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United States Department of the Interior
National Park 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 THE ROCKLAND ALMSHOUSE (preferred)

and/or common The Almshouse

2. Location

street & number 198 Spring Street N/A not for publication

city, town Rockland N/A vicinity of congressional district

state Massachusetts code 025 county Plymouth code 023

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Town of Rockland

street & number 242 Union Street

city, town Rockland N/A vicinity of state MA 02370

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Plymouth County Registry of Deeds

street & number Court Street

city, town Plymouth state MA

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth, #1 has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission

city, town Boston state A

7. Description Rockland Almshouse, 198 Spring St., Rockland, MA

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	(by <u>an addition,</u> <u>1899</u>)		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Almshouse property encompasses its original 6 acre lot and includes The Almshouse as well as four ancillary structures: a barn, "tramp house" and two chicken coops. The open expanse of land is bounded on the east by French's Stream and undeveloped woodland, on the north and south by private abutters and on the west by Spring Street. Topographically, the area is characterized by a mixture of wetlands and higher dry areas. Historically, land use has been primarily agricultural including vegetable gardening, cow grazing, and poultry and livestock raising; at present it contains the Community Garden Plots of the Rockland Garden Club and two playing fields. The Almshouse buildings are currently not in use.

Functional in conception and design, the Almshouse is an L-plan building exhibiting the distinctive characteristics of vernacular, transitional Greek Revival/Italianate design: broad proportions, regular fenestration and spare decoration. Originally, the structure was built as a rectangular 2½ story almshouse with clapboard exterior, gable roof and side (flank) entrance. This portion remains virtually intact today. A major and similar infirmary addition was appended to the southeast corner in 1899, completing the present form. The following description discusses the building as a single unit.

The Almshouse rises 2½ stories from a full basement. The foundation is original: brick above grade painted red, and rubblestone below. Wall construction is wood frame, sheathed in clapboards and trimmed with narrow corner boards. The gable roof(s) with returns at the end, which cap the building are currently covered by asphalt shingles; wooden gutters and metal downspouts allow water runoff. The original, now non-functioning, central brick chimney of the 1876 section remains; an additional exterior brick chimney, centrally located on the north elevation serves the furnace.

The south elevation of the 1876 section presents the most formal appearance. The original 1-story entrance porch with turned posts and railing and decorative sawn brackets runs the length of the symmetrical 5-bay facade. The primary central entry retains its 6-panel double doors with 2 light transom above; a secondary entry accesses into the 1899 ell at the east end of the porch. Abutting this main facade, the west elevation of the 1899 ell is likewise 5-bays wide, although less symmetrical. Gable ends (west and south) are also similar: 3 bays wide with paired windows in the gable fields; central fire doors and fire escapes on the second story. The south gable end of the 1899 ell contains an additional fire door at the first story level. A comparable balance between academic symmetry and functional irregularity characterizes both the north and east elevations. Windows throughout are 6/6 double hung sash and surmounted by simple shouldered architraves, the majority on the second story retain wooden shutters.

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The interior plan is designed to accommodate communal living. The full basement contains a food storage room, laundry area and fireproofed furnace room. On the first floor, six rooms were reserved as a private apartment for the caretakers. Remaining space includes a large dining hall with pressed tin ceiling, office lounge, lavatory, lavatory and bath, dormitory, stairhall and five single bedrooms. The second floor is comprised of twenty-four single bedrooms, one tubroom, one room with three toilets and two sinks, one full bathroom, two storage rooms, and a central corridor. Flooring on both the first and second floors is linoleum-covered wood. The attic consists of three open spaces. Additional notable interior features include five staircases, the primary of which exhibits turned newel post and balusters; and original hardware, including butt hinges, milkglass door knobs, and decorative brass bell and letter slot in the apartment entrance.

The barn, which predates the Almshouse, is of post and beam construction, clapboarded and shingled on the exterior. A large shed addition has been added to the north elevation. It was purchased as part of the original 6 acre site in 1876 and was moved closer to the main house in 1894. A silo, added in 1918 and costing \$250, no longer stands. The "tramp house"; a small, one room, wood frame structure with brick chimney, double barn doors and porch; was erected in the fall of 1876. The chicken coops are small sheds with horizontal plank siding and in disrepair.

