

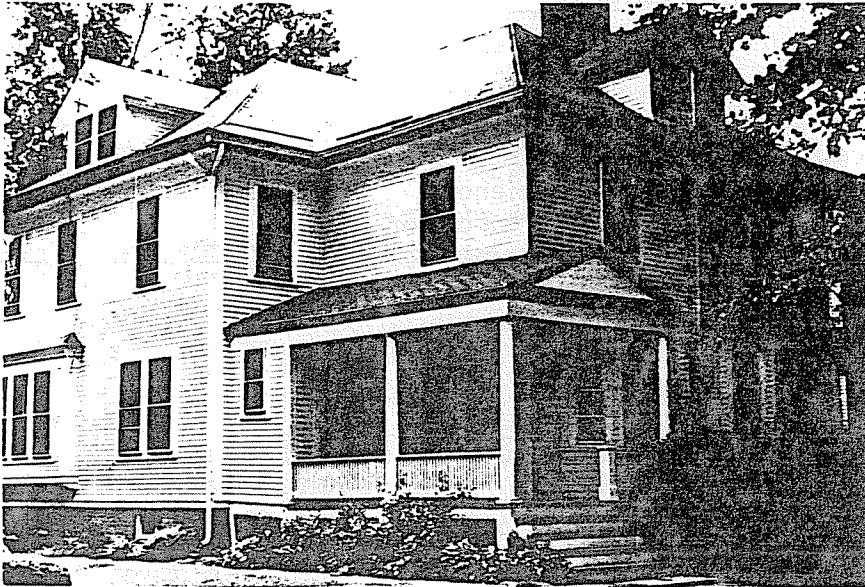
FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

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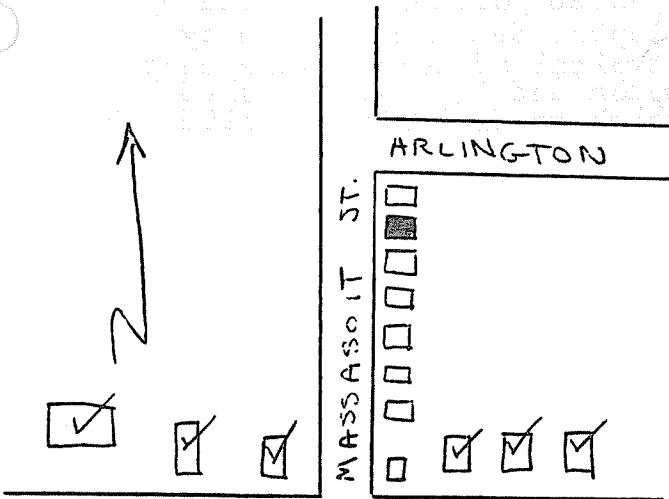
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In Area no.	Form no.
	24C-86



1 Northampton  
 Address 19-21 Massasoit Street  
 Name Calvin Coolidge House  
 Present use Residence/Apartments  
 Present owner Dr. Henry M. Littlefield  
 Description:  
1900-01  
 Source NRHP nomination form

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



✓ INVENTORIED  
PROPERTY

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE  
 USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_  
 MHC Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

Architect J.W. O'Brian-builder  
 Exterior wall fabric wood  
 Outbuildings (describe) none  
 Other features 2½ story; hip roof; gables; porches with Doric columns; bay windows;  
 Altered no Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:  
 Less than one acre x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate frontage 60 feet  
 Approximate distance of building from street  
25 feet

6. Recorded by C. Dubie  
 Organization Northampton Historical Commission  
 Date June 3, 1976

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7. Original owner (if known) Frank M. DeWitt  
 Original use Apartments  
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Apartments

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Humanitarian	_____
Communication	_____	Political	<u>x</u>	Transportation	_____
Community development	_____				_____

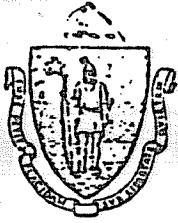
9. Historical Significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Calvin Coolidge occupied this dwelling on Massasoit Street from 1906 to 1930, at which time he moved to "The Beaches" on more secluded Hampton Terrace. During the period of his residency, Coolidge served as City Councillor and Mayor in Northampton, state senator and governor, vice-president and president of the United States. Coolidge succeeded Warren Harding to the Presidency on August 2, 1923 and was elected in his own right in 1924. In 1929 Coolidge returned to Northampton where he resumed his legal career until his death in 1933.

