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DATA SHEET

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 Hudson House

AND/OR COMMON Hudson Homestead

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER Hudson Road 115 of Oxford rd

CITY, TOWN Oxford vic NOT FOR PUBLICATION CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2nd

STATE Massachusetts CODE 025 COUNTY Worcester CODE 027

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Joseph A. Deck, Oxford-Sutton Development Associates

STREET & NUMBER La Salle Building, 49 La Salle Avenue

CITY, TOWN Buffalo vic STATE New York vic 14214

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Worcester County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER 1 Main Street

CITY, TOWN Worcester STATE Massachusetts 01608

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE 1975 FEDERAL  STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN Boston STATE Massachusetts 02108

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hudson House is located on Hudson Road in Oxford. The nominated property consists of a  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre lot immediately surrounding the house. The encircling property includes a forty year old barn directly south of the house and the large Hudson Pond situated east of the house. Extensive fields north, northeast of the house are bordered by Federal Hill Road to the west. The stonewalls lining both sides of Hudson Road were built by the Hudson family. The house sits on flat land and is encircled by flat farmland and swampy areas. Fields south of the house may be sub-divided in the future. The entire area is sparsely settled.

The Hudson House was built in 1720 by William Hudson. It is a  $2\frac{1}{2}$  story, ridge roof structure with a one story, ridge roof ell and attached barn/shed extending from its rear (north) elevation. There is a central chimney on both the main house and the ell. The entire structure is sheathed in clapboards with plain corner boards and water table. Fenestration is 6/6.

The symmetrical five bay wide facade faces south. The center entrance is a six panel wooden door flanked by sidelights with a panel below and headed by a wide, flat entablature. The windows and door are framed by louvered shutters. The west elevation of the house is two bays deep with a single window in the gable end above. There is a plain wooden door located at the northern end of the elevation. The west elevation of the ell is five bays deep with a projecting entryway at the second bay on the northern end. The attached barn/shed is two stories, with the first story below the grade of the remainder of the structure. The west elevation has an entrance at ground level topped by two windows on the second level. The rear (north) elevation of the barn is two bays wide.

The entryway to the main house was altered in 1790. The Federal style sidelights were added at this time. Aside from this, the entire building remains close to its original state.

The ell houses living space, storage area, and a root cellar.

# 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES     1720

BUILDER/ARCHITECT     William Hudson

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hudson House is significant for its condition and original architectural character. It is also significant for its continued use as a working farm and as a property which remained in the Hudson family's ownership for 242 years.

The house was built in 1720 by William Hudson, one of the thirty original English settlers of Oxford. The land grant for the Hudson property was made in 1713, at the time of settlement. The Hudsons were involved in local politics and with the organization of town militia in the 1740's.

Because the farm is isolated, it was often the scene of Indian/settler conflict. Once the Hudson family was forced to abandon the house for two weeks and take refuge in the nearest garrison house.

The Hudson House is the oldest surviving building in Oxford and remained in the Hudson family until 15 years ago. The land has been farmed for 263 years, and the property is of importance to the town as the sole survivor of the town's settlement. The property remains a classic example of a self-sufficient colonial New England farm.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Daniels, George F., History of the Town of Oxford Massachusetts with Genealogies and Notes on Persons and Estates, Oxford, 1892.

Freeland, Mary deWitt, The Records of Oxford Massachusetts, Albany, 1894.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/2 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A 

1	9	2	6	5	5	8	0	4	6	6	9	2	4	0
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

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Blaine Mallory and Joseph Orfant, National Register Editor  
(Richard Lundstrom, Oxford Historical Commission)

ORGANIZATION Massachusetts Historical Commission DATE September 6, 1977

STREET & NUMBER 294 Washington Street TELEPHONE 617-727-8470

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 Amadon

TITLE Executive Director, Mass. Historical Commission DATE 9/13/77

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE <u>2-2-78</u>
ATTEST: <u>Charles Offenberg</u>	KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE <u>2-7-78</u>

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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X NEAREST  
HOUSE  
(C. 1750)

FEDERAL HILL ROAD

HUDSON

HUDSON  
HOUSE

BARN

HUDSON  
POND

ROAD

OXFORD  
SUTTON TOWN LINE

Hudson House  
Oxford, Massachusetts  
Sketch Map  
Scale: 1"=400'  
Source: Central Mass. Regional  
Planning Commission  
Date: 1964-1965

Property Hudson House

78000480

State Mass.

Working Number 9.26.77.1525

Worcester

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 2  
Maps 1

**CONTROL**

OK pl  
9.27.77

Only house was nominated as part of property  
(was being subdivided (Conversation  
w/ Onfant 1.24.78 LBF))

**HISTORIAN**

Accept  
Franklin  
1.24.78

I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE THE BARN,  
POND, & SURROUNDING FARMLAND INCLUDED IN NOMINATION,  
IF IN FACT THE PROPERTY "REMAINS A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF  
A SELF-SUFFICIENT COLONIAL NEW ENGLAND FARM."

