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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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DATA SHEET

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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  
Capron House  
AND/OR COMMON  
same

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
42 North Avenue  
CITY, TOWN  
Attleboro  
STATE  
Massachusetts  
VICINITY OF  
CODE  
025  
COUNTY  
Bristol  
CODE  
005  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
10th  
NOT FOR PUBLICATION

## 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
Donald R. and Marian H. Wrightington  
STREET & NUMBER  
42 North Avenue  
CITY, TOWN  
Attleboro  
STATE  
Massachusetts  
VICINITY OF  
02703

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Bristol County Registry of Deeds  
STREET & NUMBER  
Court Street  
CITY, TOWN  
Taunton  
STATE  
Massachusetts

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE  
Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth  
DATE  
1969  
DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS  
Massachusetts Historical Commission  
CITY, TOWN  
Boston  
STATE  
Massachusetts  
FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

# 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 Capron House is located on a third of an acre in an older residential neighborhood of Attleboro. The house is sited close to the street and separated from the roadway by a simply landscaped apron and low stone wall. Much of the original front yard was taken for an electric trolley right-of-way in the early 20th century.

The 2½ story house has a ridge roof with gables to the side and two dissimilar end chimneys. There is a one story ell on the south elevation. The house is sheathed in cedar shingles. The 6/6 fenestration throughout is framed by a simple flat architrave. Windows on the second story of the facade and rear elevation are placed directly below the simple molded cornice.

The six bay wide facade faces east across North Avenue. The raised panel door of the center entry is flanked by pilaster and crowned by a five light transom. Above this is a shallow projecting triangular pediment with dentil course.

The main house is 36x26'. The ell is 21x14'. The interior features wide pine floorboards, corner posts with beaded casings and horizontal wainscoting.

The chimneys were rebuilt in 1876; the clapboarding has been covered by the cedar shingles. A carriage shed attached to the ell was destroyed by the great hurricane of 1938.

The original farm consisted of over 200 acres.

# 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 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		

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Capron House is significant as an 18th century house and for its associations with the Capron family, an important Attleboro family who owned the house for over 200 years.

Banfield Capron, one of the original Attleboro settlers, gave each of his children a farm of 200 acres. One of his children built this house.

One colorful owner in the 19th century, Joseph Willard Capron, kept a journal of events associated with this property, the surrounding area and the family. The journal included an inventory of all standing wood, hay, ornamental trees, even cranberries stolen from the property.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Journal of Joseph Capron"

Daggett; John, A Sketch of the History of Attleborough, Boston: Press of Samuel Usher. Maps of Attleboro

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/3 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A 19 309610 4647140  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B           
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

Marian H. Wrightington

Joseph R. Orfant, National Register Editor & Attleboro Historical Commission

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

28 February 1978

STREET & NUMBER

294 Washington 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 X

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.

Deputy

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Patricia Lewandowski*

3/23/78

TITLE Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission DATE Acting

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

*Charles ...*

DATE

7-21-78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

*Katherine Cole*

DATE

6-29-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Property

*Capron House*

State

*Mass.*

Working Number

*4.3.78.2814*

*Bristol*

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 6

Maps 1

*Signature*

**CONTROL**

*OK 4.4.78*

*Agree w/ Bill*

**HISTORIAN**

*Accept  
Franklin  
6-1-78*

*Minimum level of significance*

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

*Accept  
Brabham  
5-15-78*

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

*Minimal nomination for eligible  
property. Significant as example  
of 18th century residence carrying over 17th C  
technology. - at local level.*

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

*Accept  
Lebovich  
6/13/78*

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

*Approved  
7/21/78*

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

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

Entered JUL 21 1978

Federal Register Entry 9.5.78

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

INT:2106-74



Capron House  
Attleboro, MA.

1977

Marian Wrightington

42 North Av.

Attleboro, MA.

JUL 21 1978

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Bristol County

Photo #1 96

Looking west towards the facade and south elevation

SE - OLD RED HOUSE  
AVE ATTLEBORO, MASS  
HOUSE FACING EAST

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL CENTER



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Attleboro, MA.