The residence is a large, boxlike structure with bell-cast hipped roof, tiny bay windows, and paired porches supported by Doric columns. Wall surfaces are clapboarded and defined by narrow cornerboards. The house is typical of turn-of-the-century residential construction in Northampton and is distinguished by the plaque at 21 Massasoit Street which reads "Calvin Coolidge House."

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Northampton City Directories, 1900-1932;  
 Hampshire Gazette Index, Forbes Library.  
 Coolidge House, National Register of Historic Places  
 Proposal, NHC, MHC, (detailed description of house and  
 career of Coolidge)



PAUL GUZZI

Secretary of the  
Commonwealth

*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*  
*Office of the Secretary*

*Massachusetts Historical Commission*

*294 Washington Street Boston, Massachusetts 02118*  
*(617) 727-8470*

NOTIFICATION OF NATIONAL REGISTER ACCEPTANCE

Date: January 10, 1977  
To: Northampton Historical Commission  
c/o Planning Department  
Address: 210 Main Street  
Northampton, Massachusetts 01060  
From: Massachusetts Historical Commission

The Massachusetts Historical Commission is pleased to inform you that the following property has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places, according to recent notification from the National Park Service. The owner of the property has been notified officially by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Paul Guzzi, and the State Historic Preservation Officer, Elizabeth Reed Amadon. We have enclosed a copy of the National Register nomination form for your records and for use as a guide for future nominations from your community. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Mrs. Patricia Weslowski, Survey Director, at the Commission's office. Telephone: (617) 727-8470.

<u>Property</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Date entered in Register</u>
Calvin Coolidge House	19-21 Massasoit Street	December 12, 1976

# DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

The Calvin Coolidge House was built in 1900-01 by J. W. O'Brian. It is a two and one half story duplex house, painted yellow and trimmed in maroon. The house is located at 19 Massasoit Street, in a residential area of houses of similar date and construction.

The facade of the house is asymmetrical and is dominated by the two projecting entrance porches which grace the corners. The entrance porch on the left, the side which was occupied by Calvin Coolidge, is a pedimented shelter, supported by Doric columns. It is skirted on two sides by lattice work and ornamented by railings and turned balusters. The entrance porch on the right side of the house has similar ornamental detail, but is distinguished from the pedimented porch by its flat roof. Between the porches are two single-tiered, hexagonal bay windows, one projecting from each apartment. The left bay is hipped roofed; the right is covered by an extension of the front porch. Except for this instance the fenestration is identical throughout both halves of the house. All the windows have wooden surrounds, and most are six-over-six sash. The louvered shutters that once flanked the windows are gone. Four inch clapboard covers the house and it is topped with a slate-covered, bellcast hipped roof.

The interiors of the duplex are similarly designed. The main entrance on the Coolidge side leads into a three foot square vestibule, which provides access to the main entry room. From this room a wide archway opens into the front parlor, which has a hexagonal bay window and Doric pilastered mantel. A similar archway at the rear of the main entry room opens onto the dining room, where the exterior wall is graced by a low window seat. Triangular shaped pantries fill both corners of the room, while an enclosed service hall passes to the right of the dining room and connects the main entrance room to the kitchen in the rear.

Access to the second floor is from the main entry room via an open three-flight, balustraded stair with a paneled newel. The stair opens onto a large landing above the main entry room of the first floor. To the left, above the parlor, is a bedroom. To the right of the landing is a second bedroom, a bath, a closet and a hall that leads along the right wall to a third bedroom that is situated over the kitchen. The stair continues in two flights to the attic, where there are two storage rooms and another bedroom.