The possibility of the presence of subsurface structural and material culture remains is undetermined.

8. Significance

Rockland Almshouse, 198 Spring St., Rockland, MA

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1876; 1899

Builder/Architect Reed and Kelley (draftsmen);
Hebberd and Ames (builders)

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Rockland Almshouse possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It stands as a representative virtually intact, and regionally rare surviving example of mid to late 19th century municipal almshouse architecture. Further, the complex retains historical significance through association with the community development of Rockland and as a product of prevalent social/humanitarian values of the period. Thus, the property meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

Both the almshouses of the 19th century and their predecessors, the poorfarms of the Federal period, represent early public efforts to cope with members of society unable to care for themselves. As these people were dependent on the community, the community in turn provided housing, food and medical treatment at the almshouse until they were able to support themselves or be transferred elsewhere for specialized care. In the 20th century, the local municipal almshouse system gradually faded and was superceded by state sponsored institutions and by the national welfare system.

Arrangements for construction of an almshouse was one of the first issues addressed at town meeting following incorporation of the town of Rockland from part of Abington in 1874; this concern was second only to the erection of a schoolhouse. The Rockland Town Reports of 1875, '76, and '77 report in detail the building of the Almshouse as well as the citizen's concern for the poor and indigent and the logic behind the planning of the structures. The decision in and of itself to build a new almshouse structure is notable for this period. Commonly, towns, poorer ones in particular, continued the practice of purchasing existing farms rather than going to the trouble and expense of constructing a specially designed building. At this time, Rockland was participating in a burgeoning local footwear manufacturing economy. The Almshouse may thus be interpreted as a reflection of growing economic prosperity and increasing population in the newly formed town.

On May 5, 1876, the Selectmen purchased six acres of land including a barn (still standing) from Horatio Baker. Construction proceeded quickly and the Almshouse opened October 1, 1876, under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Alger. Subsequent caretakers were Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Sanders (1897-1913) and Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Wyatt and family (1913-1979).

On November 4, 1876, a small "tramp house" was erected on the property at an expense of \$160. This was necessary due to an increase of indigent

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9. Major Bibliographical References

- 1982, Historic and Archaeological Resources of the Boston Area. Massachusetts Historical Commission, Boston, MA
- 1982, Historic and Archaeological Resources of Southeastern Massachusetts. Massachusetts Historical Commission, Boston, MA

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 6+
 Quadrangle name Whitman, MA Quadrangle scale 1:25000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification The present boundaries correspond to those purchased by the Town of Rockland in 1874. See attached map; page #57, parcel 44.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	<u>N/A</u>	code	county	code
state		code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Virginia A. Fitch, Preservation Planner with Fred N. Kugel, Chairman, Rockland Historical Commission
 organization Massachusetts Historical Comm. date December, 1982
 street & number 294 Washington St. telephone (617) 727-8470
 city or town Boston state MA

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 *Patricia L. Weslow*
 title State Historic Preservation Officer, MHC date 3/16/83

For NPS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
 Entered in the National Register
 Keeper of the National Register *for [Signature]* date 4/28/83
 Attest: _____ date _____
 Chief of Registration

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travelers in the town and was considered a preferable alternative to jail. Food as well as shelter was provided. In 1918, during the influenza epidemic, the main building's south wing was utilized as a hospital under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health and the supervision of Mr. B.J. Fitzgerald.

When it closed in 1979, the Rockland Almshouse had been in continuous use as an Almshouse for 103 years. Ledgers indicate that the occupants received extremely good care; a high percentage were able to recoup themselves and re-enter society to lead profitable lives.

