Rd.

Lexington, Mass.

West end + South facing

facade

*Photo credit: Elizabeth W. Reinhardt
10 Eliot Rd.*

Lexington



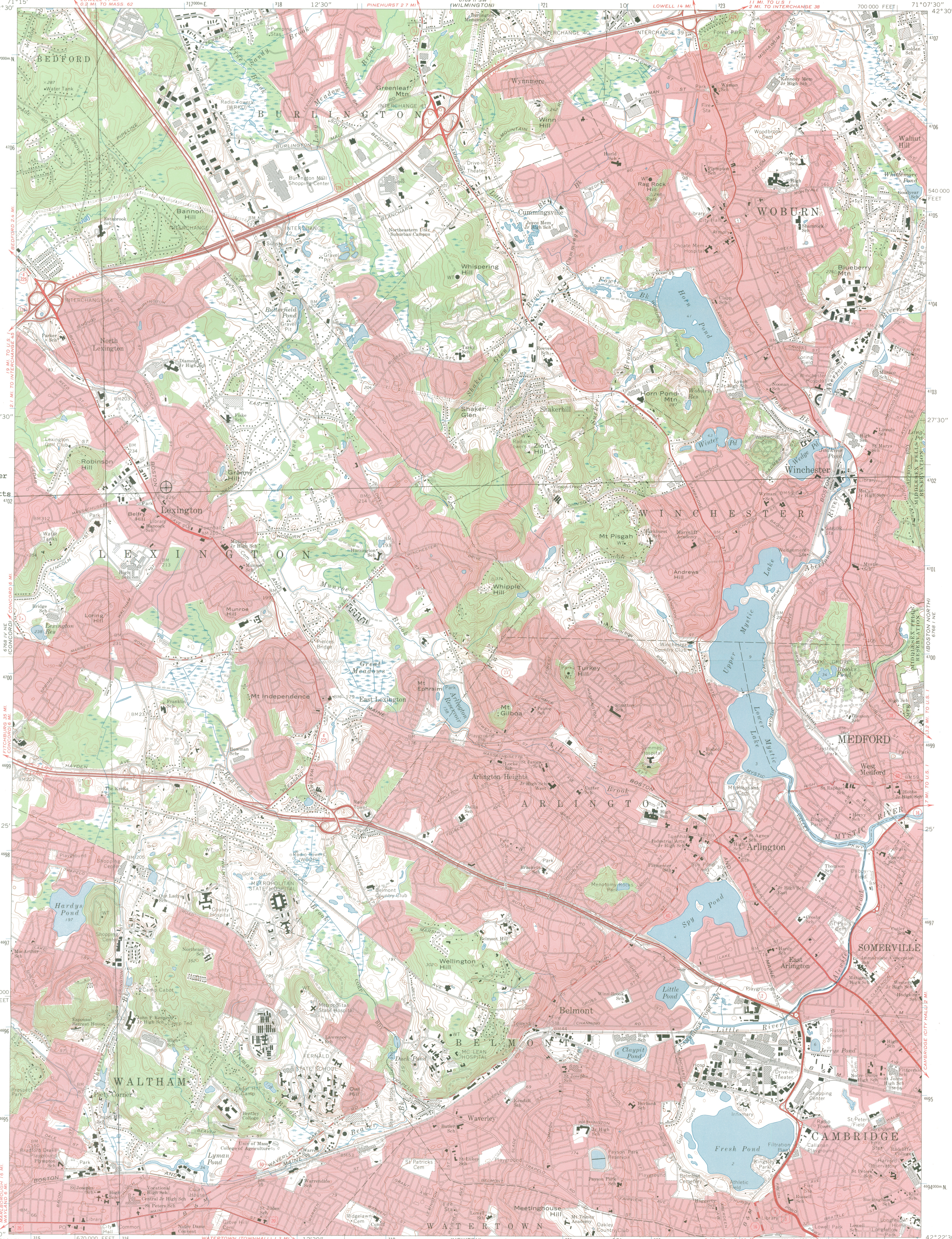
General Samuel Chandler House
Lexington, Massachusetts
January, 1976
Elizabeth W. Reinhardt
10 Eliot Road, Lexington, Mass.
Photo #2 *12*
Northern, rear elevation.