1977

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Photo #2 **86** **Bristol County**  
Looking ~~west~~ towards the center entry

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FRONT DOOR FACING EAST

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



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Photo #3 **g6** Bristol County

Detail, parlor mantel

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FIRE PLACE THAT  
HAS CARVING THAT

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

THE CHAIR RAIL



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Photo #4 *g6*  
Detail, millwork, parlor mantel

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SIDE OF FIREPLACE

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DETAIL OF CARVING



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Attleboro, MA.

Photo #5 **g6**  
Detail, roof ridge

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Bristol County

CONSTRUCTION:

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

OLD RED HOUSE  
E. ATTLEBORO, MASS

HOWING MORTISE-  
AND PEG,



Capron House  
Attleboro, MA.  
1977

JUL 21 1978

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Marian Wrightington  
42 North Avenue  
Attleboro, MA.

Photo #6 *g6*  
Detail, Keeping Room fireplace

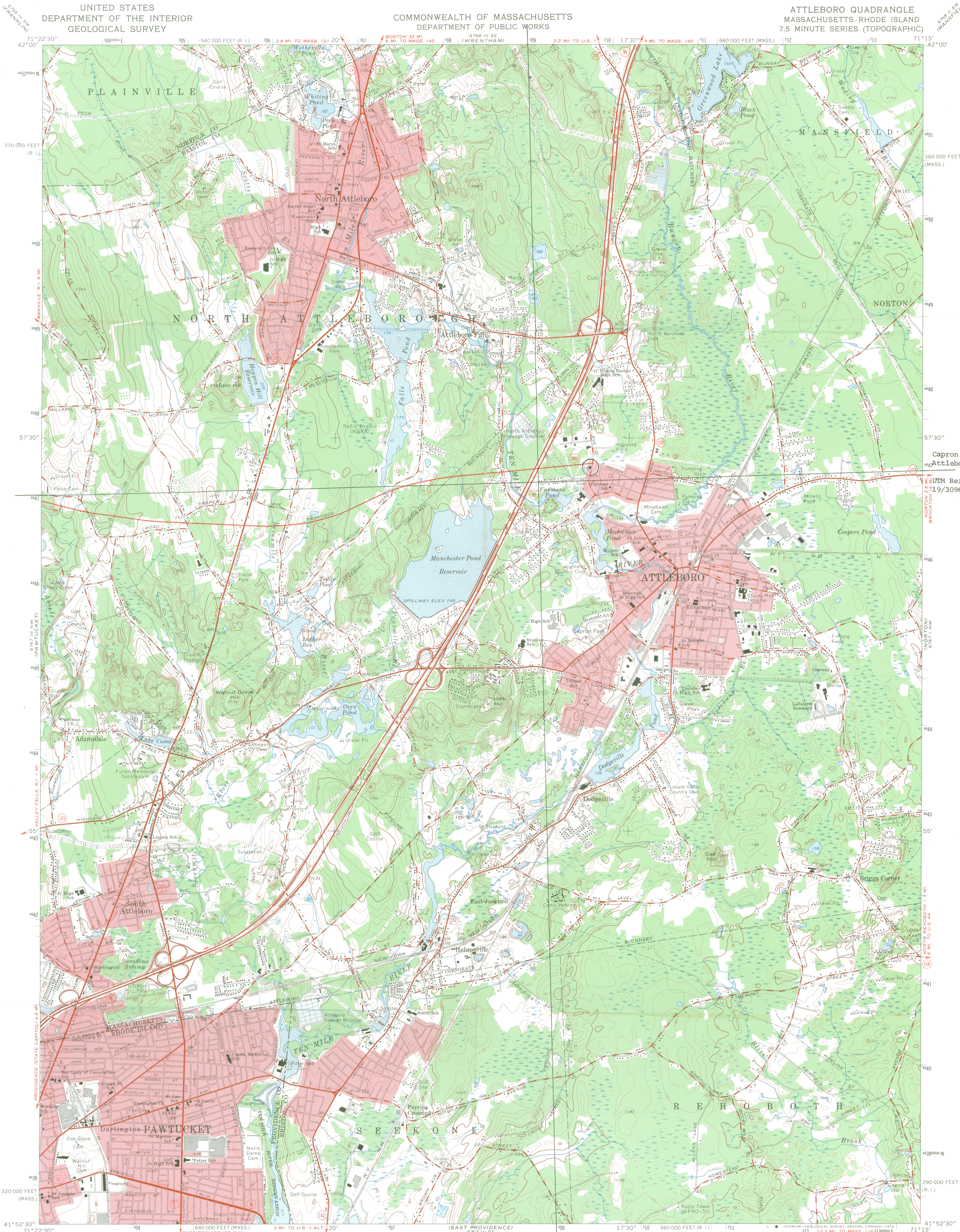
*Bristol County*

*ON THE SIDE.*

*OLD RED HOUSE  
ATTLEBORO, MASS*

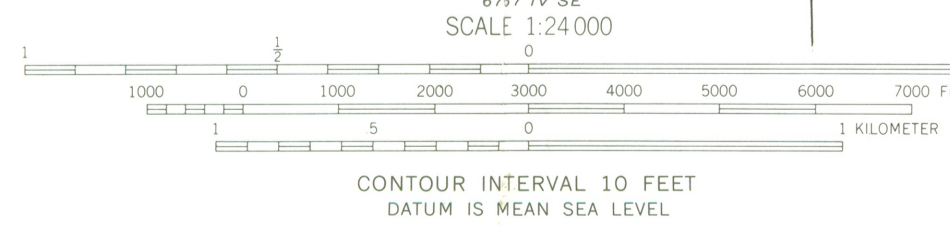
*REPLACE WITH  
TWO BAKE OVENS*

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

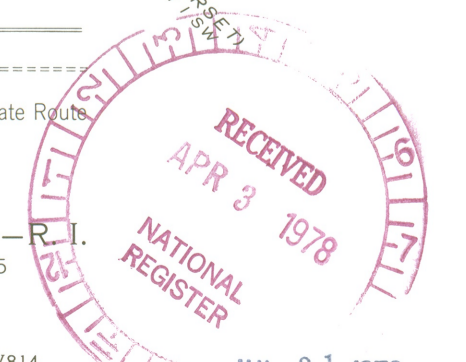


Capron House  
Attleboro, MA.  
UTM Reference:  
19/309610/4647140

Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey  
Topography by planetable surveys 1935 and 1938-1939  
Revised 1964  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grids based on Massachusetts coordinate system,  
mainland zone, and Rhode Island coordinate system.  
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  
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———  
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———  
Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route



ATTLEBORO, MASS.—R.I.  
N4152.5—W7115/7.5

1964

AMS 6767 IV NE—SERIES V814

FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

JUL 21 1978

Capron House  
42 North Ave  