Architecturally, the Rockland Almshouse fits well within the parameters of plan and styling typical of municipal almshouses known to have been built in the Boston area, southeastern Massachusetts and elsewhere, from the 1850's through the 1880's. The Rockland Almshouse, and most others, differed from contemporary transitional Greek Revival/Italianate residential architecture in internal plan and scale, but not dramatically in style. Very few of these are known to survive, particularly with a high degree of integrity, in Massachusetts. Later examples tended to be State run and to take on a more campus-like, rather than farm-like appearance. The almshouse in Raynham, affiliated with the Taunton State Hospital and constructed in the late 1870s, is the only known example of this later type to survive in original condition in the area.

The identity of the architect of the Rockland Almshouse is uncertain, although Messrs. Reed and Kelly are known to have assisted in drafting the plans. Amos S. Reed was the builder reputedly responsible for two of the most notable buildings in the business district, the Phoenix and Bigelow buildings (1924; 1929). However, it is more likely that he built the earlier buildings of the same names which burned in 1923, or that they were not the same Mr. Reed. The Almshouse builders were listed as Messrs. William H. Heberd (a carpenter) and Ames.

In sum, the Rockland Almshouse, as a complex as well as individual structure, is an extremely important and perhaps singular survivor of its type in the region. Because the buildings, layout and land use remain virtually unchanged, the Almshouse continues to reflect a prudent standard of communal living and community concern for the poor and indigent of society: the interior retains dormitory rooms, communal bathrooms and dining rooms; the "tramp house" still stands on the site; the barn which housed animals remains intact; and the gardens are presently cultivated.

The potential of obtaining additional information on the site through archaeological research is undetermined at present. Two small structures are known from photographs to have stood on the property in the past. Testing in their vicinity would be profitable to establish their exact location and function. Any trash deposits which may exist on the site would provide invaluable data on the life style of the Almshouse inhabitants.

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In addition, a prehistoric component may be present; French's Stream, at the eastern border of the site, is traditionally said to have been utilized by native populations.

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Historical Commission, Boston, MA

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1894, Town Report, Rockland, MA, p. 54

1897-1919, Rockland Almshouse record book of Charles E. Sanders and
Charles W. Wyatt

United States Department of the Interior
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Rockland Almshouse
Plymouth County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. MAR 29 1983

Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 4/28/83 - 5/13/83

Action: ACCEPT 4/28/83
 RETURN _____
 REJECT _____

Entered in the
National Register

Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Average of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USIT Reference

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



THE ROCKLAND ALMSHOUSE
Rockland, MA
198 Spring Street
The Almshouse and Barn.

Photo Credit: Carol Mooney *1982*
Negative Location:
Rockland Historical Commission

Photo #1 of 4.



The Rockland Almshouse
Rockland, MA

198 Spring Street
Photo Credit: Carol Mooney 1982
Negative Located at:
Rockland Historical Commission

Photo #2 of 4.



THE ROCKLAND ALMSHOUSE
198 Spring Street
Rockland, MA

The Barn.

Photo Credit: Donald Cann 1982 .

Negative location:

Rockland Historical Commission

Photo #3 of 4.



THE ROCKLAND ALMSHOUSE
198 Spring Street
Rockland, MA

The Tramp House.

Photo Credit: Donald Cann 1902
Negative Location:
Rockland Historical Commission

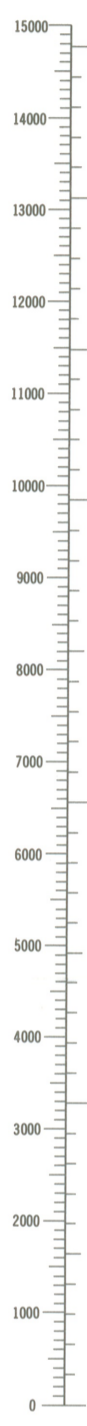
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The Rockland Almshouse
198 Spring Street
Rockland, MA