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

CALL, THEN  
ACCEPT.  
Habit 11/16/77

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

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

What is the basis for early 18thC date?

State swears early 18thC, I  
guess mid to late 18thC, either  
way eligible.

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

Accept  
2/1/78  
Belovich

**BRANCH CHIEF**

Herring  
2.7.78

**KEEPER**

Wm  
2.8/78

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Register Entry 4.4.78

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_  
Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

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Hudson House  
Oxford, Massachusetts  
1976 ~~Worcester~~ Co.

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Massachusetts  
6  
yes

Richard J. Lundstrom  
Oxford Historical Commission  
3 Willow Street, Oxford

FEB 8 1978

#1 of 2

Looking east toward west elevation of house  
and ell.

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Oxford, Massachusetts  
1977 ~~Worcester Co.~~

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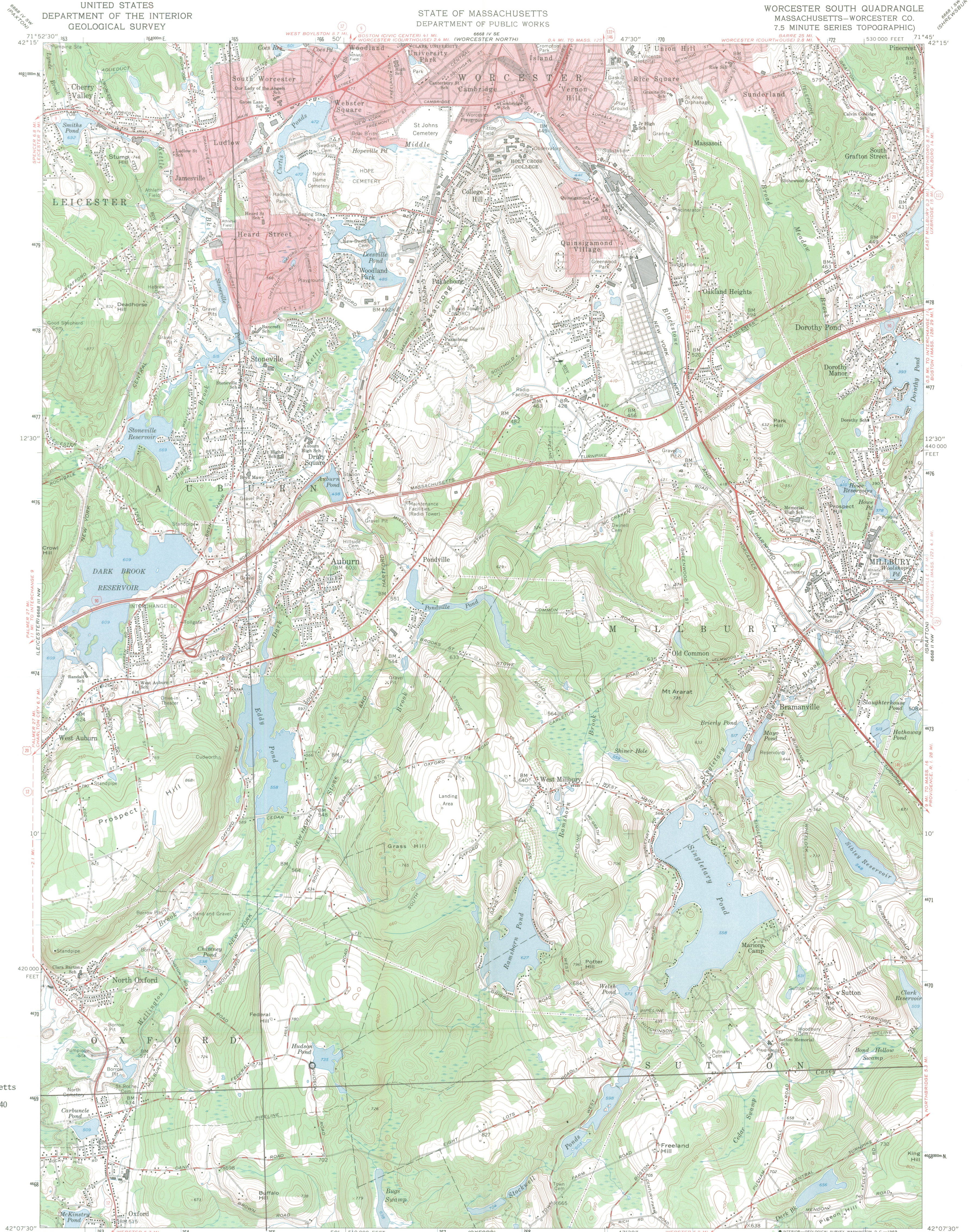
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Oxford Historical Commission  
3 Willow Street, Oxford

