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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property		
historic nameBlack Tave	ern (2 010 B oundary Increase)	
other names/site number		
2. Location		
street & number 140, 142 Cent	ter Road not for p	oublication
city or townDudley		vicinity
state Massachusetts co	ode_MA county_Worcester code_027 zip code	01571
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I, hereby certify that this property is: entered in the National Register See continuation sheet. determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet. determined not eligible for the National Register removed from the	Signature of the Keeper Som At 130a	Date of Action
National Register ☐ other (explain):		

Black Tavern (2010 Boundary Increase) Name of Property		Worcester, MA County and State				
5. Classification						
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)	(Check only one box)	Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)				
x privatepublic-local	<pre>x_ building(s) _ district</pre>	Contributing Noncontributing				
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		objects				
Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)		Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register				
N/A		1 - Black Tavern (NRIND, 1985)				
6. Function or Use Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions) AGRICULTURE/animal facil INSTITUTIONAL HOUSING INDUSTRY/manufacturing facil	ity /college dormitory acility	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions) RECREATION AND CULTURE/museum				
7. Description Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions) English Barn		Materials (Enter categories from instructions) foundationstone, concrete block wallswood				
		roofasphalt, wood				

Narrative Description
(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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The purpose of this amendment is to add the Black Tavern barn and annex to the National Register nomination for the Black Tavern (NRIND 1985). At the time the Black Tavern was listed, the barn and annex were on an adjacent parcel under separate ownership. The Black Tavern Historical Society now owns the entire complex, including the tavern, barn, and annex.

Description

The barn and annex of the Black Tavern stand in a row facing west onto Center Road. The complex is located in Dudley Center, a cluster of residential, educational, and civic buildings that form an architecturally and historically cohesive example of a hilltop New England village. The Black Tavern (138 Center Road) is prominently sited at the northeast corner of Center and Tanyard Roads. (Photo 2) The Annex (140 Center Road) stands a few feet north of the Tavern from which it is set back, so as not to obscure the Tavern's north elevation. The Barn (142 Center Road) is connected to the north elevation of the Annex. The Barn is a half-story taller than the Annex, but the two side-gabled buildings are on the same plane along the west façade. (Photo 1)

Black Tavern Barn (142 Center Road)

The barn is a rare example of a side-gabled English Barn dating to ca. 1825. Having been converted to living space in the mid 20th century, the interior and publically visible elevations have been restored to their historic appearance. Set back nearly 40 feet from Center Road, the barn's roof ridge is parallel to the street. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles (replaced in 2009). Rectangular in plan, the barn is 41 feet wide and 27 feet deep. It rises 2½ stories from a stone foundation that is augmented by recent concrete buttresses. The lot slopes down west to east, where there is a walk-out cellar at the lower grade. The main entry, centered on the west elevation, features double doors and a multilight transom. Vertical boards cover the west and north elevations, and there is a slight overhang about halfway up the building and then again at the attic level on the north elevation. The north elevation also displays a single six-light window in the stepped-down lower level. (**Photo 3**)

The east (rear) elevation retains alterations made ca. 1950 to convert the building to a dormitory. These include a one-story projecting porch, resting on Tuscan columns, that spans most of this rear elevation. An unpainted wooden staircase (ca. 1970s) rises up the rear elevation to a deck supported by the first story porch. Stairs continue up to a landing at the attic story. Openings into the ground, main, and second floors include several windows and doors remaining from the building's period as a dorm. Cladding on this elevation is white vinyl siding. Current plans are to restore this elevation to its historic appearance.

On the interior, the main portion of the barn has an exposed, braced, timber frame with no partitions. It is framed for four bays—or bents. The interior is 15 feet tall from the floor to the top of the walls. The major posts and beams are hand hewn and measure seven-by-seven inches. Secondary frame elements and the sidewall sheathing show the marks of a water-powered up-and-down saw. The roof is framed with fifteen pairs of common rafters, which tenon into a traditional five-sided roof tree. (Photo 4)

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Black Tavern Annex (140 Center Road)

The annex stands facing west between the Black Tavern and the barn to which it is attached. It is a two-story rectangular building that steps down to the rear where it rests on a concrete block foundation. The annex is 37 feet long and about 30 feet deep, projecting beyond the barn on the rear elevation. It is five bays wide and approximately three bays deep. A side-gable roof covers the west (front) half of the building, connecting with a low-pitched shed roof that covers the east half. The change in roofline dates to an expansion of the building at an unknown date. The façade (west), which has been restored, is clad with two rows of vertical boards and fitted with 6/6 sash at the second story. The east and south elevations, which have not yet been restored, are covered with white vinyl siding. The principal windows at the rear are 1/1 at the first story and 6/6 at the second story.