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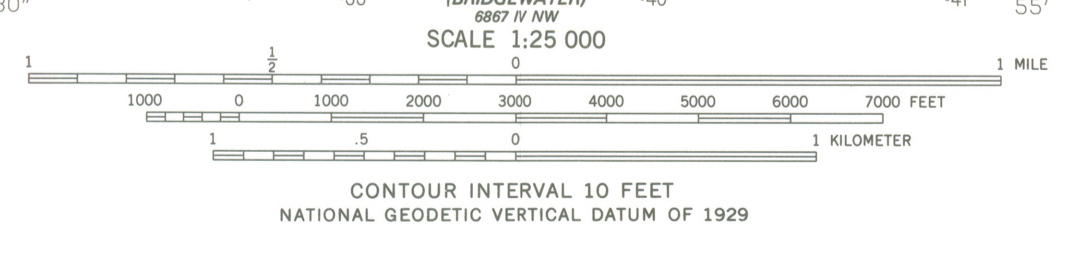
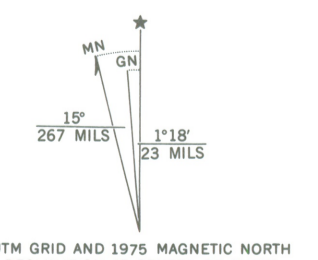


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mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid,
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Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



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CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

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



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PORTION OF
ASSESSORS' MAP #57
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BY: *J. N. Hitchcock*

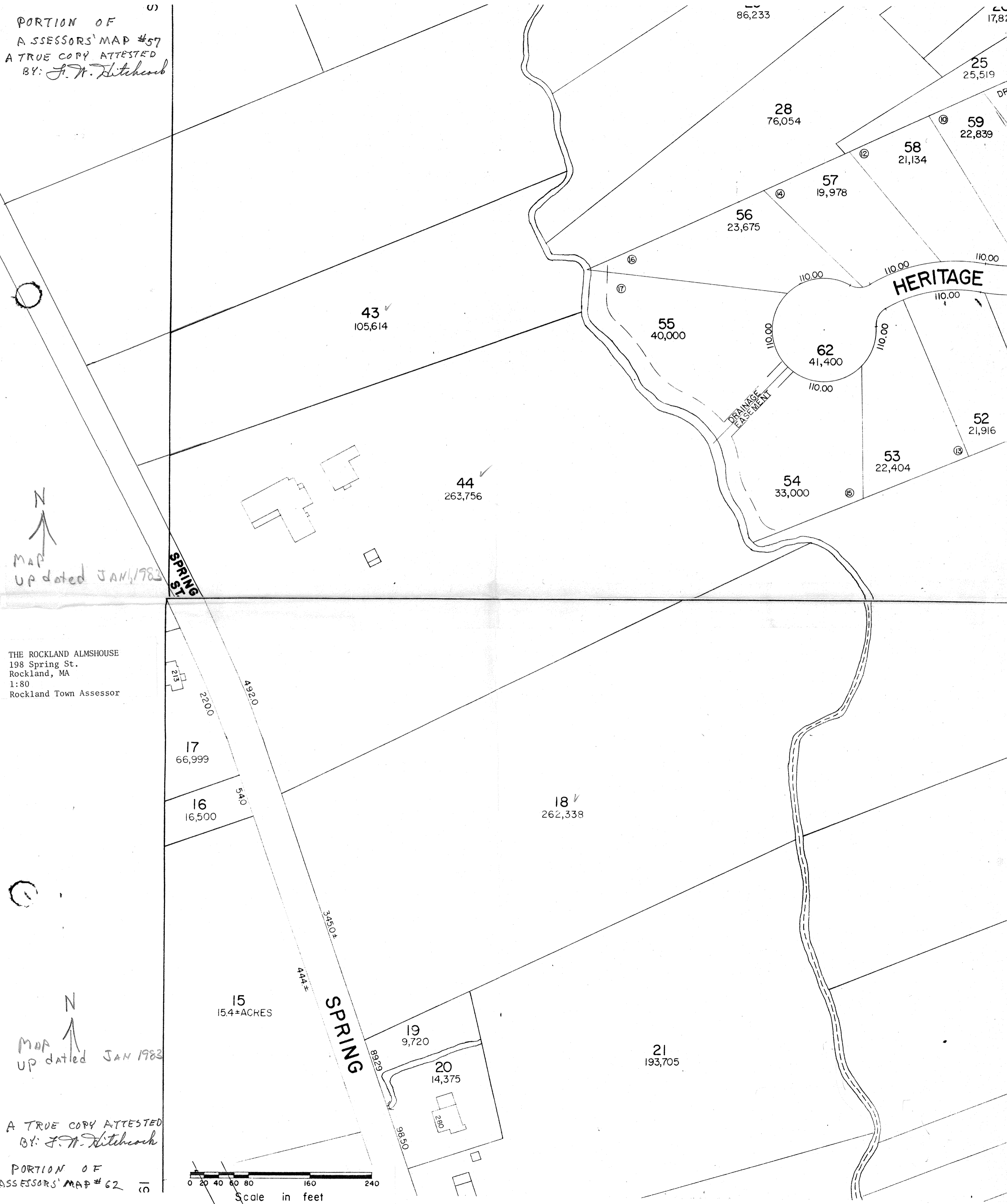
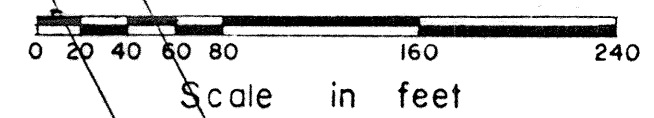
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THE ROCKLAND ALMSHOUSE
198 Spring St.
Rockland, MA
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Rockland Town Assessor