FEB 8 1978

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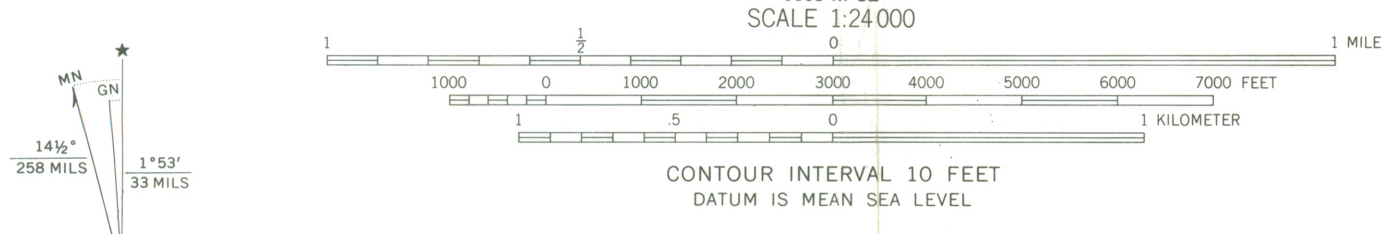
Looking northeast toward south facade and  
west elevation.

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Hudson House  
Oxford, Massachusetts  
UTM Coordinates:  
19/265 580/4669 240

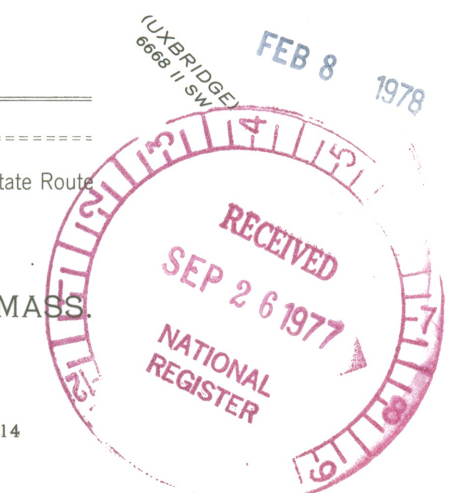
Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey  
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs  
Topography by planetable surveys 1935. Revised 1960  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,  
mainland zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 19, shown in blue  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked  
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown  
Areas covered by dashed light-blue pattern are subject  
to controlled inundation to 504 feet by Hodges Village Dam



ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———  
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———  
○ 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

WORCESTER SOUTH, MASS  
N4207.5—W7145/7.5  
1960  
AMS 6668 III NE-SERIES V814



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered FEB 8 1978

Name

Location

✓ Hudson House

Oxford vicinity  
Worcester County

Ward, Joshua, House

Salem  
Essex County

Bradford, Capt. Gershom, House

Duxbury vicinity  
Plymouth County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward W. Brooke

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy

Hon. Edward P. Boland

Hon. Michael J. Harrington

Hon. Gerry E. Studds

Regional Director, North Atlantic Region

State Historic Preservation Officer

Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon

Executive Director, Massachusetts

Historical Commission

294 Washington Street

Boston, Massachusetts 02108

✓ 880

Mott/js

2/22/78

11/3/78  
Blaine Mallory will  
call (Lendstrom)  
and get back to  
me on date of construction  
Bud Fuchs

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Local History Chairman  
Betsy said perhaps -  
lights added - same structure  
Bill 1720's

Bill -

The local  
Historical Chairman -  
swears by her -  
that this is indeed  
1720's. Betsy Amador  
agrees that ~~the~~  
sidelights are later  
additions as is all  
but believes original  
structure (rectangle) is  
1720.

Brend  
Blaine Mallory did the  
checking on this.

# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Hudson House		② OTHER NAMES: Hudson Homestead		③ date of entry: FEB 8 1978	④ county code: 27
⑤ LOCATION street & number NE of Oxford on Hudson Rd.		city / town Oxford	vicinity of Oxford	state MA	county Worcester
⑦ OWNER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE <input type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> MUNICIPAL <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE <input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL (agency name)		⑧ ADMINISTRATOR:		⑥ NPS REGION: NA	
⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS <input type="checkbox"/> HABS <input type="checkbox"/> HAER <input type="checkbox"/> NHL		⑩ FUNDED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	⑪ CONGRESS. DISTRICT 2nd	⑫ SOURCE of NOMINATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL if state who prepared form?	
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㉔ architectural style(s):		㉕ architect:		㉖ master builder:	
㉗ landscape architect / garden designer:		㉘ interior decorator:		㉙ artist:	
㉚ artisan:		㉛ builder/contractor:			
㉜ NAMES give role & date					
PERSONAL:					
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INSTITUTIONAL:					
㉝ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP					