

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic PEABODY CIVIC CENTER HISTORIC DISTRICT

and/or common PEABODY CENTER HISTORIC DISTRICT

2. Location

street & number Properties fronting on Chestnut, Church, Foster, Franklin, Lowell Streets not for publication

city, town Peabody vicinity of _____ congressional district Sixth

state Massachusetts code 025 county Essex code 009

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple - see attached list

street & number _____

city, town _____ vicinity of _____ state _____

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Essex County South Registry of Deeds

street & number 32 Federal Street

city, town Salem state Mass.

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth of the _____ has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1977 federal state county local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission

city, town 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 Peabody Historic District covers an area of approximately ten acres, located southwest of Peabody Square, and contains an area of mid-nineteenth century residential and institutional architecture. The district includes 29 properties located on Chestnut, Church, and Franklin Streets and on St. John's Avenue. Boundaries for the district have been selected to reflect changes in historic land use and current changes in architectural quality. The western boundary was drawn to exclude parking lots and the modern St. John's School; the northern boundary excludes heavily altered buildings facing Lowell St.; the eastern boundary excludes commercial properties and parking lots on Foster Street; the southern boundary excludes areas of simpler architecture and less dense nineteenth century development.

Properties included in the district are as follows:

10 Chestnut Street (#1 photo #3) built c. 1840, altered c. 1876, Greek Revival with Italianate style alterations. This is a 2½ story wood frame building with a symmetrical center entrance facade. Decorative details include pedimented gables with semi-circular lights and corner pilasters (1840) as well as segmental windows, pediments, an oriel and cornice brackets (1875).

12 Chestnut Street (#2-photo #3) built c. 1855-70, altered 1935 and 1970. Original 2½ story, side hall plan Second Empire house with twentieth century brick addition to facade.

15 Chestnut Street (#3-photo #3) built c. 1850, elements of Greek Revival and Gothic Revival styles. This is a 1½ story wood frame cottage with a side hall plan, gabled facade and recessed corner entry porch. Decorative details consist of pedimented window surrounds, bargeboards, an oculus and brackets.

16 Chestnut Street (#4-photo #3) built c. 1870-80, Italianate style. This is a 2½ story wood frame building with a symmetrical center entrance facade. Decorative trim consists of pedimented and flat topped window caps, an oriel over the entry porch and paired brackets at the cornice.

18 Chestnut Street (#5-photo #3) built c. 1835, Greek Revival style. This is a 1½ story wood frame cottage with a symmetrical center entrance facade. Its overhanging pedimented gable forms a porch set on four Doric columns.

20 Chestnut Street (#6-photo #3) built c. 1875-88, Italianate. This is similar in design to building #4.

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26 Chestnut Street (#7) built c. 1856, Italianate style. This is a 2 story wood frame structure with side hall plan and facade gable. Stylistic features are a bracketed entry hood and rectangular bay window.

28 Chestnut Street (#8) built c. 1855, Italianate style. This is similar in design to building #7.

30 Chestnut Street (#9) built c. 1850. Greek Revival style. This is a 2 story frame house with a side hall plan and facade gable treated as a pediment. The entry has a pilaster surround with entablature.

St. John's Convent (#10) built to present appearance 1895, Second Empire style. The Convent is a 3½ story frame structure with 1½ stories contained beneath a high mansard roof. Although ascribed a date of 1895, its decorative detail-bracketed window caps and cornice, pilasters, open bell tower- appear to date from the 1870's.

St. John's Rectory (#11) built 1900, Colonial Revival style. This is a 3½ story brick building enclosed by a steep hip roof. Its simple details include a Tuscan entry porch and splayed window lintels.

14 Church Street - St. John's Catholic Church (#12-photo #2) built 1871-70, High Victorian Gothic style. St. John's is constructed of brick with dressed granite trim. It has a high nave with flanking side aisles and a square plan tower with slate covered spire at its northeast corner. The first Catholic Church constructed in Peabody, it contains a basement chapel (1871) and the main church hall (1879) capable of seating 1200 people.

18 Church Street (#13) built c. 1844, vernacular Greek Revival.

20 Church Street (#14) built c. 1858, Italianate style with c. 1920 Colonial Revival style porch.

24 Lowell Street Peabody City Hall (#15-photo #1) built 1883, Second Empire style, Rufus Sargent, architect. Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places on June 27, 1972.

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14 Franklin Street (#16) built c. 1845, Greek Revival style. Similar to building #7

15 Franklin Street (#17) built c. 1915, astylistic, 2 story wood frame house.

17 Franklin Street (#18) built c. 1840, Greek Revival style. This is a 2 story frame building with symmetrical center entrance facade facing Franklin Street and a secondary side hall facade perpendicular to the street.

20 Franklin Street (#19) built c. 1840-55, Greek Revival style. Similar to buildings #9 and #14.

20a Franklin Street (#20) built c. 1891, astylistic, 2 story frame house.

21 Franklin Street (#21) built c. 1840, Greek Revival with Italianate style alterations. This is a 2 story frame house with a center entrance facade; twin interior chimneys and end wall gables. Details include corner pilasters and an entablature, (1840) bracketed entry hood, oriel and bay window (1875).

22 Franklin Street (#22) built c. 1850, Greek Revival style. Two story wood frame building with gabled facade and simple detail.

25 Franklin Street (#23) built c. 1844, elements of Greek and Gothic Revival styles. This is a 1½ story wood frame cottage with a symmetrical center entrance facade and twin gables. Details are plain corner boards and an entry hood with a scalloped barge board and open carved brackets.

26 Franklin Street (#24) c. 1800-1840, timber frame vernacular. This 2 story, center chimney, center entry structure is the oldest remaining in the district. Its exterior is presently covered with synthetic siding.

27 Franklin Street (#25) c. 1844, Greek Revival style. This is a 2 story wood frame building with gabled facade and a major addition along its south wall.

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30 Franklin Street (#26) c. 1845-55, Greek Revival style. This is a 1½ story wood frame cottage with a gabled side hall plan facade facing Franklin Street and a symmetrical center entrance facade perpendicular to the street. It is presently covered with wood shingles.

32 Franklin Street (#27) c. 1880, Victorian Gothic Cottage.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Peabody Center Historic District possesses substantial integrity of its mid-nineteenth century residential architecture and has important historical associations as the civic center of Peabody. Occupation of the area began in 1634 with the construction of a grist mill immediately north of the district. In 1711, the community's first meetinghouse was built here. Between 1812 and 1850 undeveloped portions of the district served as the site of military encampments of the town militia and light infantry. To a limited degree, Lowell Street which lies to the north of the district, became built up in the 1820's-1840's with small scale workshops.

Following the incorporation of Peabody as a separate town in 1868 and its growth of population, the scale of civic and institutional architecture increased in the 1870's and 1880's. The district's status as Peabody's civic center was re-affirmed in 1880-1883 with the construction of an imposing 3½ story Second Empire style city hall. Between 1871 and 1879, St. John's, Peabody's first Catholic church, built the city's largest church building on Church Street. Constructed in High Victorian Gothic style, this church was followed by the construction of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in 1876 (now the Ancient Order of Hibernians, rebuilt 1917). At the end of the nineteenth century, St. John's property was enlarged by the addition of a Parochial School (1893, rebuilt 1916, excluded from district), a Convent (1895) and a Rectory (1900).

The largest number of buildings in the Center District are one and two story frame houses of Greek Revival and Italianate design. Characteristic of the range of Greek Revival architecture present are the cottages at 15 Chestnut Street and 30 Franklin Street and the houses at 30 Chestnut Street, 17 Franklin Street and 21 Franklin Street. The area's Italianate architecture is dominated by 2 story center entrance houses (20 Church Street and 16 Chestnut Street) and by smaller side hall plan houses (28 Chestnut Street and 46 Lowell Street). Several individually outstanding examples of various styles exist in the district, among these are 18 Chestnut Street, an unusual variation on the popular Greek Revival temple front design, 10 Chestnut Street which contains an opulent combination of Greek Revival and Italianate style decorative details, 18 Church Street which is a late example of a popular vernacular house type of the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, and St. John's Convent, a large Second Empire style building with an open bell tower/cupola. Presently, most buildings in the district retain the most

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important features of the original design. Plans are currently being prepared by the City of Peabody for the revitalization of its center, including portions of the Center District, which will receive improvements to its public utilities and to its street lighting and paving.

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Geographical
Data

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✓ lines of properties on the south side of Lowell Street, excepting the City Hall and easterly by the rear lot lines of the properties of the west side of Chestnut Street.

- this V.B.D. has been supplanted by the V.B.D. (item #10, p.1) dated June 16, 1980.

PROPERTIES IN PEABODY CIVIC CENTER HISTORICAL DISTRICT

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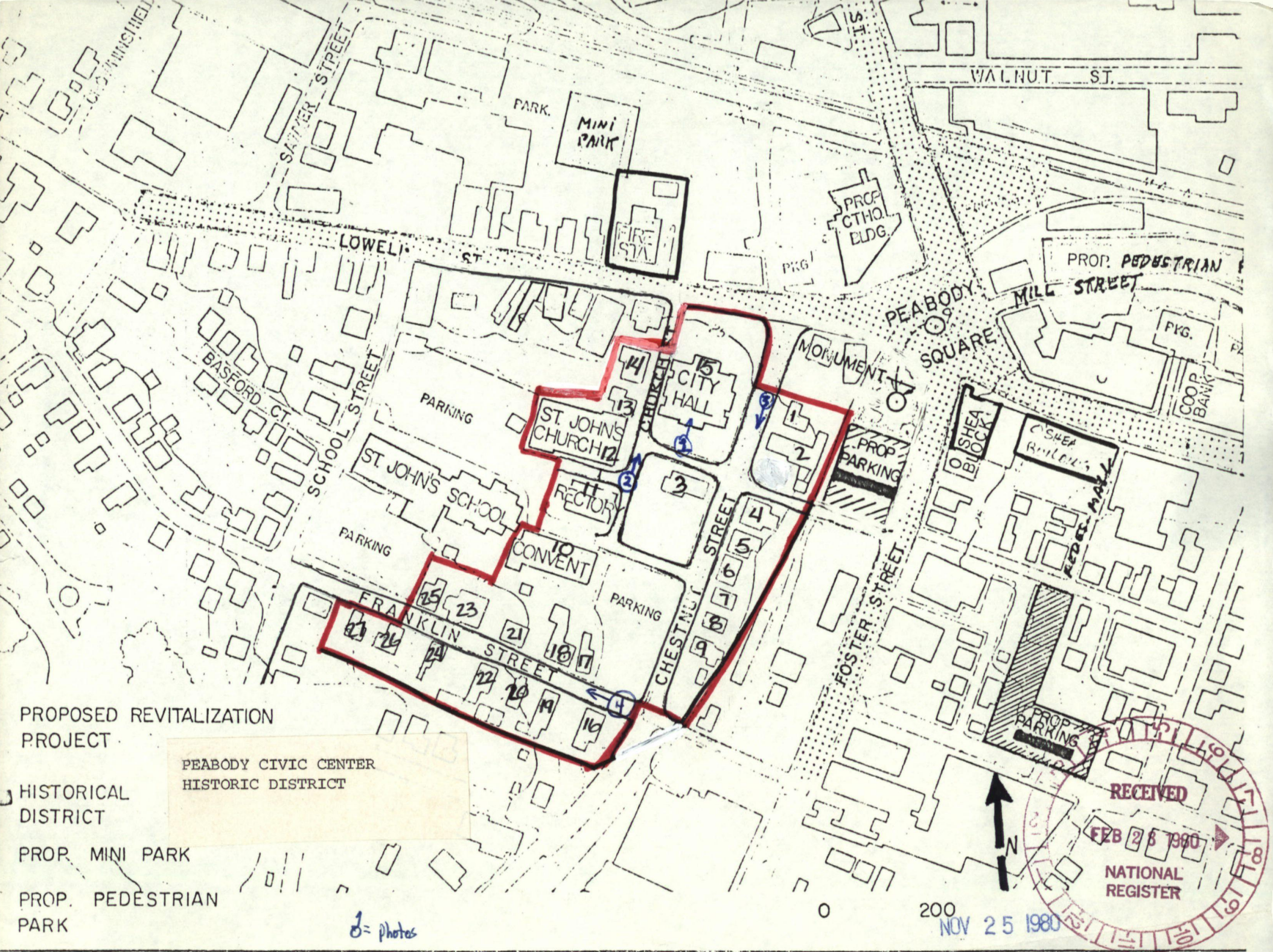
Map #	Address	Name	Date	Owner of Record
1	10 Chestnut Street		c. 1840	James Goggin
2	12 Chestnut Street	Conway Funeral Home	c. 1855	Conway, Kathleen R., 19
3	15 Chestnut Street	Taylor, Low House	c. 1850	Leonard F. Conway and Kenneth J. Bouffard, trustees Fifteen Chestnut Street Realty
4.	16 Chestnut Street		c. 1890	Walsh, Mrs. John F.
5.	18 Chestnut Street		c. 1835	Leary, James D.
6.	20 Chestnut Street		c. 1888	Kiley, Cornelius
7.	26 Chestnut Street		c. 1856	Kaminski, Josef
8.	28 Chestnut Street		c. 1855	McDermitt, John
9.	30 Chestnut Street	Railroad House	c. 1850	Halleran, Francis
10.	Church Street & St. John's Ave,	St. John's Convent	c. 1895)) Roman Catholic Archbishop) of Boston c/o Rev. Mimie Pitaro,) Pastor, 14 Church Street)
11.	Church Street	St. John's Rectory	c. 1900)
12.	14 Church Street	St. John's Church	c. 1871-1874)
13.	18 Church Street		c. 1844	Birmingham, Helen M.
14.	20 Church Street	Cahill Funeral Home	c. 1858	Cahill, Francis and Mary Alice
*15.	24 Lowell Street	Town Hall/City Hall	c. 1883	City of Peabody
16.	14 Franklin Street		c. 1845	Hammond, George H.

17.	15 Franklin Street	c. 1915	Doherty, Joseph R.
18.	17 Franklin Street	c. 1840	Santos, Laura & Paramas, Frances
19.	20 Franklin Street	c. 1860	Rikkola, Alvan B., 19 Emerson Street
20.	20a Franklin Street	c. 1891	Plomondon, Walter
21.	21 Franklin Street	c. 1840	Ellis, Louise A.
22.	22 Franklin Street	c. 1845	Billings, Esther, 19 Longbow Road, Danvers
23.	25 Franklin Street	c. 1844	Dunn, John
24.	26 Franklin Street	c. 1870	Spring, William
25.	27 Franklin Street	c. 1844	Gargas, James T. & Maureen M.
26.	30 Franklin Street	c. 1860	Gregg, William H., Gloria L. & Concetta E.
27.	32 Franklin Street	c. 1880	Mitchell, Peter D. & Beth A.

*Building listed on National Register
of Historic Places

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PROPOSED REVITALIZATION PROJECT

PEABODY CIVIC CENTER HISTORIC DISTRICT

HISTORICAL DISTRICT

PROP. MINI PARK

PROP. PEDESTRIAN PARK

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The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE NOMINATION IS RESUBMITTED.

7 Description: _____

8 Statement of Significance: _____

9 Bibliography: _____

10 Geographical Data -- Acreage: _____
UTM Reference(s): _____
Verbal Boundary Description: _____

12 Certification: _____
Photographic Coverage: Requested photos on 7/16/80 (see phone report) - State has not been able to obtain them and requests that we return this nomination.
Map Coverage: _____
Other: _____

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Patrick Andrews
on the National Register staff, telephone 202/343-6401

Thank you for your attention to the above items.
Bruce Mac Dougal Date: 9/10/80
Chief, Branch of Registration 8/29/80

Property Leabody Civic Center Historic District

State Ma. Essex

Working Number 2-28-80 618

TECHNICAL

Photos 3
Maps 2

CONTROL

This district is significant for the cohesion of its residential architectural grouping and for its association with the town's civic development. The District consists largely of Greek Revival style buildings - that many were altered in the late Victorian era show the prosperity of that period. This district is centered around the center of civic activity in the town - the imposing 1880 Second Empire style city hall.

HISTORIAN

Patrick Andrews
7/8/80

~~**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**~~

Requested photos on 7/16 - state has not been able to obtain them and requests that we return this nomination.

Return
Patrick Andrews
8/25/80

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

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Inventory _____
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National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry _____

Send-back 9.10.80
Re-submit 11.3.80

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lines of properties on the south side of Lowell Street, excepting the City Hall* and easterly by the rear lot lines of the properties of the east side of Chestnut Street.

** this means that the only building on Lowell street that is included in the nomination is the city Hall. see telephone report of 6/25/80*

Property

Peabody Civic Center Historic District

2nd control

State

MA, Essex

Working Number

2,28,80,618

CONTROL

TECHNICAL

Photos

4

Maps

2

HISTORIAN

*Requested additional photos - State wasnt able to get them, requested we return. new photo is adequate to convey sense of district
District is significant for the quality of its residential architecture and for its association with the civic development of the town (see original comments).*

*accept
Patrick Andrews
11/24/80*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

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Inventory _____

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Re-submit _____



Peabody Civic Center Historic District
Peabody, Mass.

Peabody Police Dept.
Peabody City Hall

Essex Co.
1972

Photo #1 Of 3
Facade of City Hall facing south

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Peabody Civic Center Historic District
Peabody, Mass.

Essex Co.

Ray Wallman 1978
24 Main Street, Peabody

Photo #2 of 3
Church Street facing north, St. John's
Church, City Hall

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Peabody, Mass.

Essex Co.

Ray Wallman 1978
24 Main Street, Peabody

Photo #3 of 3
Streetscape: Chestnut Street facing south
#'s 10, 12, 15, 16 Chestnut Street

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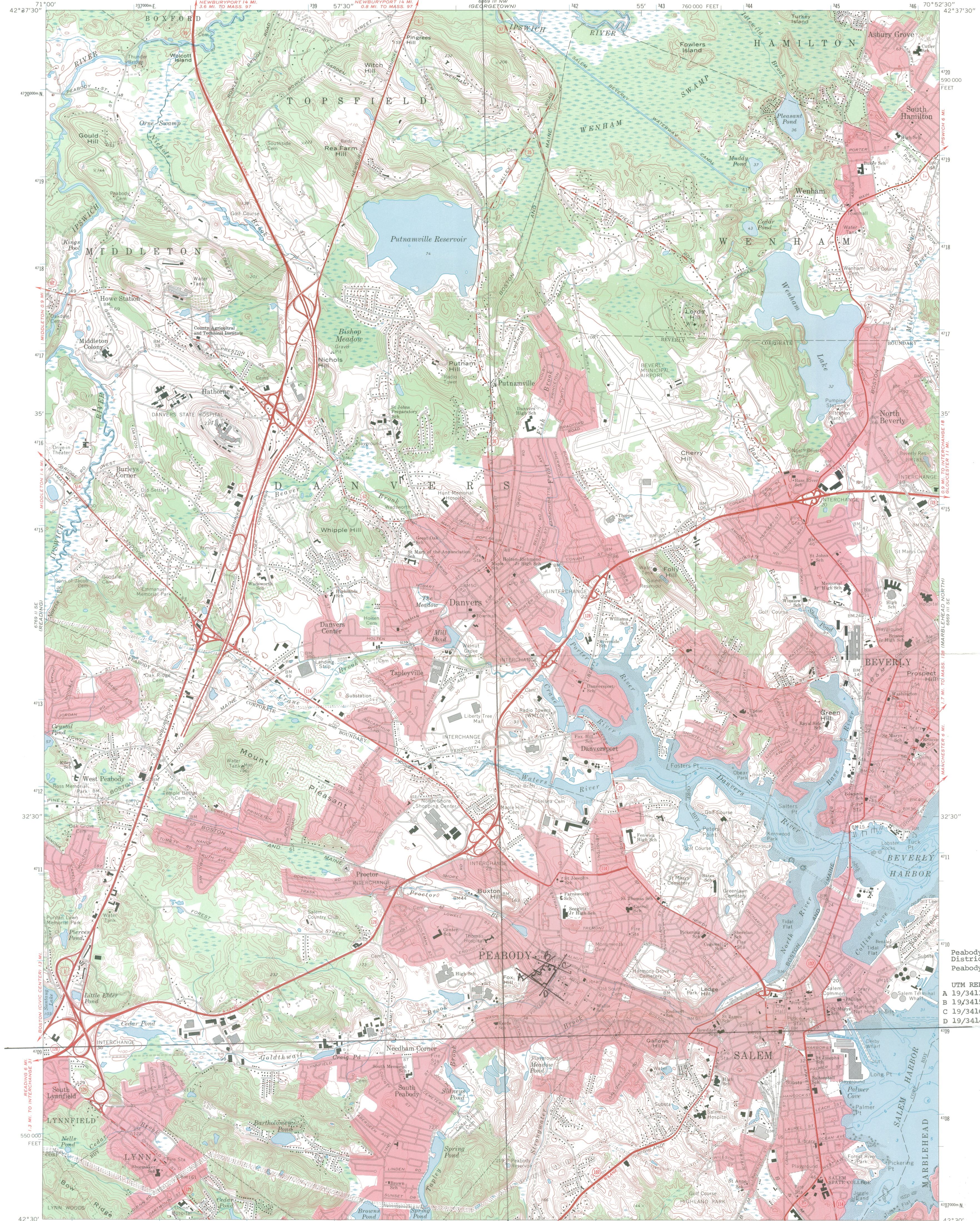
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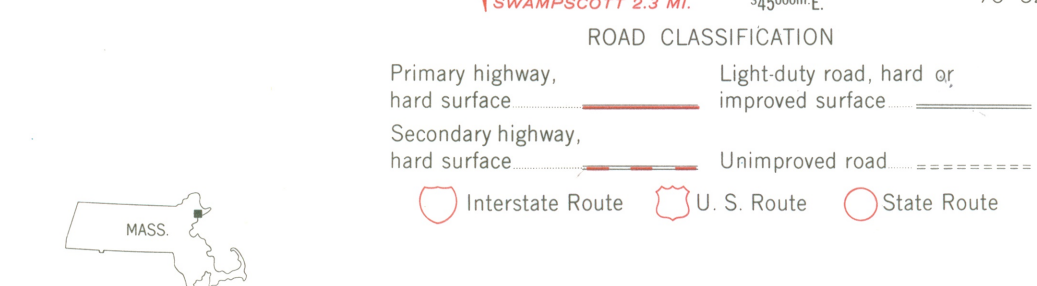
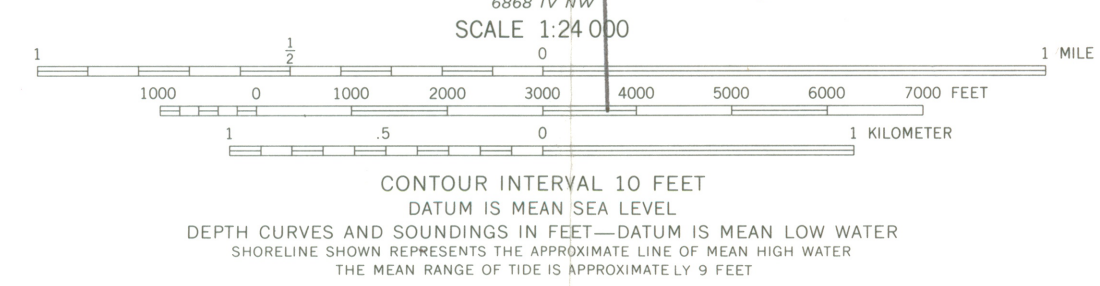
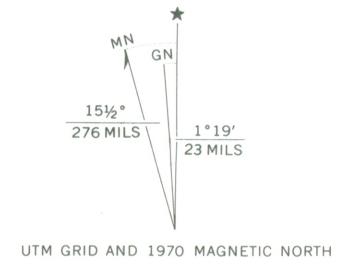
Photo

