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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Gardner News Building

AND/OR COMMON
Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

309 Central Street

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Gardner

N/A VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

Worcester

CODE

027

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:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Walter S. and C. Gordon Bell

STREET & NUMBER

309 Central Street

CITY, TOWN

Gardner

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Worcester County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

2 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Worcester

STATE

Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth #216

DATE

1977

— 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

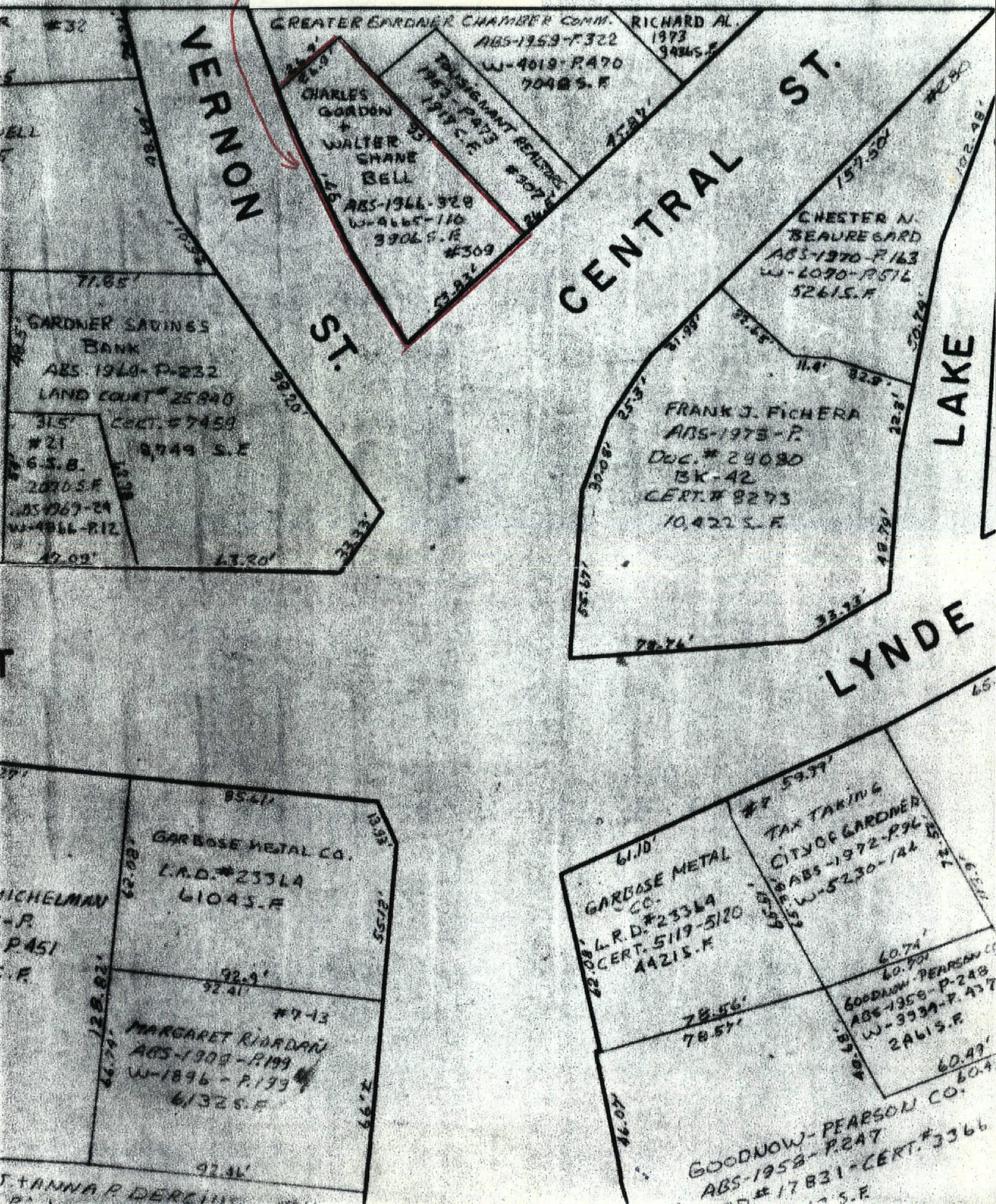
The Gardner News Building stands at the corner of Central and Vernon Streets, a key intersection in downtown Gardner. It is trapezoidal in plan, with its main entrance located on the southern Central Street end. Because of a slightly sloping site, the rear elevation of this utilitarian brick building is two stories in height while the facade is three stories. It is surrounded by a mix of commercial and residential buildings but cannot be considered part of a district.

