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National Park Service

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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 Anthony House

and/or common Susan B. Anthony Birthplace

2. Location

street & number 67 East Road

N/A not for publication

city, town Adams

N/A vicinity of

state Massachusetts

code 025

county Berkshire

code 003

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"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A being considered	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Dr. Alice Grellner

street & number 86 Arbor Drive

city, town Providence

N/A vicinity of

state Rhode Island 02908

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Northern Berkshire Registry of Deeds

street & number 65 Park Street

city, town Adams

state Massachusetts 01220

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historic Assets of the Commonwealth #212

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1978

federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission

city, town Boston

state MA

## 7. Description

Anthony House, Adams, MA

### Condition

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

### Check one

unaltered  
 altered

### Check one

original site  
 moved date N/A

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Anthony House is situated on a half-acre lot amidst rolling hills east of the Hoosic River in Adams, Massachusetts. The house sits on a low rise at the northeast corner of the intersection of East Road and Walling Road, near Tophet Reed Brook. This area, named Bowens Corner for the tavern that was built on the opposite corner in 1797, was one of the earliest parts of Adams to be settled. The stage route from Northampton ran along East Road and then descended westward to the center of Adams.

The house is a 2 1/2 story Federal-style building, rectangular in plan, and five bays wide with a center entry. The roof is a shallow-pitched gable, and twin interior chimneys rise from the mid-line of the house. A small 1 1/2-story ell original to the house is attached to the eastern rear facade. A porch, added to the ell's south side ca. 1950, was enclosed in the 1960s.

The foundation is dry-laid fieldstone, covered with cement. The house has a full basement. The exterior sheathing is the original narrow clapboard except for a small replaced section on the building's north side. Early twentieth-century photos show that the center entry formerly contained an eight-panel door and was topped by a three-light transom and a portico. Both the existing door and portico are modern replacements. The present 6/6 sash windows are also modern. The roof was originally covered with wooden shingles. Photographs show that it was covered with tin sheet at one time, but replaced with asphalt shingle after 1949. The ell roof is covered with metal plate.

The west elevation, the building's main facade, is five bays wide. Nine windows, with shallow pedimented architraves, are symmetrically placed around the front entry (four windows on the first floor, five on the second floor). Plain corner boards and a simple cornice frame the facade. In 1926, the Adams Society of Friends Descendants placed a plaque commemorating the birth of Susan B. Anthony to the right of the front entry.

The south elevation, facing Walling Road, has two windows for each of the two main stories and a tiny attic vent window in the gable. Three windows and frames were replaced in the 1960s with smaller double-hung sashes. Only one 6/6 sash with pedimented architrave remains. A simple cornice with returns caps the gable. The rear ell's south side, originally three bays with an entry and two windows, has been covered with a modern enclosed porch served by a single entry.

The 12' X 20' ell dominates the rear facade. Two 6/6 sash windows are located on the northern half of each of the main building's two floors, and there is a small half-sash window directly over the ell.

On the northern elevation, three 6/6 windows similar to those on the west and south of the building remain. But a door that once served as the entrance to a store in the house's left front room has been covered with clapboard.

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## 8. Significance

Anthony House, Adams, MA

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1817 Builder/Architect Daniel Anthony

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Anthony House, built in 1817, possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship, as well as associations with a Quaker family closely tied to the early educational and industrial development of Adams, Massachusetts. It was built by Daniel Anthony, an early contributor to Adams' 19th-century industrial development and a member of the Quaker family who were among Adams' original settlers. The building is a well-preserved example of rural Federal architecture. It is also the birthplace and childhood home of suffragette Susan B. Anthony (1820–1906), as well as the only building in Massachusetts associated with her life. Thus, the Anthony House meets Criteria A, B and C of the National Register of Historic Places on the local level.

Shortly before the Revolutionary War, a group of Quakers from Smithfield, Rhode Island, and nearby Dartmouth, Massachusetts, settled in the town of Adams (originally East Hoosic) seeking religious tolerance. They were accepted by the small group of Baptists who were among the first settlers of the tiny agricultural community. Known for their strict religious views, simple way of life, and emphasis on education, equality, industry, and family life, the Quakers quickly developed a tight-knit community in Adams. One of the first Quakers to arrive was David Anthony, great-grandfather of Susan B. Anthony. David settled in the western part of the town, along Hoxie Brook, where he established a cider mill in a building that had previously housed a gun shop. (The building remains in the Anthony family and continues to operate as a cider mill.)

