

2006 Revisions National Register Documentation

In 1966 the park was administratively listed in the National Register of Historic Places under NRIS Reference Number 02001445. Although the park was listed in the National Register, none of the cultural resources within the park had been documented for National Register purposes and no determination had been made as to which resources were either contributing or non-contributing resources.

In 1985 The Wayside was designated a National Historic Landmark.

The park received funding in 1998 to complete the documentation of the park cultural resources for the National Register and to determine which resources were either contributing or non-contributing. Public Archaeology Laboratory was awarded the contract for the project and began work in October 1999. The project was completed on November 29, 2002, when the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places accepted the documentation of the cultural resources within the park.

On December 2, 2002 the Keeper of the National Register accepted a Supplementary Listing Record (SLR) for the park. The SLR corrected a serious error in the November 29, 2002 documentation. The November documentation stated that the three units of the park, the North Bridge Unit, The Wayside and the Battle Road, are National Historic Landmark districts. This statement is incorrect. Only The Wayside is a National Historic Landmark. The park as a whole is a historic district, the Minute Man National Historical Park Historic District, not a National Historic Landmark.

The SLR also corrected some issues related to the archeological resources within the park.

On October 25, 2006 the National Register approved additional documentation for the park's cultural resources. The additional documentation consists of revisions to the original documentation of November 29, 2002. Mistakes that had been missed in the original documentation were corrected. In addition the names and dates for several resources were changed. The changes resulted because of research that had been undertaken since 2002. Recent cultural landscape reports and historic structure reports have provided the park with more accurate names and dates for some of its resources.

The revisions consist of continuation sheets for NPS Form 10-900, which correct the narrative sections of the National Register documentation by section, page and paragraph; the National Register District Map Key; and the National Register District Data Sheet. The District Map Key includes all of the contributing and non-contributing resources. It is organized starting with the resources in the west of the park and moving to the east. The information in parentheses is the outdated information. The map key is a helpful list of the resources in the park and can be used without the map. The District Data Sheets contain the same information organized alphanumerically by town and street address.

The revised continuation sheets must be used in conjunction with the original documentation from November 2002. The revised continuation sheets contain only corrections to the original documentation. Information for resources for which no changes were made is still included in the original documentation.

The final draft of the November 2002 documentation, the large scale maps, the original photographs, and other materials associated with the National Register documentation project are part of an archival collection. The items have been accessioned into the museum collection as MIMA-583. To consult these materials, request assistance from the curator.

Future revisions of the National Register documentation may be required as structures are removed or additional research provides more accurate information about the park's cultural resources.

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