Looking west on Franklin Street from the
intersection of Chestnut Street, showing
the south side of the street.

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241 (1970). This information is not intended
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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
Boundaries in tidalwater areas from information supplied
by Massachusetts Department of Public Works
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



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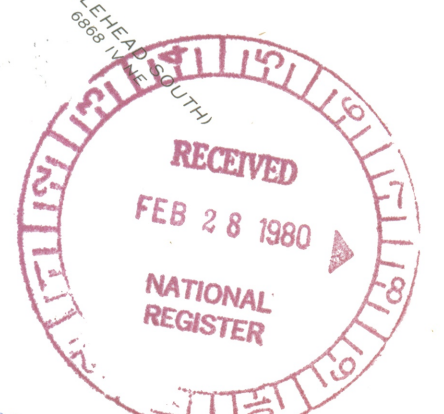
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United States Department of the Interior

HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO: 661

MAR 10 1980

Dear Property Owner:

The property you own is located in a historic district that has been nominated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register is the government's official list of historic buildings and other cultural resources worthy of preservation. This nomination is pending in our office.

If your property is depreciable and the district is listed in the National Register, there are certain benefits and provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 that may apply to you. We are enclosing information about this law and a general description of the National Register program.

Soon we will be considering whether the district should be listed, using as our guidelines the "Criteria for Evaluation" shown in the enclosed material. If you wish to comment on whether the district should be listed, we would be pleased to hear from you. Send your comments within 30 days of the date of this letter to me, Carol D. Shull, Acting Keeper of the National Register, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, Department of the Interior, Pension Building, 440 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20243 (Attn: NOM). Please include the name of the district (as shown on the address label on this letter) and property address. If you have any questions about the National Register program or the enclosed material, you should also address them to me.

In the enclosed material you will note references to standards for rehabilitating old buildings. These standards are a list of do's and don't's for people who are fixing up old buildings. If the owner of a building listed in the National Register, either individually or as part of a district, wishes to take advantage of the Tax Reform Act benefits, these standards must be followed. A copy of these standards is available from Technical Preservation Services, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, Department of the Interior, Pension Building, 440 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20243. Questions about the standards should also be addressed to that same office.

Sincerely,

Carol D. Shull
Acting Keeper of the National Register

William Spring
26 Franklin Street
Peabody, MA

RE: Peabody Civic Center Hist. Dist.



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Sincerely,

Carol D. Shull

Carol D. Shull
Acting Keeper of the National Register

Peter and Beth Mitchell
32 Franklin Street
Peabody, MA

RE: Peabody Civic Center Hist. Dist.