Daniel Anthony, Susan's father, was born at Bowens Corner, east of the Hoosic River, in 1794, the first child of David's son Humphrey. Shortly before his marriage to Lucy Read in 1817, he built the nominated property at Bowens Corner on a small parcel of land offered to him by Daniel Read, Lucy's father and a wealthy Baptist farmer in the area. Humphrey Anthony donated lumber for the house. In 1821, Daniel Read formally sold the property to Daniel Anthony for fifty dollars.

Daniel Anthony was closely associated with both education and manufacturing in Adams. It was common for Quakers to establish their own schools at home, and Daniel taught for a number of years at the East Road School, located on his father's property. Lucy Read had been a pupil there before her marriage to Daniel. In addition, Daniel helped establish the Adams Academy, another Friends School, in 1825.

Adams, rich in water resources, was an ideal location for industry. In 1822, with his brother John, Daniel build a 3 1/2-story factory, the Pump Log Mill, on a site adjoining his own property along Tophet Brook (now called Tophet Reed Brook). Powered by a 26-foot water wheel, the factory was designed to manufacture cotton yarns. Weaving was done by neighborhood families. Eleven female mill workers boarded with the Anthony family during the factory's operation, and a front room of the Anthony home served as the mill's shop.

Susan Brownell Anthony, born February 15, 1820, was the second of Daniel and Lucy's seven children. Although Lucy never became a full member of the Society of Friends, she and Daniel raised their children according to Quaker precepts of society, humility, simplicity, and a strong regard for education and equality. The training that Susan received in her home was undoubtedly crucial to her career as an advocate of temperance and women's suffrage.

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .56 acres

Quadrangle name Windsor: sectional

Quadrangle scale 1:25,000

### UTM References

A 

1	8	6	5	6	1	0	4	7	1	9	6	4	0
Zone		Easting					Northing						

B 

Zone		Easting					Northing						

C 

Zone		Easting					Northing						

D 

Zone		Easting					Northing						

E 

Zone		Easting					Northing						

F 

Zone		Easting					Northing						

G 

Zone		Easting					Northing						

H 

Zone		Easting					Northing						

### Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Betsy Friedberg, Preservation Planner, (MHC) and James Parrish, Historic Preservation Planner, Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission with Eugene F. Michalenko, Adams Historical Commission

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date September 1984

street & number 80 Boylston 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

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 Valerie A. Talmage

title Massachusetts Historical Commission date November 16, 1984

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

*Delores Byers*  
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date 1-3-85

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration

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Item number 7 & 8

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A small horse barn that stood about 75 feet north of the house is now gone. A modern two-car garage stands to the northeast of the house. The interior floor plan, typically Federal, remains basically as it was in the early 19th century. The main house has a center hall with a large room on either side and two smaller service rooms at the rear. A central staircase leads to four similar spaces above. The ell has two small rooms and a loft. Most of the original woodwork and mantels remain intact but ceilings have been replaced and one fireplace bricked in.

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Five years after he established the Pump Log Mill Daniel Anthony was persuaded by a financial investor to leave Adams and set up a cotton mill in Battenville, New York, where the family moved in 1827. Though she left Adams in 1827, Susan B. Anthony returned to the town often throughout her life.

Susan B. Anthony's later life is well known. Educated as a teacher in Philadelphia, she taught school from 1835 to 1850, earning one third the salary paid to men. She became an associate of Fredrick Douglass and William Lloyd Garrison, leaders in the anti-slavery movement before the Civil War. Already an advocate of temperance, she also endorsed rights for women and in 1869, helped found the National Woman's Suffrage Association. In 1892, she became the association's president. Susan B. Anthony did not live to see women get the right to vote, for she died in 1906, thirteen years before the 19th amendment, giving women suffrage, was passed, but she was a wholehearted champion of the cause throughout her career.

The nominated property remained in the Anthony family until 1895, when it passed to the first of a series of owners. In 1926, the Society of Friends Descendants purchased the home; they operated it as a small museum from 1926 to 1949, when the building reverted to private ownership.

Archaeological Consideration: The Anthony House may retain archaeological deposits relating to the domestic use of the property.

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"Beginning eighteen inches from the southwest corner of the Susan B. Anthony dwelling house and directly opposite the south corner, thence north seventeen degrees west twelve rods to a stake and stones on the road leading from Savoy to Williamstown; thence south seventy-five and one half degrees east seven rods and ten links to a stake and stone; thence south seventeen degrees east twelve rods to a stake and stone on the road leading from Susan B. Anthony's to that part of Savoy known as New State; thence north seventy-five and one half degrees west seven rods and ten links to the first mentioned corner, containing eighty-three rods of land, more or less." Northern Berkshire Registry of Deeds, Vol. 477, pages 92-94: The Adams Society of Friends, Inc., to Charles E. Richardson Jr., et ux.

See also attached sketch map with nominated property heavily outline. Scale: 1/32" = 1'

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Anthony House  
Berkshire County  
MASSACHUSETTS

DEC 6 1984

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

Entered in the  
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Working No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86  
 Date Due: 1/3/85 - 1/20/88  
 Action:  ACCEPT 1-3-85  
 RETURN \_\_\_\_\_  
 REJECT \_\_\_\_\_  
 Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- 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

- 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**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_



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67 East Road, Adams, MA 01220  
James N. Parrish 2/23/83  
R.2-4 BCRPC  
1 of 3  
View East of Front facade.



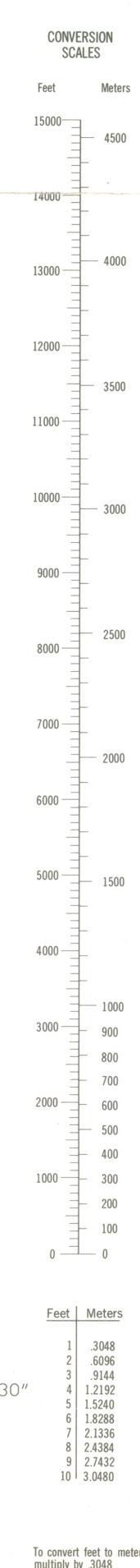
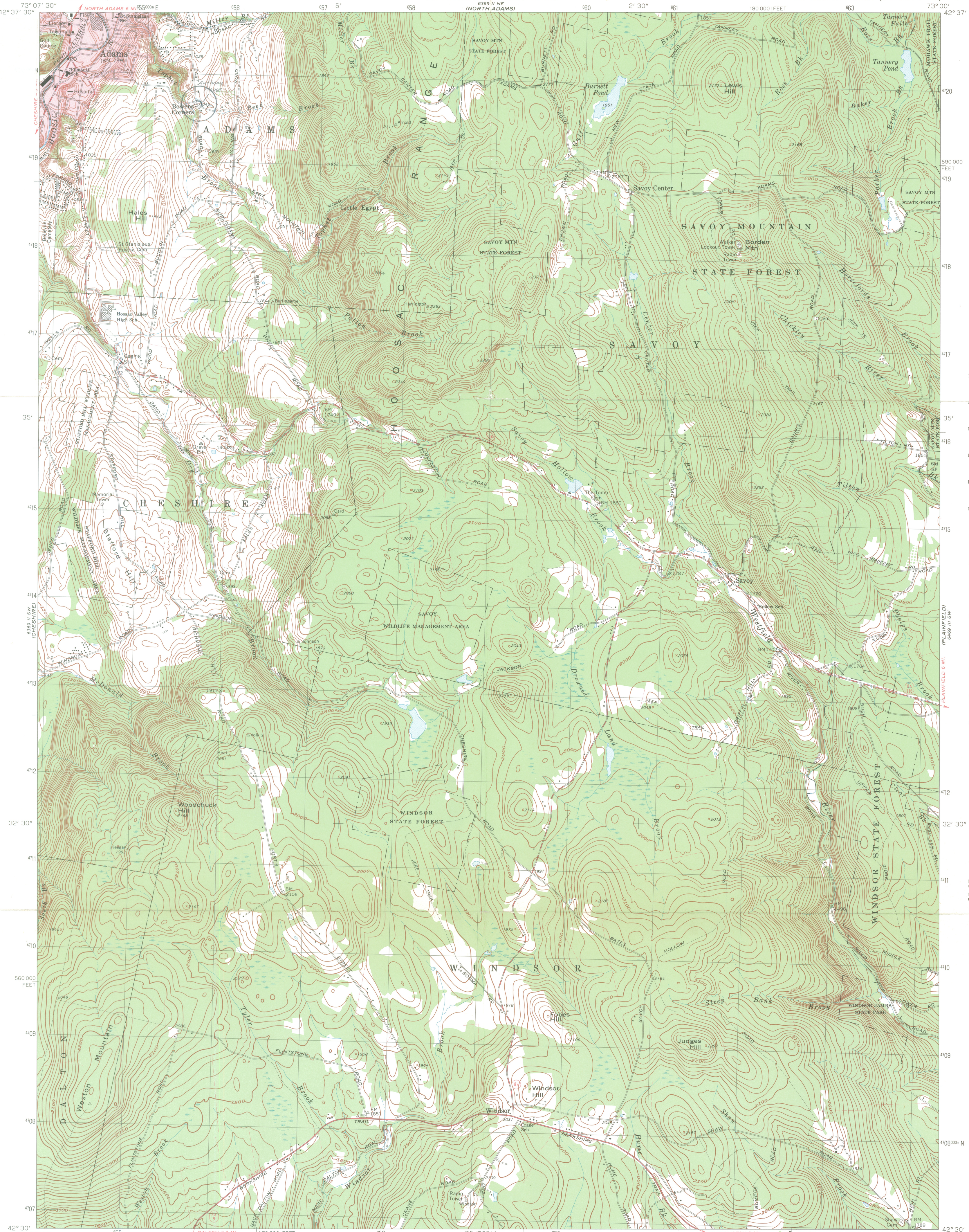
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James N. Parrish 2/23/83  
R.2-5 BCRPC  
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View SE of the North Gable,  
Front & Walling Road.