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PORTION OF
ASSESSORS' MAP #62



Board of Selectmen

242 UNION STREET • ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS 02370
TEL. 871-1874



Chairman
Pauline A. Pigeon
Clerk
Frederick L. Clark
Catherine M. Young
George R. Ballard
Luigi C. Pace

February 22, 1983

REC

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MASS. HIST. COMM.

Valerie Talmage, Executive Director
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, MA. 02108

Dear Ms. Talmage:

We are proud to support the nomination of the Rockland Almshouse to the National Register of Historic Places.

The Almshouse has made a significant contribution to the history of our community, therefore, we feel it is worthy of preservation.

Yours very truly,

FOR THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Pauline A. Pigeon
Pauline A. Pigeon, Chairman

PAP/gn



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS SENATE
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

SENATOR ANNA P. BUCKLEY
FIRST PLYMOUTH DISTRICT

COMMITTEES:
COUNTIES (VICE-CHAIRMAN)
WAYS AND MEANS
(VICE-CHAIRMAN)
RULES
POST AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT

February 23, 1983

Valerie Talmage, Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission
Office of Secretary of State
294 Washington Street
Boston, Ma. 02108

Dear Ms. Talmage:

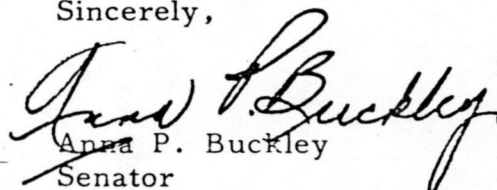
I am writing to you in support of the nomination of the Rockland Almshouse which is being considered by the State Review Board as a candidate for the National Register of Historic Places.

The Rockland Almshouse has been a town landmark since its erection in 1876, and is a significant structure in that it was one of the first public buildings built by the then newly incorporated Town of Rockland.

Two small additions and one larger addition have been made to this building in the late nineteenth century, as well as some modifications and upgrading of the plumbing and electrical systems. It should be noted that none of this construction has altered the character or charm of this structure as care was taken to use materials and procedures that would not alter or detract from the original Almshouse.

Anything that can be done to assist the Rockland Historical Commission in their request would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Anna P. Buckley
Senator
First Plymouth District

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Congress
of the
United States

House of Representatives

BRIAN DONNELLY
MASSACHUSETTS
ELEVENTH DISTRICT



COMMITTEES:
BUDGET
MERCHANT MARINE
PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION

February 23, 1983

Valerie Talmage, Executive Director
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Massachusetts Historical Commission
Office of Secretary of State
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Dear Ms. Talmage:

I am writing on behalf of the Rockland Historical Commission. The Rockland Almshouse is being considered for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places by the State Review Board.