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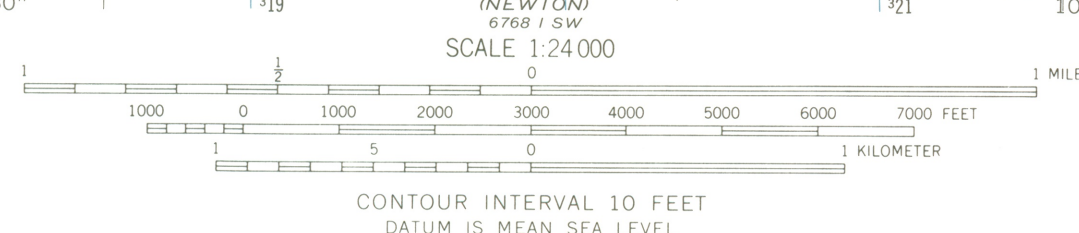
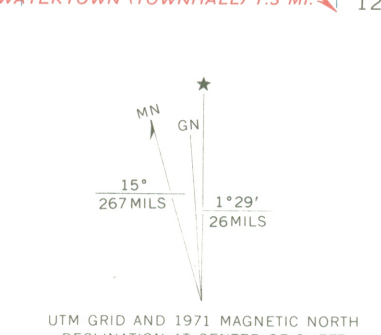
PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

General Samuel Chandler house
8 Goodwin Rd.
Lexington, Mass
credit: Eliz. W. Reinhardt
10 Eliot Rd.
Lexington
Northern, rear facade

General Samuel Chandler House,
Lexington, Massachusetts
UTM Coordinate:
19/316 680/4702 060



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Geodetic Survey
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1939. Topography by planetable surveys 1943
Revised from aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1971
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
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark
buildings are shown



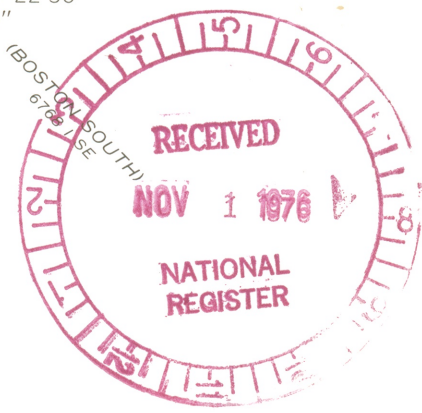
ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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

LEXINGTON, MASS.
N4222.5—W7107.5/7.5
1971
AMS 6768 I NW—SERIES V814



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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered APR 13 1977

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Great Stone Dam	Lawrence vicinity Essex County
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church	Lowell Middlesex County
Chandler, General Samuel, House	Lexington Middlesex County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Paul Tsongas

Regional Director, North Atlantic
Region

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

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 11/15/76
Reviewer INITIALS: 86
NR
DOE APR 13 1977

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Chandler, Gen. Samuel, House

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER

8 Goodwin Rd.

CITY, TOWN Lexington

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 5th

STATE Massachusetts

VICINITY OF 25

COUNTY code
Middlesex - 017

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

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

<u>INTERIOR</u>	<u>EXTERIOR</u>	<u>ENVIRONS</u>
- 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

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		<input type="checkbox"/> Unexcavated	<input type="checkbox"/> 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- *House*

SIGNIFICANCE:

<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
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Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: ITALIANATE

architect/m.builder: ~~James~~ Melvin

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role & appropriate date)

personal Samuel Chandler (1795-1867) - original owner - soldier, local official, state legislator

events

institutional

DATES: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1846

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)

.5

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

IRREGULAR
FRAME, 2 STORY, RECTANGULAR, 3 STORY, SQUARE TOWER, BRACKETED
OVERHANGS, 6 PORCHES, 1 STORY

TYPICAL IRREGULAR MASSING

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

Home of General Samuel Chandler, veteran of the War of 1812, a prominent local official, and state legislator.