

-- The Marlborough Survey of Historic, Architectural, and Cultural Resources --

## Introduction

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In 1994 and 1995 a comprehensive historic property survey was conducted in Marlborough. Entitled the "Marlborough Survey of Historic, Architectural, and Cultural Resources," it was conducted in two phases in conjunction with the Marlborough Historical Commission, and was funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission and by the City of Marlborough. It is an excellent resource for those interested in history and historic preservation, and for new or prospective owners or developers of historic residential or commercial properties in Marlborough.

In 2008, as part of the Marlborough Historical Society's commitment to historic preservation and education, the entire contents of the five-volume historic property survey report were scanned and put online at the Society's site as searchable documents: <http://historicmarlborough.org/Architecture.html>.

In addition, this set of discs was created by the Society to further increase easy access to the survey and to enable people to search across the entire report, as is described in the next section.

This set of two discs contains the entire contents of the printed report, as does the website.

This work was conducted by the volunteers of the Society and is funded 100% by memberships in, contributions to, and purchases from the Society. The last section has more information on the Society and describes how you can help support these and other efforts.

## Using these discs

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The contents of the report appear in these two discs in file folders based on the notebook in which the paper form appeared.

With the exception of the historical narrative, the main contents of the report were typed on lined forms. After the hundreds of pages were scanned, the volunteers of the Historical Society used special software to make the text searchable. And while it's not perfect, it's very good, and it makes it possible for the first time to conduct a search across the entire five-volume report.

To do this, copy all of the contents from these two discs to a new folder on the hard drive of your computer.

You can then use a PDF reader to search across all of these files.

If you don't have a PDF reader installed, you'll need to download and install one to read the other documents on these discs.

Since PDF, or "Portable Document Format," is an industry standard format, there are free readers available, including the Acrobat reader from Adobe:  
[http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2\\_allversions.html](http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2_allversions.html)

An Internet search for "free PDF reader" will show you this and other choices from different software developers.

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Learning more about these historic properties  
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The Marlborough Historical Society has many resources for learning more about these historic properties, including our archives, programs, and special events, such as our historic home tours.

More information on these is online at the Society's site:  
<http://www.HistoricMarlborough.org>.

About the Marlborough Historical Society  
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The Marlborough Historical Society is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to historic preservation, education, and celebration in Marlborough, Massachusetts.

Founded September 22, 1964, it is the only organization of its kind in Marlborough and depends on donations of time and money, memberships, purchases, and special events to fund ongoing preservation and education, free monthly programs, and special celebrations.

Other than a few small grants for specific programs, the Society receives no city, state, or federal money for operations or ongoing activities.

More information about the Marlborough Historical Society, including a list of upcoming programs and special events, is at <http://www.HistoricMarlborough.org>.

Or, send e-mail to [info@HistoricMarlborough.org](mailto:info@HistoricMarlborough.org).

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