In 1876, the Almshouse was built by the newly incorporated Town of Rockland. It is significant not only as one of Rockland's first public buildings but more importantly because of its continuous use as an almshouse for a period of one hundred and three years. The Almshouse was also used as a hospital during an influenza epidemic in 1918.

I firmly believe that the Rockland Almshouse is a historically significant building and should be nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Your consideration of this nomination is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

BRIAN DONNELLY
Member of Congress

BD/jk

Please reply to the Quincy office.

CJ



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OF OLD ABINGTON

ORGANIZED 1939
MASSACHUSETTS
02351

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MASS. HIST. COMM.

February 28, 1983

Ms. Valerie Talmage
Executive Director
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Massachusetts Historical Commission
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of Secretary of State
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Dear Ms. Talmage:

The Historical Society of Old Abington serves and represents the towns of Abington, Rockland and Whitman.

At our meeting on February 27, 1983, we discussed the nomination of The Rockland Almshouse to the National Register of Historic Places. Members in attendance overwhelmingly supported this nomination.

Sincerely,

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF OLD ABINGTON

Fred N. Kugel
President

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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Ms. Valerie Talmage, Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Dear Ms. Talmage:

It is my understanding that the Town of Rockland Historical Commission has requested the State Review Board to nominate the Rockland Almshouse for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

As you know, the Almshouse is one of the first public buildings still standing in the Town today. Constructed in 1876, it was used continuously as an almshouse for 103 years, and as a hospital during 1918.

The preservation of this historic structure can be ensured by national recognition in the Register. I trust that you will give the Town's request every consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,


Edward M. Kennedy

2400 John F. Kennedy Federal Building
Boston, Massachusetts 02203

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Ms. Valerie Talmage
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Dear Ms. Talmage:

The Town of Rockland Historical Commission supports with pleasure and appreciation, the nomination of The Rockland Almshouse to the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

TOWN OF ROCKLAND HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Fred N. Kugel
Chairman



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March 18, 1983

Carol Shull
National Park Service
440 G. Street
U. S. Dept. of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20243

ATTENTION: Bruce McDougal

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed is a National Register nomination form for the Rockland Almshouse, Rockland, MA. This historically important complex of buildings is currently threatened by demolition, and several articles relating to its future will come before the Rockland Town Meeting on April 4, 1983.

We would appreciate an expedited review of this nomination, hoping that the Almshouse can be listed before the Town Meeting takes place. Actual listing would greatly enhance its proponents defense.

The State Review Board voted unanimously in support of this nomination at their meeting on March 9, 1983. The town, as owner, was notified 30 - 75 days before the meeting and the Board of Selectmen sent a letter of support. Additionally, letters of support were received from numerous individuals, organizations and poliitcal representatives. All are enclosed.

We appreciate your attention to this matter, and look forward to hearing from your office before April 4.

Sincerely,

Candace Jenkins
(SAC)

Candace Jenkins
Registration Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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<i>Donald J. Ryan</i>	<i>39 William St. Rockland</i>
<i>Donna Bellard</i>	<i>247 Market Rockland</i>
<i>Francis J. Noonan</i>	<i>79 LIBERTY ST. Rockland</i>
<i>Arthur L. Hoyer</i>	<i>83 Union St. Rockland</i>
<i>Andrew J. Lane III</i>	<i>26 ARKINGTON ST. ROCKLAND</i>
<i>Christine M. Jones</i>	<i>71 Myrtle St. Rockland</i>
<i>Charles D. Damon</i>	<i>481 Liberty St.</i>
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<i>Paul F. Mahoney</i>	<i>21 Blanchard St.</i>
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<u>Warren - 2nd</u>	<u>01 Arlington St. Rockland</u>
<u>Margaret H Schnabel</u>	
<u>Maureen Ladd</u>	<u>72 Highland St. Rockland</u>
<u>Robert J. Maye</u>	<u>719 Union St. Rockland</u>
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Becky Coit	83 HANNAH WAY Rock.
Manuel Coit	51 Hannah Way Rock.
Mrs. Ethel Coit	51 Hannah Way Rockland
Jenny Newcomb	91 Hannah Way Rockland
Genevieve Pierce	83 Hannah Way Rockland
Viola Pike	74 Martha Drive, Rockland
Steven Moselli	86 Hannah way, Rockland, ma.