17 Franklin Street
Peabody, Mass. 01960

March 28, 1980

Ms. Carol D. Shull
Acting Keeper of the National Register
Heritage Conservation & Recreation Serv.
Dept. of the Interior
Pension Bldg., 440 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20243 (Attn. NOM)

Dear Ms. Shull:

This letter is to inform you that I am in favor of having my property at 17 Franklin Street, Peabody, Massachusetts listed as part of the Peabody Civic Center Historic District on the National Register. This action will help our community in its Revitalization efforts for the downtown neighborhoods, business and industrial areas.

Sincerely,

Francis Santos Pramas

ND - call

Effect letter

Andrus
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PEARL, McNIFF, CREAN & COOK

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

30 MAIN STREET

PEABODY, MASSACHUSETTS 01960

SAMUEL PEARL
JOHN A. MCNIFF
JOHN M. CREAN
OLIVER T. COOK
LAWRENCE J. O'KEEFE
WILLIAM H. SHEEHAN III

PEABODY 617/531-1710
BOSTON 617/289-3456

April 7, 1980

Carol D. Shull
Acting Keeper of the National Register
United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
Washington, D. C. 20240

Re: Peabody Civic Center Historical
District, Peabody, Massachusetts
Reference: 661

Dear Ms. Shull:

This office represents Francis and Mary Alice Cahill, owners of Patrick J. Cahill and Son Funeral Home located at 20 Church Street in Peabody, Massachusetts, which is located in the district being nominated for the National Register of Historic Places.

Mr. and Mrs. Cahill do not feel that the area in which their funeral home is located is a particularly historic area. They are also concerned about what effects, if any, listing in the National Register would have on their business. Their particular building is in excellent condition and standards for the rehabilitation of old buildings do not appear to apply to their situation. They are much more interested in learning what strictures might be placed upon the use and ordinary maintenance of their building by listing in the National Register.

I have examined Title 16, Section 470 (a) through (n) of the United States Code and I see no restrictions on the use or change in appearance of structures located within an historic district.

I would appreciate hearing from you in this regard.

Very truly yours,


John M. Crean

JMC:dlp

cc: Mr. and Mrs. Francis Cahill
20 Church Street
Peabody, Massachusetts 01960

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THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE REC'D APR 10 1980

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)

INFORMATIVE MATERIAL SENT

TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)

DATE ACTION TAKEN 5/16

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EXPLAINED DIST. NOT
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531-1497

30 Chestnut Street
Peabody, Mass.
April 8, 1980

Pat A.
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Essex Co.

Re: 661
Peabody Civic Center
Historic District

Carol D. Shull
Acting Keeper of
the National Register
U.S. Dept. Of the Interior
Washington D.C. 20240

Dear Ms. Shull:

How timely the 661 material! There is now much consternation abroad in this old neighborhood in opposition to a proposal to demolish an old distinctive wooden convent to provide parking space for a further proposed (either 70 or 200 unit) multiple high rise dwelling.

I strongly urge that the Peabody Civic Center Historic District be entered into the National Register for the preservation of the characteristics of this old historic area.

It is regrettable that properties owned by religious institutions are not ordinarily qualified, for in this case, as well as in many others, demolition, rather than rehabilitation of a neighborhood begins with church properties. Therefore, will you consider sending a copy of the 661 material to:

Rev. Msgr. Mimie B. Pitaro
St. John the Baptist Rectory
17-19 Chestnut Street
Peabody, Massachusetts 01960

Perhaps this may encourage the Monsignor to reconsider and rehabilitate this wonderful old building for housing rather than to begin the demolition of an old and historic district.....for obviously, one structure of the proposed magnitude in an area such as this will eventually lead to eminent domain. Too much of our New England culture and history has been buried in concrete.

Any further advice or material which you may offer to aid in the preservation of this historic neighborhood would be most appreciated. Thank you for your concern and the opportunity to comment.

Very truly yours,
Dorothy E. Halleran
Dorothy E. Hallern
(Mrs. Frank D. Halleran)

P.s. If you do have further advice or material, will you send a copy of same to another interested and concerned neighbor:

Mr. Robert Kiley
20 Chestnut St., Peabody, Mass.

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE REC'D APR 11 1980

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)

INFORMATIVE MATERIAL SENT

TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)

DATE ACTION TAKEN 5/29

INITIALS SHH

worried about ~~7~~ proposed
7 story building in middle of
district - referred to Advisory Council

Carol D. Skull April 8, 1980 JP
To Acting Keeper of National Register MA
Pembury

I am interesting in getting that letter you sent me March 10, 1980, relating to Historical District's and preservation of such.

My home which is a Duplex, consisting of eleven rooms, and separate cellars and entrances to each side, including separate yards.

This house was built in 1866, it also has nine Gables on it.