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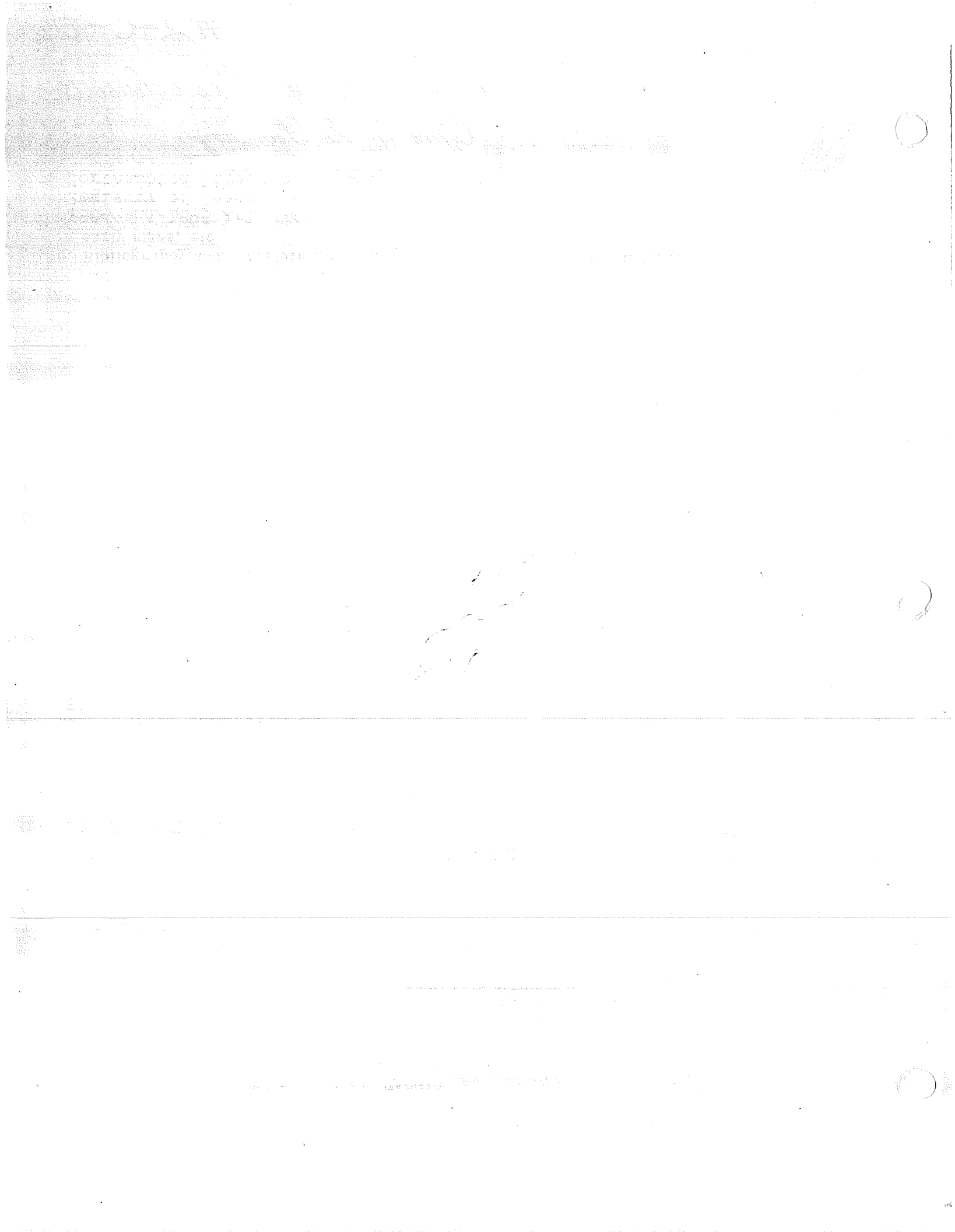
294 Washington Street Boston, Massachusetts 02108  
(617) 727-8470