Archaeological Description

While no ancient Native American sites are located on the Black Tavern property, or in the general area (within one mile) it is possible that sites are present. The Dudley Hill locale has been reported as having been the site of Native Villages of the Nipmuck Indians. Members of the Pegan tribe, a branch of the Nipmuck Nation, reportedly occupied Dudley Hill as late as the 1730s. It is reasonable to assume that Native American occupation of the area extended back to the late ancient period.

Environmental characteristics of the property represent locational criteria (slope, soil drainage, proximity to wetlands) that are favorable for the presence of Native sites. Black Tavern, including the Amendment area, occupies a well-drained, level to moderately sloping ridge line at the top of Dudley Hill in close proximity to wetlands. An unnamed stream drains southerly to Conant Pond, roughly paralleling the ridgeline, less than 1,000 feet east of the property. The area ultimately drains to the Quinebaug and Thames rivers. Soils in the area are generally sandy and formed in glacial till.

The location of Dudley's first Colonial settlement on Dudley Hill also indicated a high potential for earlier Native American settlement in this area. Previously cleared land for Native settlement has been recognized as a favored location for later Colonial settlement elsewhere in Massachusetts. Many of Dudley's early Colonial settlement areas may have been previously cleared as Nipmuck Village locations.

Given the above information, the small size of the property (approximately .54 acres), and the extent of historic land use, a moderate potential exists for the recovery of ancient Native American resources on the Black Tavern Amendment property.

Given its integrity of setting, the Black Tavern, annex, and barn has a high potential for the recovery of significant historic archaeological remains. Builder's trenches, construction, and landscape features may exist for each of the structures noted above and potential structures yet to be identified. Structural evidence of barns, carriage houses, stables, and outbuildings may survive. The existing barn has been dated to ca. 1825 by physical evidence; however, documentary evidence also identifies a barn on the property in 1823. It is unclear whether the 1823 barn is the present barn or an earlier barn. The tavern was built in 1804. Archaeological evidence of occupational-related features (trash pits, privies, wells), refuse scatter, and other features related to the Tavern, annex, and barn's use, may also survive on the property.

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ΧA	Property is associated with events that have made	COMMERCE		
	a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.	EDUCATION		
_В	Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.	INDUSTRY		
χC	Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses			
	high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.	Period of Significance		
D	Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.	1804-1960		
	eria Considerations "x" in all the boxes that apply.)	Significant Dates		
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_ A	owned by religious institution or used for religious purposes.	ca. 1830 – annex moved to present location		
В	removed from its original location.	Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)		
_C	a birthplace or grave.	Cultural Affiliation		
D	a cemetery.			
E	a reconstructed building, object, or structure.			
F	a commemorative property.	Architect/Builder		
G	less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.			
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Statement of Significance

They are important contributors to the overall appearance of Dudley Center, and to the architectural integrity of the intersection of Center and Tanyard roads, where the Town Common, the Congregational Church, and the Grange stand on the opposite side of Center Road. In addition, the Black Tavern Barn is one of only four or five 19th century barns remaining in Dudley, and it is the only example of an English Barn. The annex was moved to the site ca. 1830. While less is known about its history, the annex, which stands between the house and the barn, has been associated with the Black Tavern for almost as long as the barn. The Black Tavern Barn and Annex retain integrity and meet National Register criteria A and C at the local level as outbuildings associated with the Black Tavern beginning in the second quarter of the 19th century.

The Black Tavern was built by cabinetmaker Hezekiah Healy in 1804 on the Boston to Hartford stagecoach route (now Center Road). After Healy died in 1817, his wife Becca and her daughters Becca and Clarinda operated the tavern for several more years. Thereafter it became exclusively the family's dwelling place. Remaining in the Healy family for over 140 years, the property descended through the female line (Goodell) until Mary Goodell transferred it to Nichols College in 1946.