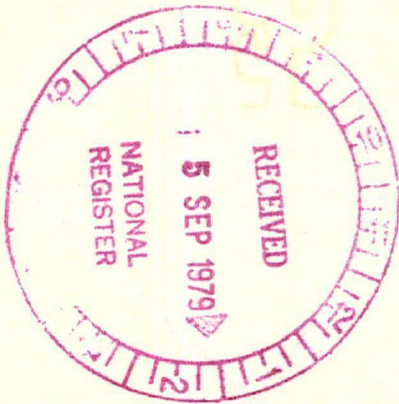
The seven bay facade is loosely divided into three parts both horizontally and vertically. The first floor (separated from a low basement by a row of soldiers) contains a tripartite window with a sandstone architecture in the westernmost two bays. A small window and the simple entrance occupy the two eastern bays. The entrance is headed by a transom and framed by brick pilasters which carry a sandstone architrave. Three slightly recessed windows linked by a single sandstone architrave are located in the center bay. The first floor is articulated by six horizontal brick bands. The second story is divided by brick pilasters with simple capitals which carry a stylized brick entablature. Copper oriels occupy the outer bays, while three windows occupy the center bays. Unframed windows occupy all seven bays of the third story. The building is capped by a decorative brick cornice and sandstone stringcourse and a parapet which appears to have been either repointed or rebuilt.

The western elevation is composed in two parts. The southern section continues the decorative brickwork of the facade and has a shaped parapet. Fenestration is irregular. The eight bay northern part has somewhat simpler brickwork and a regular fenestration pattern. The north and east elevations are without ornamentation and have irregular fenestration.

Gardner, Mass.
Gardner News Building
City Engineer's Map

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Property

Gardner News Building

State

Mass. (Worcester)

Working Number

9-5-79 2097

TECHNICAL

Photos 1

Maps 1

*acreage not specified
in acres*

CONTROL

HISTORIAN

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11/7/79*

*1906 office building. Home since 1906 of influential
local famer. Although the parpet and perhaps other
areas (east corner) may have been repointed or*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*rebuilt, the original design + most
original fabric + workmanship is intact.*

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

*Accept
Mac Dougan
11/8/79*

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____

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Federal Register Entry _____

12.4.79

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The Gardner News



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Gardner News Building
Gardner, Mass. *Worcester County*
Eric Engelson 1978
Gardner Historical Commission

Photo #1 *of 1*
Facade (south)