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Boorstin, Daniel J., The Americans: The Democratic Experience (New York: Random House, 1973)
- Hicks, John D., Republican Ascendancy, 1921-33, ( New York; Harper Row, 1960)
- McCoy, Donald R. Calvin Coolidge: The Quiet President (New York: Macmillan Co. 1967)
- Young, Donald, American Roulette: The History and Dilemma of the Vice Presidency, (New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1965)
- Coolidge, Calvin; Autobiography

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	18	693900	4688310	B			
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Andrea M. Gilmore and George R. Adams, American Assoc. State & Local History

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

July 1976

STREET & NUMBER

294 Washington 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

*Lizbeth Reed Armandon*

TITLE Executive Director Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

10/11/76

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

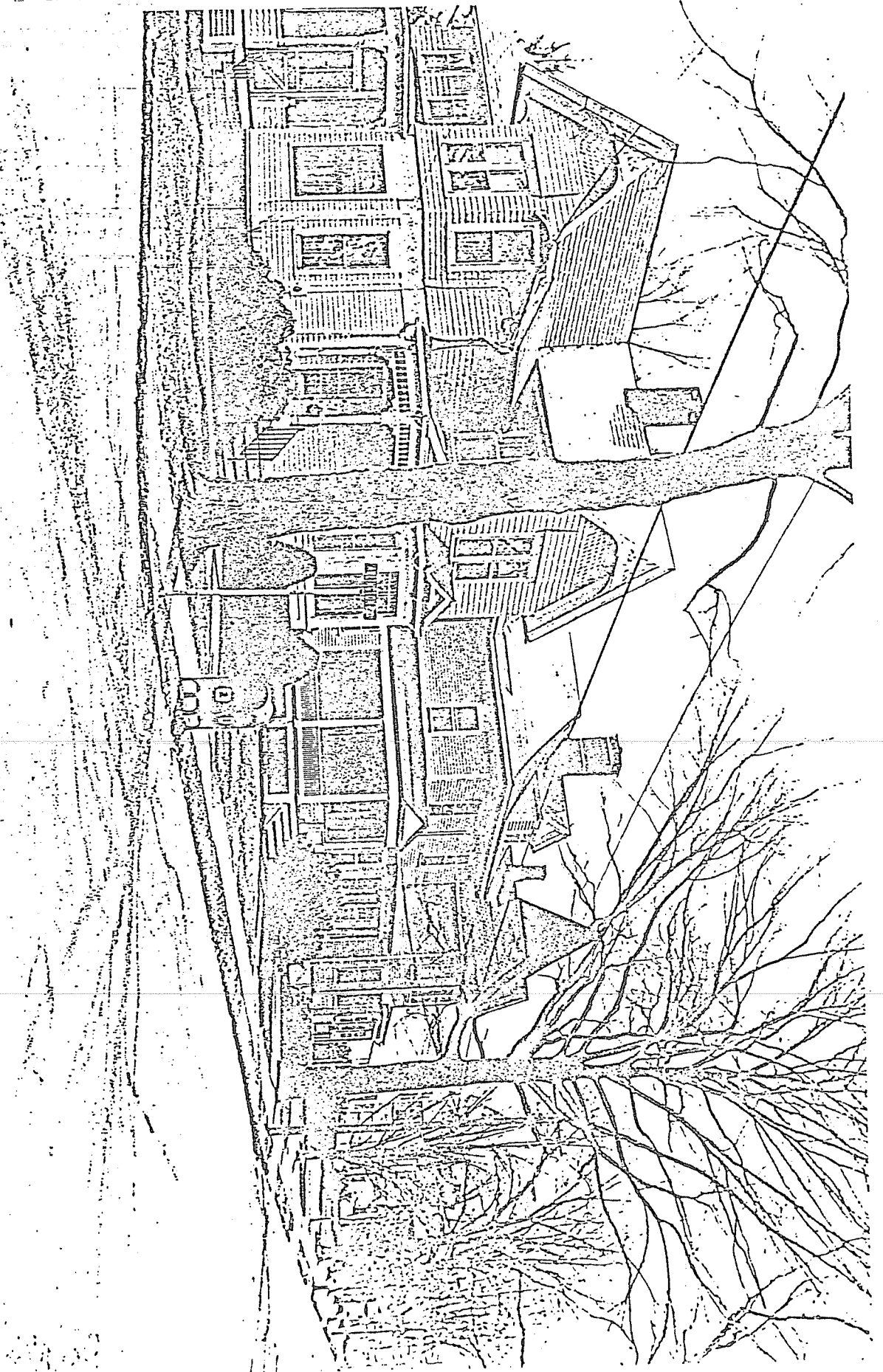
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DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