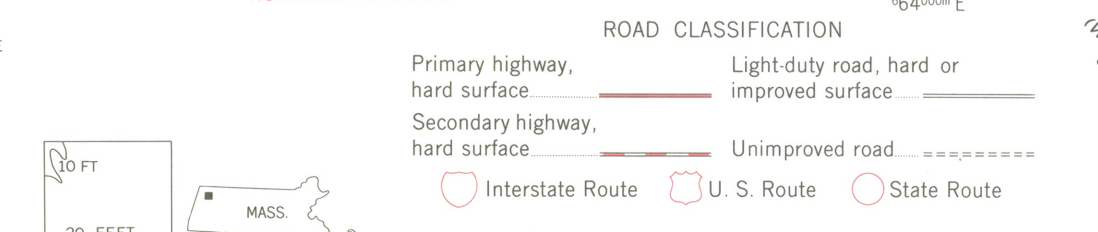
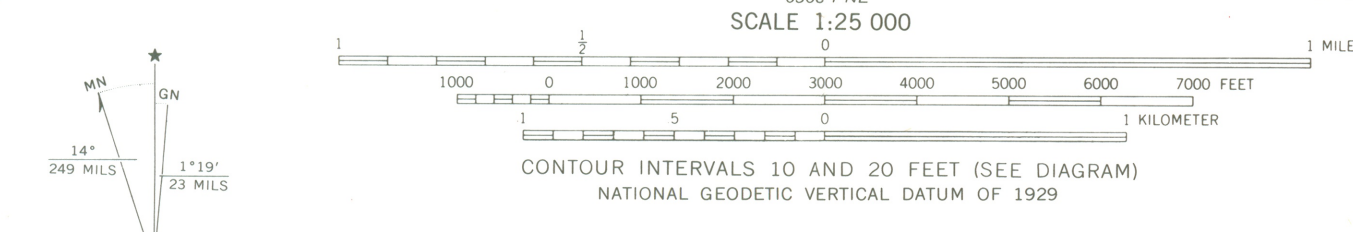
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67 East Road, Adams, MA 01220  
James N. Parrish 2/23/83  
R.2-6 BCRPC  
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View North of the South gable  
and ell.