The barn has been dated to ca. 1825 by physical evidence. An 1823 inventory for a "Warrant of Partition Papers" on the Healy estate noted the presence of a barn, but it is not clear if that was the present building or an earlier barn. According to the physical evidence analyzed by John O. Curtis in 2004, the dimensions of the primary members of the braced timber frame and the type of nails he found suggest the ca. 1825 date. Curtis noted that the side-gable form—English Barn—was actually somewhat retarditare by the early 1820s, when most barns were taking the front gable—New England—form, which put the entry in the gable end and allowed a drive-through traffic pattern. He also noted that the New England barn typically had an excavated cellar, while the English barn did not. Thus the banked, side-gabled Black Tavern barn had an old-fashioned form that incorporated an avant-garde feature in the utilization of the cellar space. Noting that the combination of forward-and backward-looking features was not unusual, Curtis speculated that these features, along with the relatively small size of the barn, suggested that the main section was intended for the storage of hay, while the cellar area was likely used for the stabling of horses. He also noted that traces of whitewash on the interior suggested that the barn was used for dairy purposes at some point.

The annex is believed to have been moved to its present location ca. 1830 as a one-story building. It became Warren Goodell's Shoe Shop, probably after Warren's 1836 marriage to Clarinda Healy. While the dates of the alterations to the annex are unknown, it was two stories tall in an historic photo that is dated ca. 1900. At that time, it had what appears to have been a row of five multilight, double-hung sash on the façade at the second story, and possibly an entry in the center of the first story.

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Warren and Clarinda Goodell raised four children in the Black Tavern: Waldo, Ansin, Edwin, and Charles. The next known owner of the property was the Reverend Charles L. Goodell (d.1937), Hezekiah Healy's grandson. A prominent Methodist minister based in New York, Rev. Goodell used the Black Tavern as a summer house. He conveyed the property to his wife, Mary B. Goodell, in 1915. In 1946, she conveyed the parcel containing the tavern, barn, and annex to the trustees of Nichols Junior College. The Black Tavern was used as a guesthouse, while the barn and annex were altered in the 1950s to become dormitories.

Major alterations to the barn included dividing it into three bays with a center entry created by blocking down the ten-foot-wide main entry to the barn and fitting it with a six-panel door with sidelights. This was flanked by 6/6 sash windows at the first and second stories. A triple casement sash was inserted above the entry, and a classical portico resting on columns sheltered the entry. The interior was reconfigured to create dormitory rooms. The annex was fitted with doors at the first and second story and a large multilight window at the first story.

In 1980, Nichols College subdivided the lot and transferred title to the Black Tavern on 8,242 square feet of land to the Black Tavern Historical Society of Dudley. The Society restored the tavern to operate as a museum, meeting, and function space. Nichols College retained the barn and annex until 2002, when the two ancillary buildings were sold to the Black Tavern Historical Society for \$17,000. The complex, now on a 23,455-square-foot parcel, was once again owned by a single entity, and the Society began to restore the barn and annex to their historic appearances based on photographs and a historic structure report. Great care has been taken to retain historic building fabric and to replicate lost elements.

The restoration project has been accomplished with a great deal of community support and volunteer effort, including the raising of money by local third graders, who come to the museum on field trips to learn about the history of their town. Although the rear elevations of the barn and annex await funding for exterior restoration, the Black Tavern's barn and annex are being used for events, local history exhibitions, and to interpret Dudley's agricultural and industrial history. In addition, returning the barn and annex to their historic appearances has restored the architectural integrity of the streetscape at this prominent site in Dudley Center.

Archaeological Significance

Since patterns of ancient Native American settlement in Dudley are poorly understood, any surviving sites could be significant. Site distributions in this area generally reflect underreporting and the lack of systematically investigated sites. Ancient sites in this area may contribute important information related to Native subsistence and settlement patterns for the Central Massachusetts uplands, and Worcester Plateau in general. This information may indicate the extent that Native groups in this area were related to similar groups in the Connecticut River Valley to the west, the coastal lowlands to the east, or the Thames River Basin in Connecticut to the south. Many ancient Native American settlement models discuss subsistence and settlement within the framework of river basin drainage boundaries. Ancient sites in this area may contribute important information that helps to test this model, or, investigate the extent to which certain patterns, such as trade, cross-cut drainage boundaries.

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Given the Tavern, barn, and annex's central location in Dudley, and the Tavern's importance as a formal and informal meeting place, surviving archaeological resources have a high potential for contributing important information related to the understanding of Dudley's social, cultural, and economic development. Additional historical research, combined with archaeological survey and testing, may identify the full range of structures present on the Tavern complex from its construction in 1804 to the 20th century. Builder's trenches and construction features associated with the Tavern, barn, and annex may contribute important evidence that clearly indicates when the structures were built, alterations to their original construction, and construction techniques used. Historical and archaeological research may contribute important information that identifies the dates of alterations that are presently unknown to the annex. Similar information may also survive for buildings that survive in an archaeological context.

Detailed analysis of the contents of occupational-related features associated with the Tavern, barn, and annex may contribute important information related to the activities and individuals associated with each structure at specific points in time and over time. For example, Black Tavern's most important period of significance was during the early 19th century, and few details of its use in the latter decades of the century are known. Detailed analysis of the contents of occupational-related features may contribute information related to the services available at the tavern and how they changed from the early 19th century to later in the century. Similar analysis may also contribute information related to the individuals who frequented the tavern and how the tavern's clientele changed through time. Much of the information described above can provide much-needed details of the tavern's use during the latter decades of the 19th century that are presently unknown. Similar information may also survive from the tavern's use as a private residence during the 20th century.

Detailed analysis of the contents of occupational-related features associated with the annex may contribute important information related to the building's use as a private residence and Warren Goodell's shoe shop after its move to the present site in ca. 1830. Information may survive related to the manufacture of shoes and their related technology, and 19th century family life in Dudley.

Excavation and analysis of builder's trenches, related construction features, refuse scatters, and other features associated with the barn's use may contribute important information related to the present barn extant on the property. Archaeological testing in and around the barn may contribute evidence that the existing barn replaced an earlier barn on the same site or nearby. Similar research might also contribute evidence related to the barn's architectural characteristics and its construction. The extant barn is a rare example of an English Barn dating to ca. 1825. The barn was converted to living space in the mid 20th century, and is currently being restored to its historic appearance. Archaeological testing may contribute important evidence related to the barn's design or renovation that could be important in the restoration.

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Additional Geographic information

The Black Tavern, barn, and annex stand on a 23,455 square-foot parcel of land shown as parcel 8 on assessors map 222, which is attached.

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Photograph Log

Photographer: Chenot Associates, Inc. 2009

Photo 1 Barn, Annex, Tavern (looking east at west elevation)

Photo 2 Barn and Annex (looking east at west elevation)

Photo 3 Gable end of the Barn (looking south at north elevation)