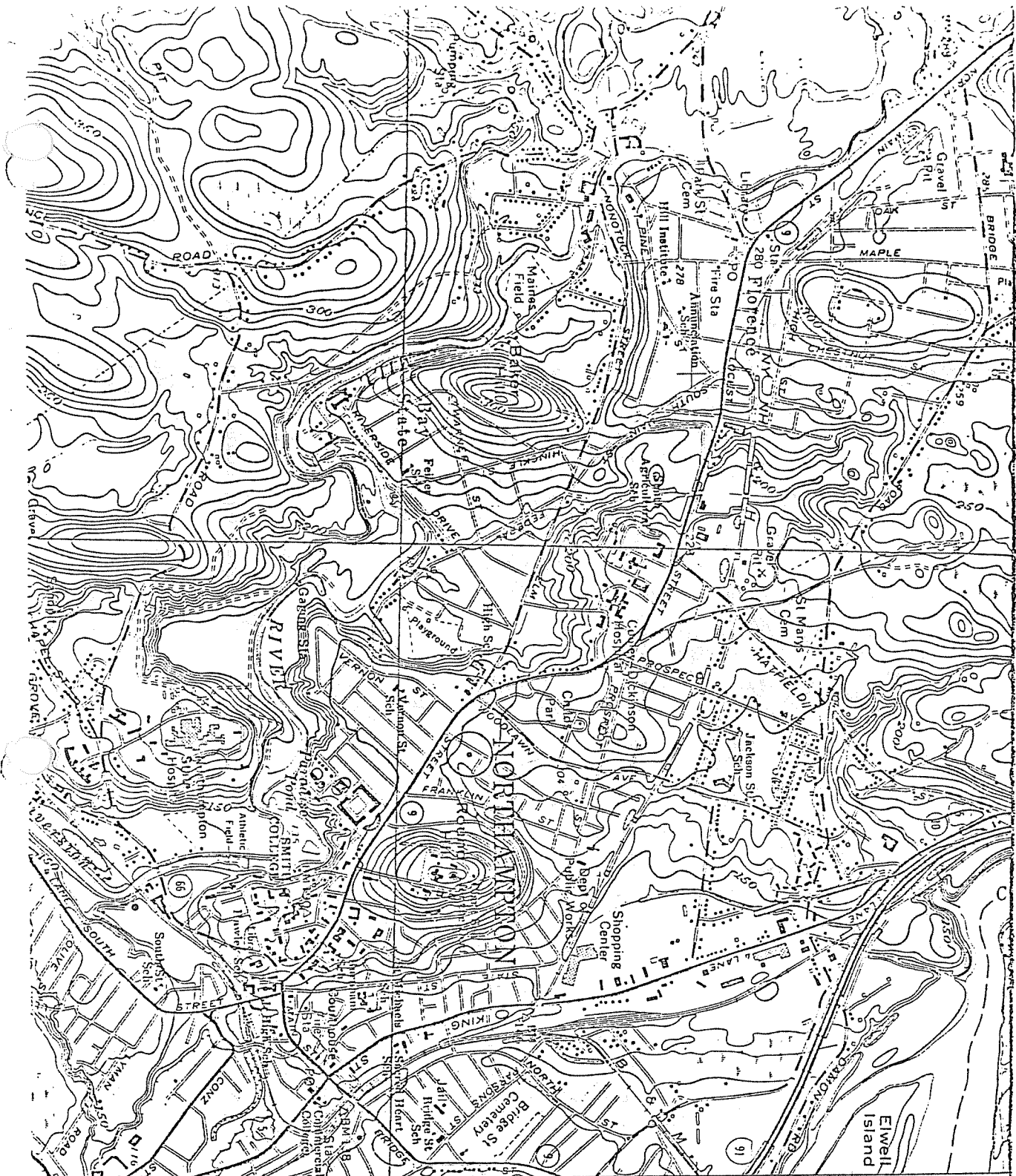
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TEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER







(MT. HOLYOKE)  
6468 1 SE

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HADLEY 2.3 MI.  
AMHERST 6 MI.

4889

20'

4890

Calvin Coolidge House  
Northampton, MA.  
UTM Reference:  
18/693900/4688310

Calvin Coolidge House  
Northampton, MA.  
1975.  
George R. Adams, AASIH  
Massachusetts Historical Commission  
Boston, Massachusetts

Photo #1  
Looking southwest towards the facade

# B SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Calvin Coolidge House is historically significant as the residence of the 31st President of the United States. Calvin Coolidge resided in the house from 1906 to 1930, leaving only to serve in state and national offices in Boston and Washington, D.C. It was in this house that he reared his children, launched his state and national political careers, and resided during his first months after vacating the Presidency of the United States.

Equally significant are the character of the residence and the arrangement under which Coolidge occupied it. Just as Coolidge was quiet and frugal as President, this house is a relatively simple, frame structure. More importantly, Coolidge's principal residence was a duplex house. He occupied only one side of it which he rented. He moved from the dwelling reluctantly in the spring of 1930 largely because it became an attraction for out-of-town motorists whose gawking prevented the former President from relaxing by rocking on his front porch or strolling up and down the street. The house is unique among principal non-official residences of incumbent and retired Presidents of the United States.

The significance of this house is perhaps most evident in the words of Calvin Coolidge himself, "The days passed quietly with us until the next autumn, when we moved into the house in Massasoit Street that was to be our home for so long. I attended to the finishing of it myself, and when it was ready Mrs. Coolidge and I walked over to it. In two weeks our first boy came on September seventh...We liked the house where our children came to us and the neighbors were so kind. When we could have had a more pretentious home, we still clung to it. So long as I lived there, I could be independent and serve the public without ever thinking that I could not maintain my position if I lost my office. I always made my living practicing law up to the time I became Governor, without being dependant upon any official salary. This left me free to make my own decisions in accordance with what I thought was the public good. We lived where we did that I might better serve the people."

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC  
Calvin Coolidge House  
AND/OR COMMON  
same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
19-21 Massasoit Street  
CITY, TOWN  
Northampton  
STATE  
Massachusetts

VICINITY OF  
CODE  
025

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
1

COUNTY  
Hampshire

CODE  
015

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
Dr. Henry Littlefield  
STREET & NUMBER  
19 Massasoit Street  
CITY, TOWN  
Northampton  
STATE  
Massachusetts  
VICINITY OF  
01060

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Registry of Deeds for Hampshire County  
STREET & NUMBER  
Main Street  
CITY, TOWN  
Northampton  
STATE  
Massachusetts 01060

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE  
Historic Sites and Buildings Survey  
Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth  
DATE  
1965, 1973  
DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS  
National Park Service, Massachusetts Historical Commission  
CITY, TOWN  
Washington, Boston  
STATE  
D.C., Massachusetts