ADAMS, MA  
Anthony House  
67 East Road

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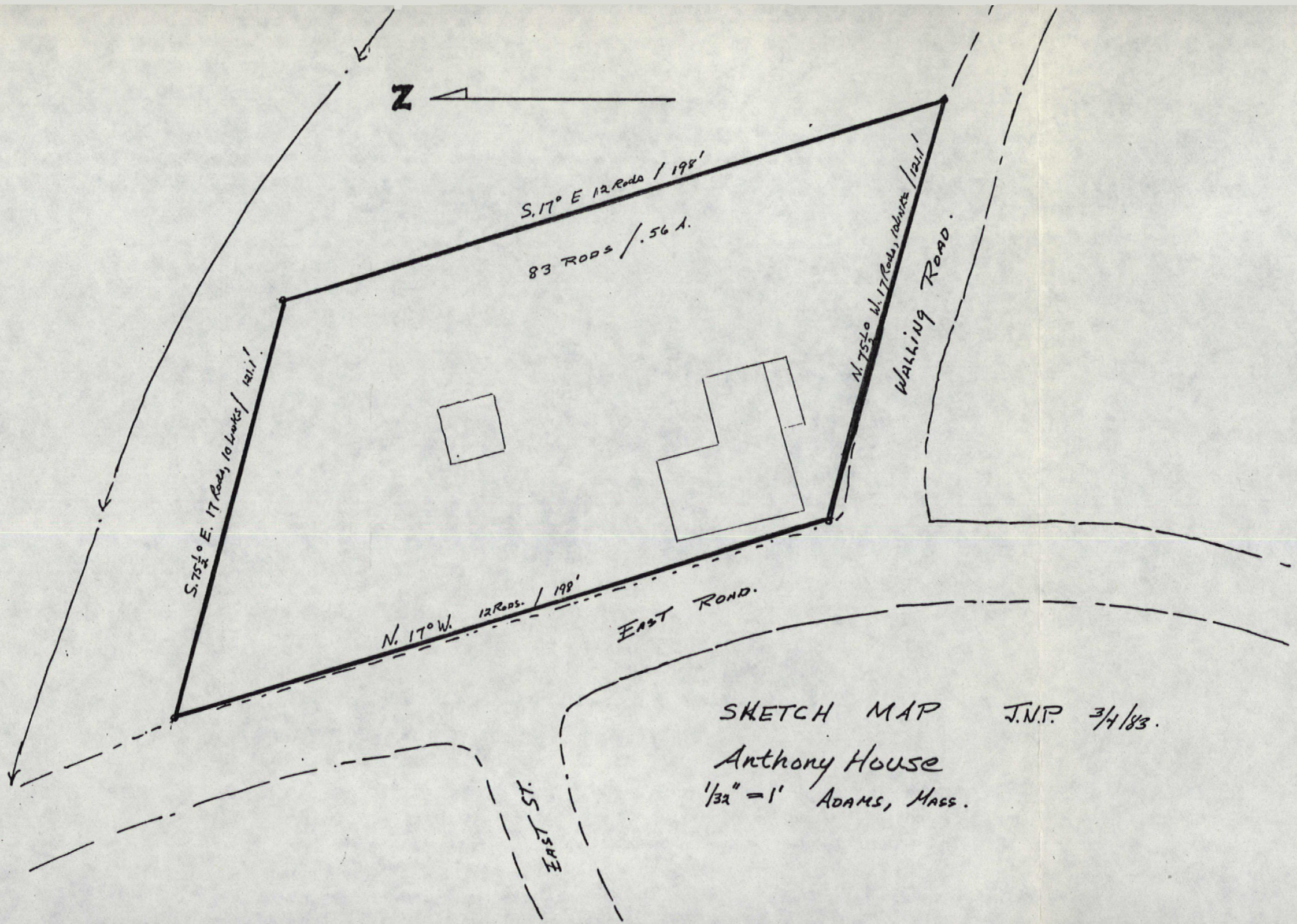


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Anthony House  
1/32" = 1' ADAMS, MASS.