The homes in my area were all built over a hundred years ago, each and every one of them is well kept up.

Like myself, these homes have come down thru the families and

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we have a lot of pride so to speak, and take good care of them.

This area is considered as of being in the Historical Nature, I am hoping for the future generation it will be considered as such, I think and believe very heartily in the preservation of culture and historical things.

I am very thankful, people like you and your aides follow on these projects.

Sincerely,

John F. Dunn

25 Franklin St

Peabody, Mass 01960

Peabody Civic Center Hist. Dist.

VP (MA)
owner
change

April 9th, 1980

Carol D. Shull
Acting Keeper of the National Register
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
Department of the Interior, Pension Building
440 G. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20243 (Attn: NOM)

Dear Madam:

In answer to your letter of March 10th, 1980, I wish to say that I would be happy to be included in the list of homes to be listed in the Register of Historic Places in Peabody, Massachusetts. It would be a real pleasure to be a partaker with the rest of my neighborhood.

This house had been in the name of Helen M. Birmingham, my sister, who is now deceased and I am presently the owner of the property.

Any further information that you might be able to forward to me, I would appreciate. Thanking you, I am

Sincerely

Marie R. Birmingham

Marie R. Birmingham
18 Church Street
Peabody, Mass., 01960

RE: Peabody Civic Center Hist. Dist

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE REC'D APR 15 1980

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)

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PL RECD

DATE ACTION TAKEN

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BE: 100-104 STATE COLLEGE HIST. DIST.

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Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management
 National Register of Historic Places
 Office of the Director

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April 26. 80 MB

Maurice Largas
27 Franklin St
Peabody, Mass.
01960

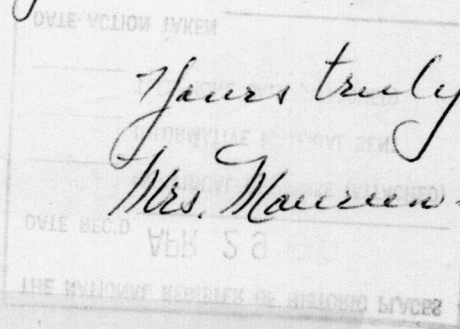
RE: Peabody Civic Center Hist. Dist.

Dear Mr. Schull,

Our property is well chosen to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Our property is indeed old and well maintained and preserved in its original design as all the old homes in our small neighborhood.

Yours truly

Mrs. Maurice Largas



DATE

6/25/80

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL

AM
PM

1. CALL TO: FROM (Name)

Candy Jenkins

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

MA. SHPO

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Peabody Civic Center Hist. Dist. - Essex County, MA.

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

I asked her about the V.B.D. for the northern boundary - what it means is that the only building on Lowell Street that is included in the district is the city Hall.

7/16/80 I requested photos of typical buildings and streetscape of Franklin Street and a photo(s) of the convent and rectory on Church Street.

8/25 She has not been able to obtain the photos from the locals and requests that we return the nomination.

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

TITLE

OFFICE

Patrick Andrews



United States Department of the Interior

HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20243

IN REPLY REFER TO:

SEP 10 1980

NOV 25 1980

Dear State Historic Preservation Officer:

The accompanying nomination is being returned to you for the reasons indicated on the return sheet.

Since this nomination was originally made under our former notification regulations which require notification of property owners by the National Register, it will not be necessary to renominate under new regulations. However, on the advice of the Department of the Interior's Solicitor's Office, and because of staffing problems which prevent our continuing to notify owners, we are phasing out use of old notification procedures. We urge you to resubmit this nomination within 45 days of the date of this letter. We have also set the date of December 31, 1980, as the deadline for processing nominations made under the former procedures. After that date, all nominations processed in this office will be done so in accordance with new procedures published in final on April 16, 1980. Nominations not made in accordance with new procedures will be returned to States.

If the changes to this nomination are substantive and would merit renotification of property owners by the State in accordance with new regulations 36 CFR 1202.12, this should be done in order to assure thorough and adequate notice. Section 1202.12 (g) specifies when renotification is appropriate. We are eager to resolve all questions concerning this and other nominations made in accordance with the old notification procedures. We request your cooperation in this effort.

If we can be of further assistance to you, or if you have questions concerning the processing of nominations, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Jerry L. Rogers
Acting Keeper of the
National Register

Enclosure

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

MASSACHUSETTS

STATE

Date Entered

NOV 25 1980

Name

Location

Peabody Civic Center Historic District

Peabody
Essex County

Also Notified

Honorable Paul Tsongas

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Honorable Nicholas Mavroules

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

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BYers/bjr/12/8/80

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.