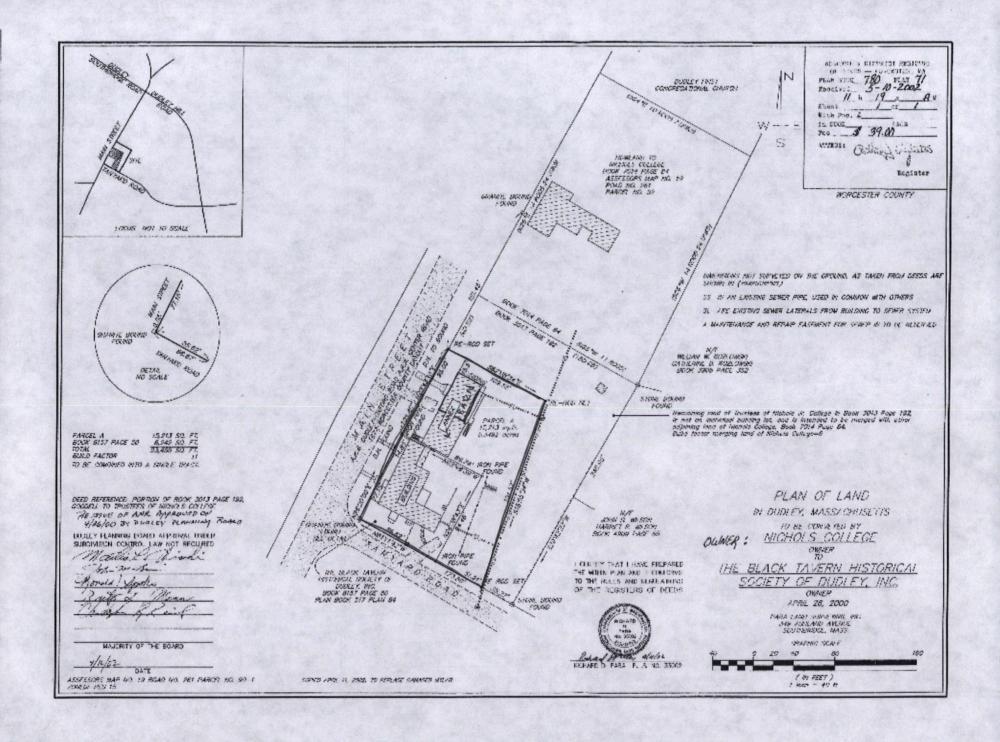
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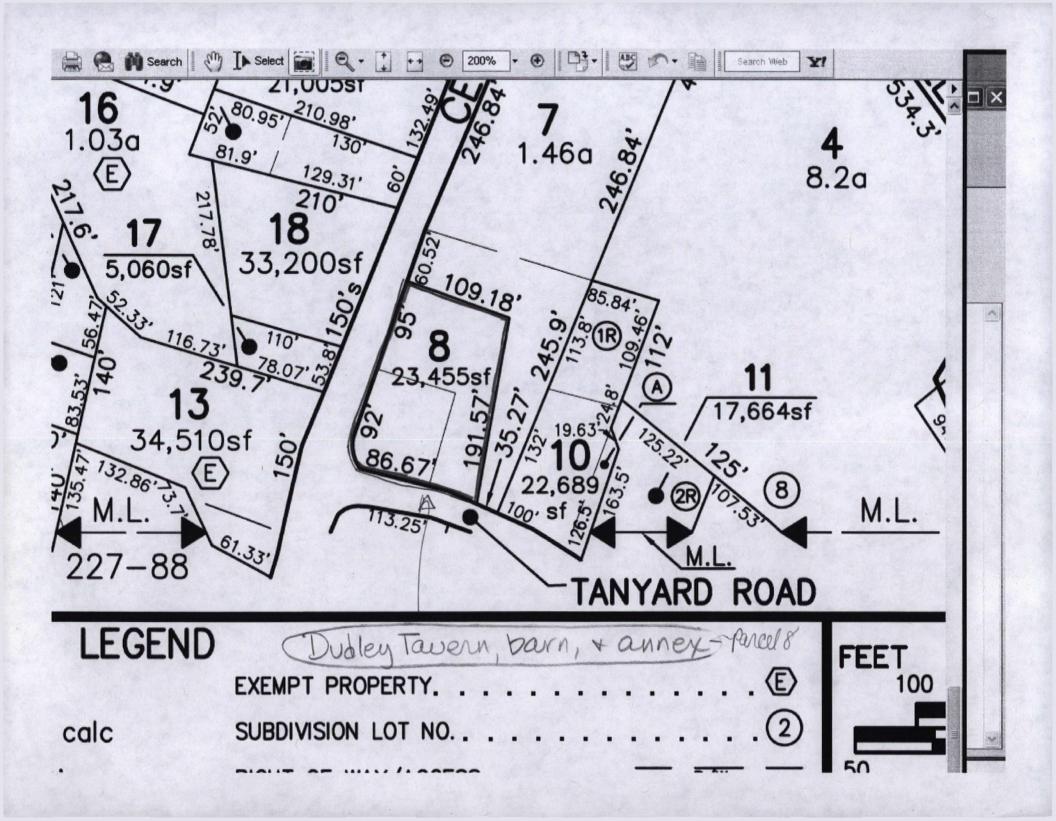
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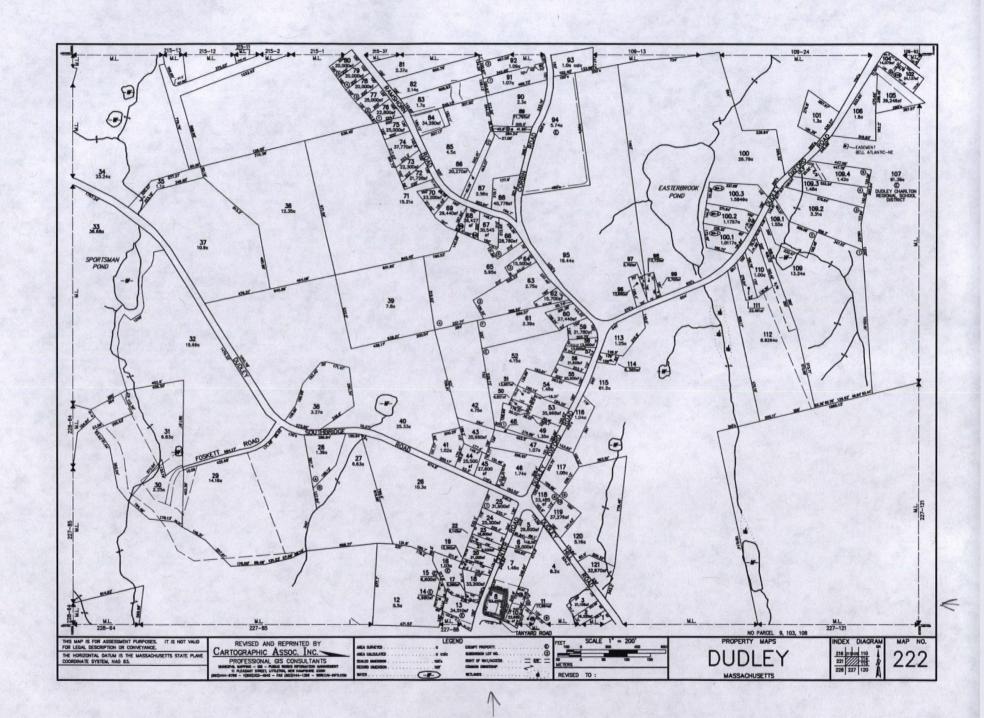
Photo 1 Methodist Church, Hezekiah Healy's Barn, Warren Goodell's Shoe Shop, and The Black Tavern, ca. 1900

Photo 2 Dudley Hill – Black Tavern Built in 1804, and to the left Old Methodist Church and Bemis Store, n.d.

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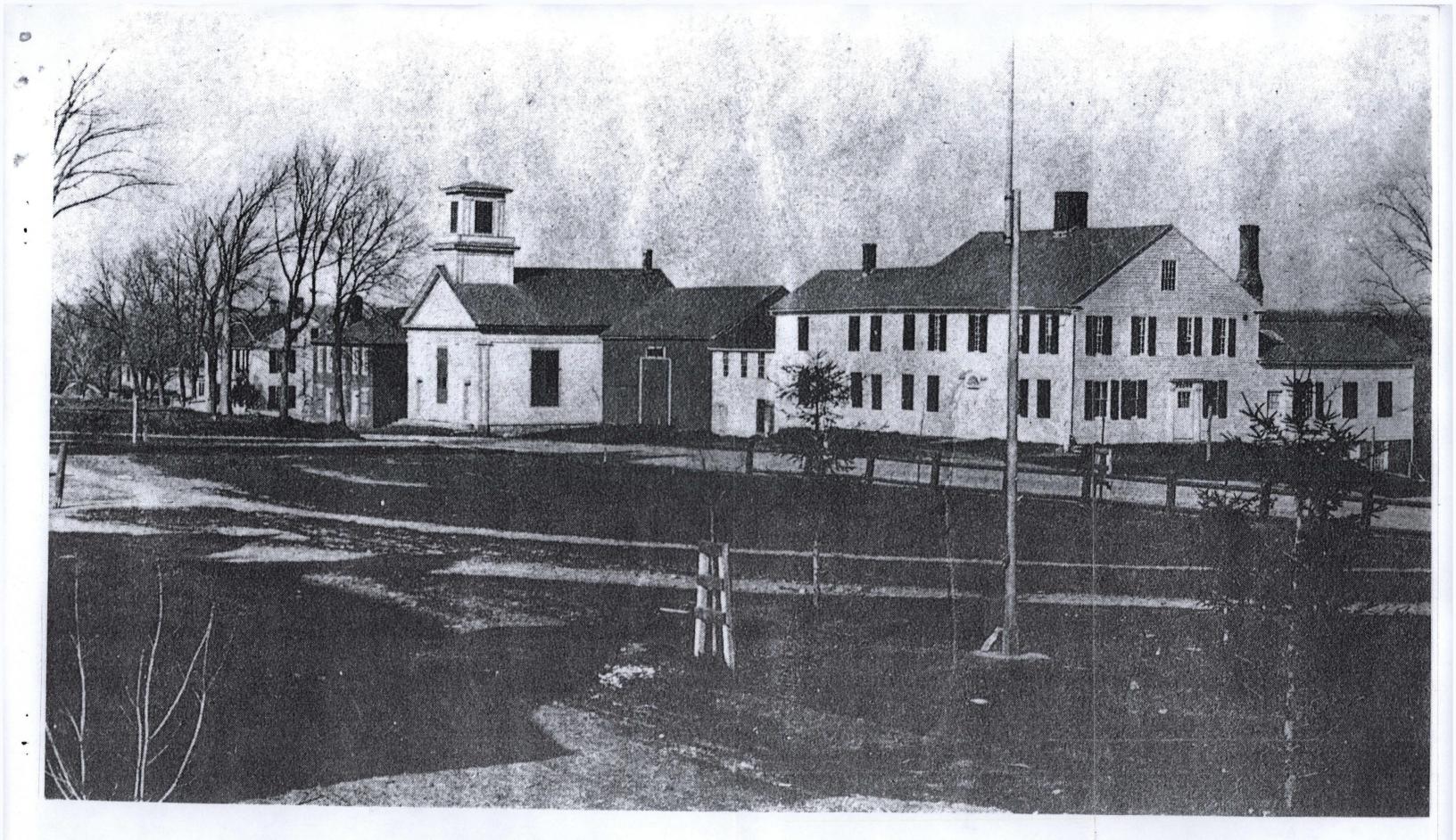








(L-R) Methodist Church, Hezekiah Healy's Barn, Warren Goodell's Shoe Shop, and The Black Tavern. Circa 1900.



2. Dudley Hill — Black Tavern, Built in 1804, and to the left Old Methodist Church and Bemis Store

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION
PROPERTY Black Tavern (Boundary Increase) NAME:
MULTIPLE NAME:
STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Worcester
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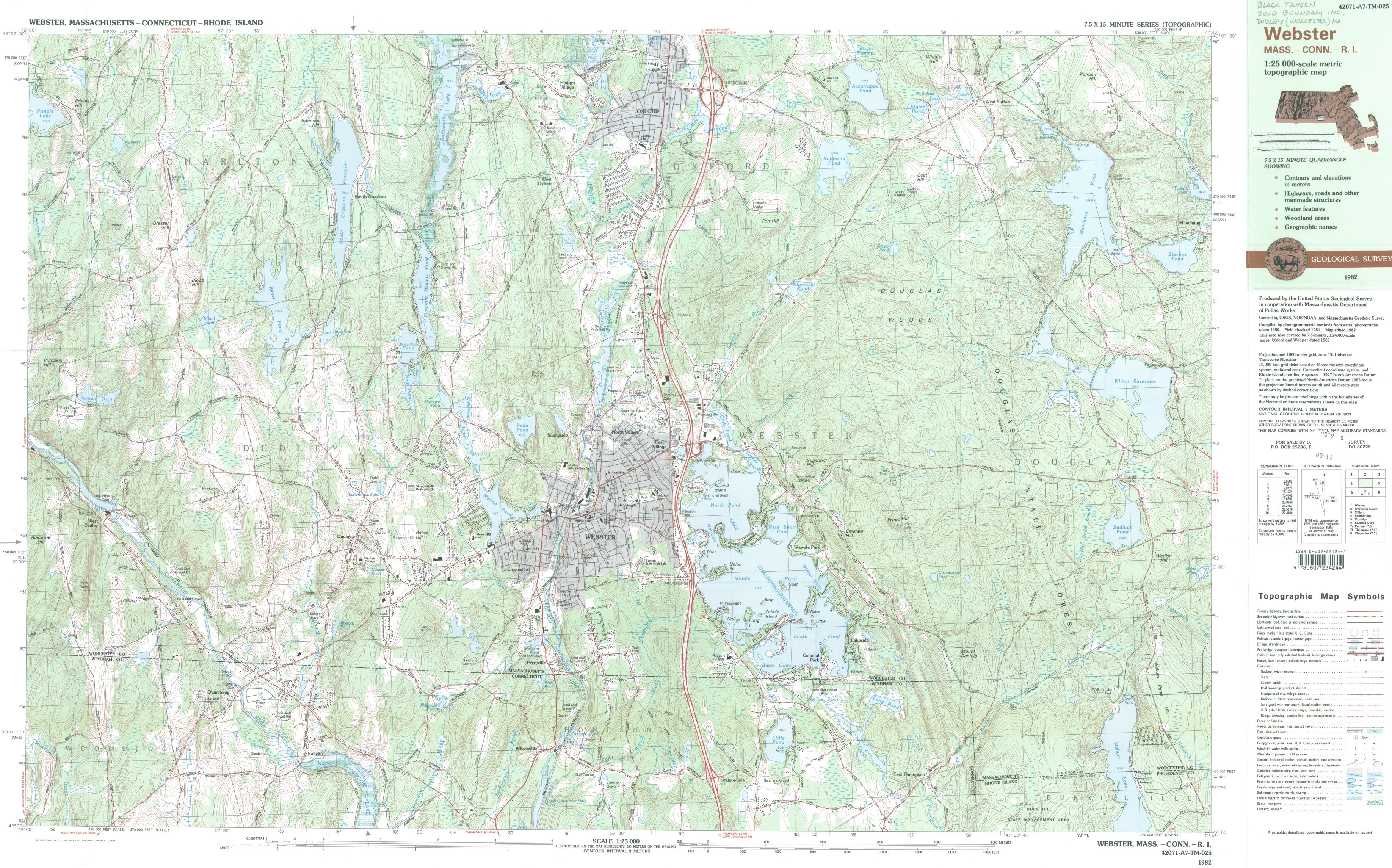
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November 16, 2009

Karen L. Davis, Preservation Planner Technical Review Department Massachusetts Historical Commission 220 Morrissey Boulevard Boston, MA 02125

Re:

National Register Certification

Black Tavern Barn and Annex, 140-142 Center Road, Dudley 01571 (DUD.295)

Dear Ms. Davis:

We are delighted to learn from you that MHC staff has found that the Annex and Barn meet criteria at the local level for listing on the National Register of Historic Place as ancillary buildings to the Black Tavern, which was listed in 1985.

Throughout the community there is widespread financial and volunteer support for preservation of the Barn and Annex. Residents have been consistently encouraging of our efforts to preserve this key piece of the Dudley Hill Historic Center. The Tavern-Annex-Barn historical group is a source of pride in our town, a community treasure of historic and ongoing significance.

We at The Black Tavern Historical Society wholeheartedly support your preparation of an amendment adding the Barn and the Annex to the original nomination, for submission to the National Park Service.

Please let me know whether we need to provide additional documentation, or can otherwise assist you.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Linda Baziner Chairman Michael Branniff
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Peter Jankowski Town Administrator

May 25, 2010

Massachusetts Historical Commission Attn: Brona Simon State Historic Preservation Officer 220 Morrissey Boulevard Boston, MA 02125

Dear Brona.

On Monday, May 24, 2010, by a vote of 4-1, the Dudley Board of Selectmen voted to support the applications of the Black Tavern barn and annex and the Steven Linen Works Historic District, both located in Dudley, Massachusetts, for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. It is our understanding that the Massachusetts Historical Commission will take these applications under consideration at its June 9, 2010 meeting.

Dudley, like so many other Massachusetts towns, is rich in local and regional heritage. Our community roots, which include historical structures, have gradually disappeared over the years and this is regrettable. It is our duty to preserve these architectural and cultural roots for generations of citizens.

Your favorable review of these two applications would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul Joseph, Chairman

Steven Sullivan, Vice-Chairman

Anthony DiDonato, Clerk

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth Massachusetts Historical Commission

September 29, 2010

Mr. J. Paul Loether National Register of Historic Places Department of the Interior National Park Service 1201 Eye Street, NW, 8th floor Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Loether:

Enclosed please find the following nomination form:

Black Tavern (2010 boundary increase), Dudley (Worcester), MA

The nomination has been voted eligible by the State Review Board and has been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. The owners of the property were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 30 to 45 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment.

Two letters of support have been received.

Sincerely,

Betsy Friedberg

National Register Director

Massachusetts Historical Commission

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cc: Edward Bazinet, Dudley Historical Commission

Linda Bazinet, Black Tavern Historical Society of Dudley, Inc.

Philip Warbasse, Chenot Associates Paul Joseph, Dudley Board of Selectmen Steven Sullivan, Dudley Planning Board Chair