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Nancy Kame	15 Valley St. Pembroke
Tom Johnson	32 Rockland Rockland
David Johnson	67 Hannah Way Rockland
Daniel F. Johnson	96 NEIFORS Rockland
Stephen Y. King	91 Hannah Way Rockland
Richard Durbin	164 Martha Dr. Rockland
Marcia A. Anderson	146 Martha Dr. Rockland
Janet Miller	91 Hannah Way Rockland
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<i>Frank W. Sartor</i>	<i>44 Church Rd. "</i>
<i>Frank C. Sartor</i>	<i>44 Church Rd. "</i>
<i>William C. Sartor</i>	<i>75 Rice Ave. "</i>
<i>Phil D. D.</i>	<i>124 MYRTLE ST "</i>
<i>Peter Robinson</i>	<i>120 Hartsuff St "</i>
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<u>Ronald Pigeon</u>	<u>25 Division St. Rockland</u>
<u>Janet W. Conn</u>	<u>64 Union St. Rockland</u>
<u>Sandra J. Conn</u>	<u>54 Chestnut Ave. Rockland</u>
<u>in. E. Conn</u>	<u>260 Market St. Rockland</u>
<u>Roberta Raymond</u>	<u>275 Market St. Rock</u>
<u>Trissilla F. Walsh</u>	<u>31 Smith Rd., Rockland</u>
<u>Mary C. Ketchum</u>	<u>47 Woodbury St. Rockland</u>
<u>Catherine Green</u>	<u>466 Forest St. Rockland</u>
<u>Genevieve Marks</u>	<u>215 Market St. Rockland</u>
<u>David Conn</u>	<u>64 Union St. Rockland</u>
<u>Kevin B. Murray</u>	<u>106 Dock Sq. Ed. Rock.</u>
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<u>Deborah L. Lalli</u>	<u>50 Plain St. Rockland</u>
<u>Steven R. Lalli</u>	<u>50 Plain St. Rockland</u>
<u>Nancy L. Cook</u>	<u>193 BEECH ST. ROCKLAND</u>
<u>John Cook</u>	<u>193 Beech St. Rockland</u>
<u>William L. Cook</u>	<u>193 Beech St. Rockland</u>
<u>Joe Campanile</u>	<u>615 Market St. Rockland</u>
<u>Joe Campanile Sr.</u>	<u>617 MARKET ST ROCKLAND</u>
<u>Muriel W. Lalli</u>	<u>131 Main St. Rockland, MA</u>
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Ausan Murphy	72 Vernon St. "
Pauline McCreary	340 Liberty St. "
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Kim Morrison	29 Howard Rd. "
Patty (Laughlin)	364. Levin Rd. "
John Mignick	39 Custer Street "
Louise Bates	448 Bush Street "
Sue S. Scheff	John Gray Rd. "
Lisa Schneider	121 Good St. "
Pat Lounsbury	16.5 Dunlop Rd. "
Richard TAPPEL	18 Pine HAVEN Cr. "
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Michael Valari	382 Grove Street Norwell
John Jones	23 Winder Road Norwell
Deborah Roche	19 Lawrence Ave. Rockland
Miss L. Byrne	259 Bond St. Rockland
Joanne Byrne	472 Ralph Talbot St. Weymouth
William B. Scollay	31 Bell State Rd. Quincy
Dorothy Hutchinson	38 Stanley Ave. Rockland
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Joseph Horn	324 Cl. Honk Dr. Abington
Richard B. Webb	257 So. Ave. Whitman
Lisa R. Wright	257 South Ave. Whitman
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Mike McMooney	57 Church St. Rockland
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Ethel D. Peine	19 Pearl N. Abington
Dorothea E. Weatherbee	57 Townsend N. Abington
Julia E. Harris	704 Hancock St. Abington
Ruth E. Howe	149 Walnut St. Abington
Margaret J. Peine	46 Pearl N. Abington
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Joseph J. Peine	56 Townsend N. Abington
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