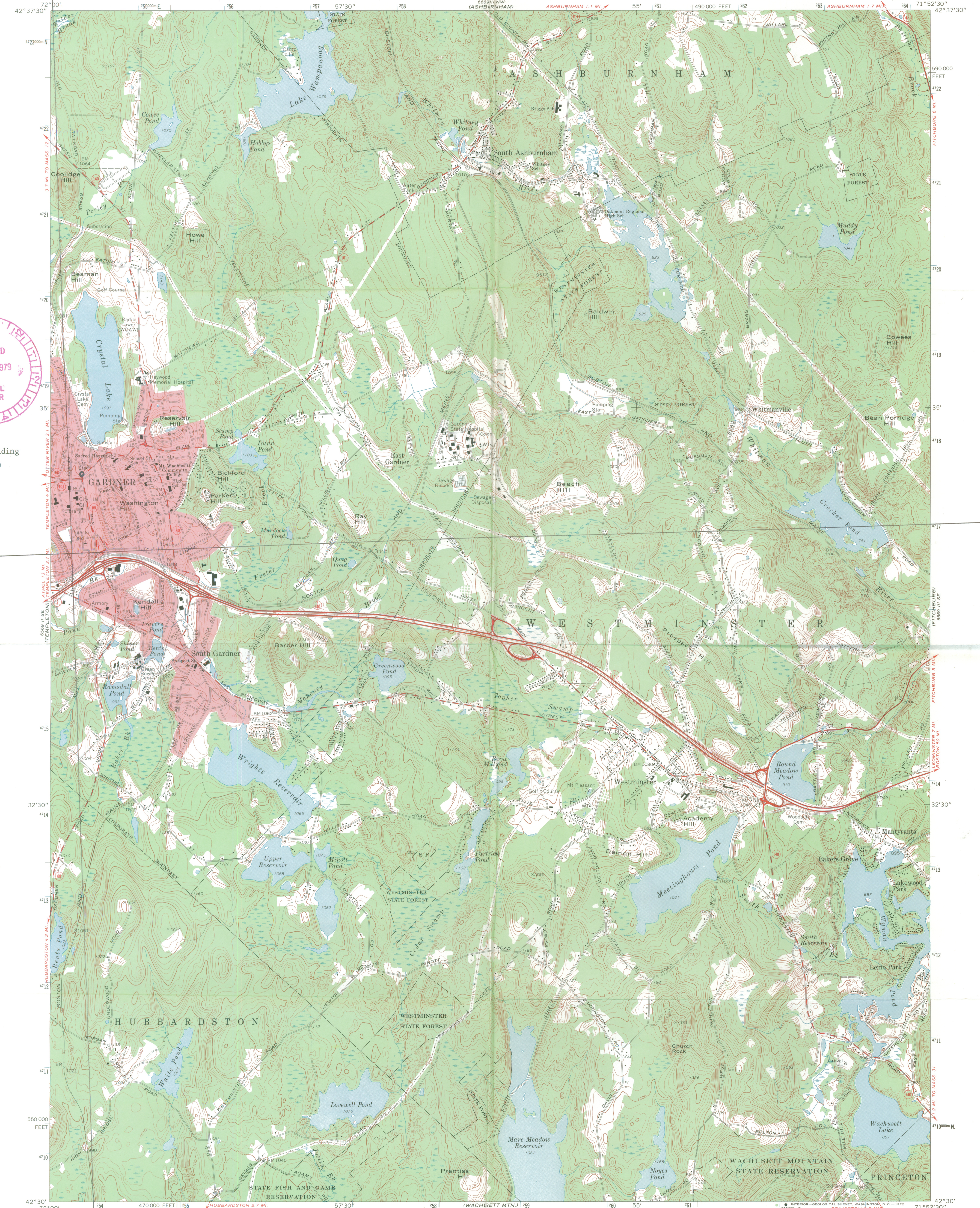
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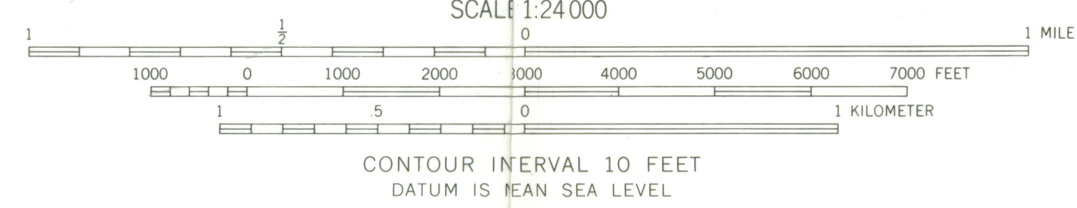
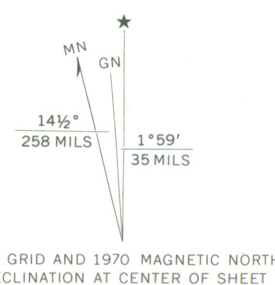
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Gardner News Building
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Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1939. Topography by plane-table surveys 1943 and 1944
Revised from aerial photographs taken 1968. Field checked 1970
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



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



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
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

GARDNER, MASS. *GARDNER NEWS BUILDING*
N4230—W7152.5/7.5
37d

1970
AMS 6669 III SW—SERIES V814

NOV 14 1979



**MASSACHUSETTS
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Office of the Secretary of State**

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Boston, Massachusetts
02108
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MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

August 20, 1979



Mr. Ronald Greenberg, Acting Chief
Registration Branch
OAHP, Heritage, Conservation &
Recreation Service
440 G Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Mr. Greenberg,

Enclosed you will find the following nomination forms:

Gardner - First Minister's House
Gardner - Gardner News Building
Gardner - F.W. Smith Silver Co.

The above have been voted eligible by the State Review Board and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Sincerely,

Christine Boulding
Survey Director

CB/pm

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered NOV 14 1979

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Gardner News Building	Gardner Worcester County
First Minister's House	Gardner Worcester County
Smith, F. W., Silver Company	Gardner Worcester County

Also Notified

Honorable Paul Tsongas

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Honorable Robert F. Drinan

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski
Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

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