Athol, Mass.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered JUL 21 1978

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Half Way House	Chatham Barnstable County
First Parish Church	Duxbury vicinity Plymouth County
Capron House	Attleboro Bristol County
Newell Farm	West Newbury Essex County
Locke, Capt. Benjamin, House	Arlington Middlesex County
Hawthorne Class Studio	Provincetown Barnstable County
Thayer Public Library	Braintree Norfolk County

Also Notified

Honorable Edward W. Brooke  
Honorable Edward M. Kennedy  
Honorable Gerry E. Studds  
Honorable Margaret M. Heckler  
Honorable Michael J. Harrington  
Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.  
Honorable James A. Burke

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski  
Executive Director, Massachusetts  
Historical Commission  
294 Washington Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02103

# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Capron House  
 ② OTHER NAMES:  
 ③ date of entry: JUL 21 1978  
 ④ county code: 05

⑤ LOCATION street & number: 42 North Ave.  
 city / town: Attleboro  
 vicinity of:  
 state: MA  
 county: Bristol  
 ⑥ NPS REGION: NA

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

⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS  HABS  HAER  NHL  ⑩ FUNDED?  YES  NO ⑪ CONGRESS DISTRICT: 10th  
 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: LOCAL  PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

⑯ CONDITION  deteriorated  altered  original site  
 excellent  ruins  unaltered  moved  
 good  unexposed  reconstructed  unknown  
 fair  unexcavated  excavated  
 ⑰ features: INTERIOR  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3  
 NOT INTACT-0  NOT INTACT-0  NOT INTACT-0  
 UNKNOWN-4  UNKNOWN-5  UNKNOWN-6  
 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  
 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT?  yes  no

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

㉓ functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: CURRENTLY:  
 ㉔ dates of initial construction: major alterations: historic events:  
 ㉕ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

㉖ architectural style(s):  
 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:  
 EVENTS:  
 INSTITUTIONAL:

㊱ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP