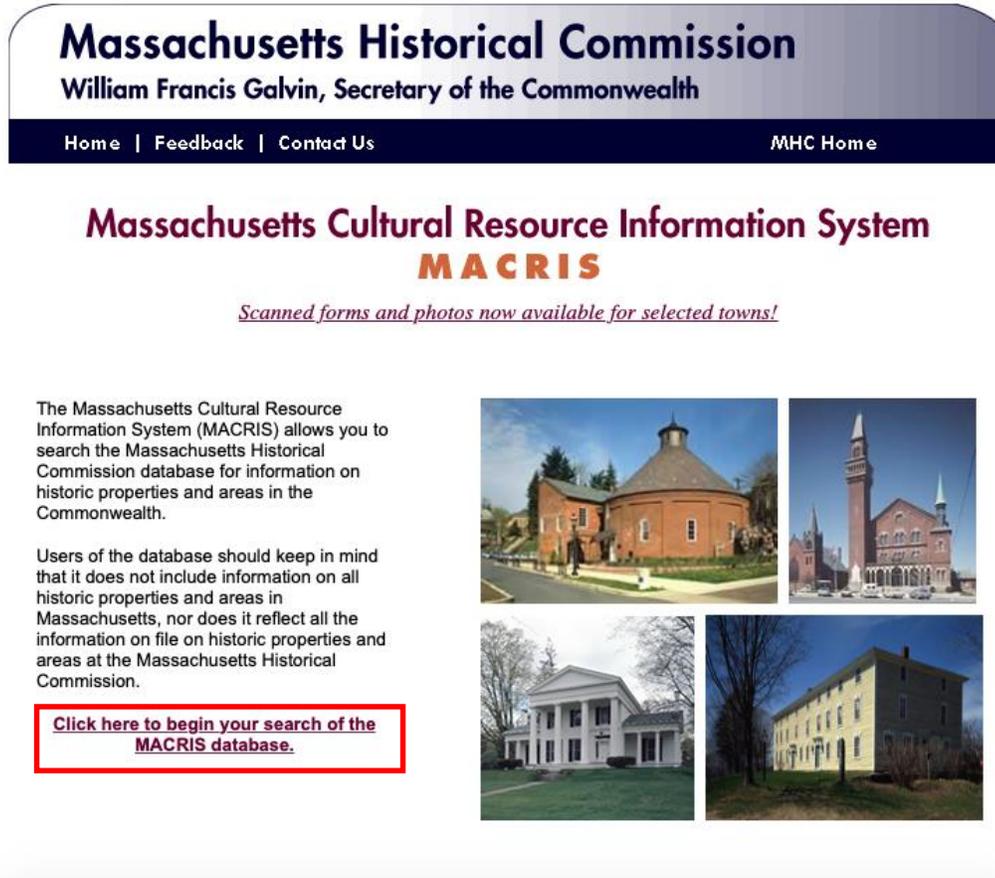


## A Guide to Using the Massachusetts Historical Commission's 'Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System (MACRIS)'

1. Go to the website <http://mhc-macris.net>. The homepage will look like the below image. To enter the database, click the text in the **red** box.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System (MACRIS). At the top, there is a dark blue header with the text "Massachusetts Historical Commission" in white, followed by "William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth" in a smaller white font. Below this, a navigation bar contains links for "Home", "Feedback", and "Contact Us" on the left, and "MHC Home" on the right. The main content area features the title "Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System" in a large, dark red font, with "MACRIS" in a bold, orange font below it. A subtitle in italics reads "Scanned forms and photos now available for selected towns!". To the left of the images, there is a paragraph of text explaining the system's purpose and a disclaimer. Below the text is a red-bordered box containing a link: "Click here to begin your search of the MACRIS database." To the right of the text are four photographs of historic buildings: a round brick building with a cupola, a brick building with a tall steeple, a white classical building with columns, and a yellow brick building.

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### Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

## MACRIS

*Scanned forms and photos now available for selected towns!*

The Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System (MACRIS) allows you to search the Massachusetts Historical Commission database for information on historic properties and areas in the Commonwealth.

Users of the database should keep in mind that it does not include information on all historic properties and areas in Massachusetts, nor does it reflect all the information on file on historic properties and areas at the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

[Click here to begin your search of the MACRIS database.](#)



2. You will be brought to a page titled 'Site Information and Disclaimer.'

## Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

### MACRIS

#### Site Information and Disclaimer

The Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System (MACRIS) Information available on historic properties through this search system is derived from the Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System (MACRIS).

MACRIS data are compiled from a variety of records and files maintained by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), including but not limited to, the Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth, National Register of Historic Places nominations, State Register of Historic Places listings, and local historic district study reports.

The MACRIS database is highly dynamic; new information is added daily. Information from MACRIS used by this search system is updated on a weekly basis. Users should understand that there may be a considerable lag time from the time of receipt of new or updated records by MHC to the appearance of related information in the database.

This search system includes no information on archaeological sites. Records in MHC files and therefore in the MACRIS database include inventoried areas and designated districts for which complete listings of the street addresses of included properties are not presently available. The absence of a record for a specific street address therefore is no indicator of whether or not a property is included in an area or district on file with the MHC. Moreover street addresses reflect those used at the time information was submitted to the MHC, and may not reflect subsequent street re-numbering. Users seeking specific location related information should consult directly the records, files and maps available in MHC's public research area at its office at the State Archives Building, 220 Morrissey Boulevard

At the bottom of the disclaimer is the following text outlined in the red box. To acknowledge the disclaimer, click the text in the red box.

**I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above information on the limits and appropriate uses of the MACRIS information available through this search system.**

3. You will then be brought to the Search by Location Query. In the box titled 'Massachusetts Towns,' scroll down to Winchester.

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## Search by Location

*[Scanned forms and photos now available for selected towns!](#)*

To begin your search, double click on the name of each town or city you want to include from the box labeled "Massachusetts Towns" (or highlight the town and click the 'Add to list' button). Your selection(s) will appear in the box on the right. To search the entire database, select "(All Towns)."

To remove a town from your selection list, double click on its name in the box labeled "Your Selections" (or highlight the name and click 'Remove from list').

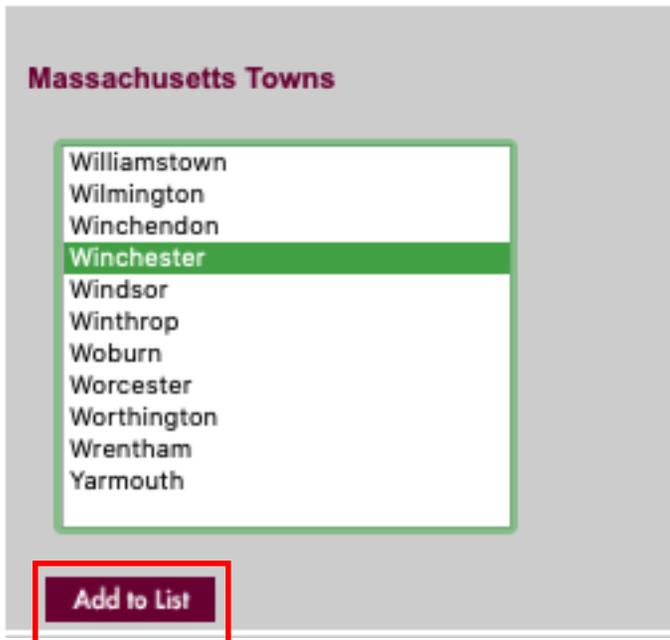
If you are searching on only one town, you can further narrow your search by selecting a particular neighborhood, street and/or street number.

When you've finished your selections by location, click "Next" to continue.

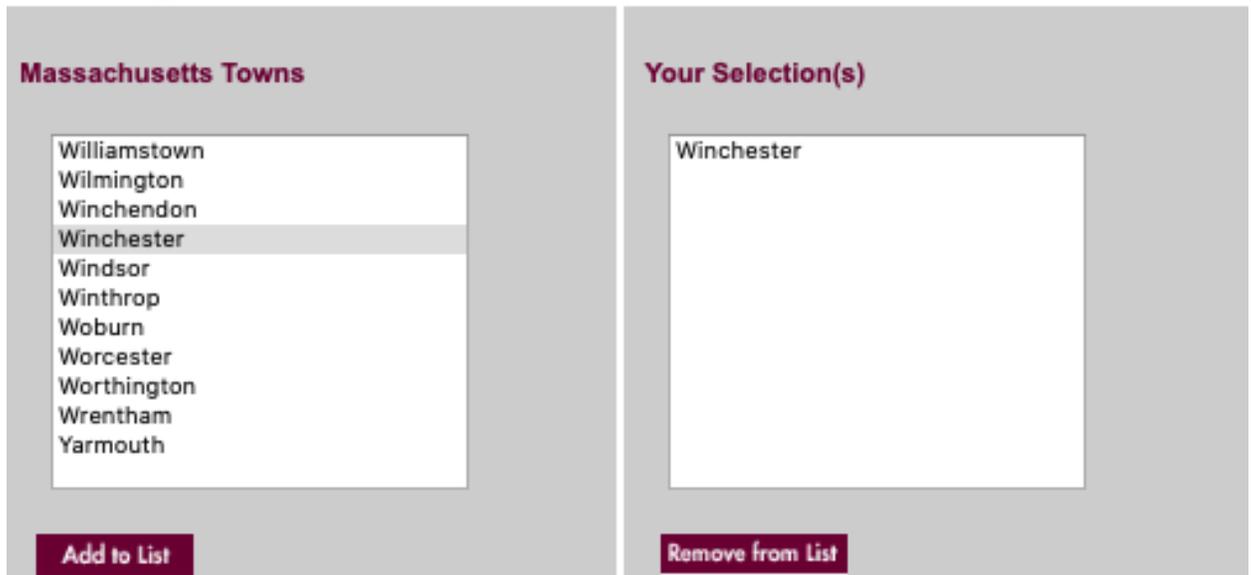
To start over, click "New Search."

Massachusetts Towns	Your Selection(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Williamstown</li><li>Wilmington</li><li>Winchendon</li><li><b>Winchester</b></li><li>Windsor</li><li>Winthrop</li><li>Woburn</li><li>Worcester</li><li>Worthington</li><li>Wrentham</li><li>Yarmouth</li></ul>	
<input type="button" value="Add to List"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove from List"/>
<b>Optional:</b>	
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Street No.:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>StreetName:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>MHC ID:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="New Search"/> <input type="button" value="Next"/>	
<a href="#">MHC Home</a>   <a href="#">MACRIS Home</a>	

4. Click on the Town of Winchester and then click 'Add to List.'



5. The Town of Winchester should move to 'Your Selections.' If done correctly, it will look like the image below.



6. If you know the address you are intending to look up, type the **street number** into 'Street No.' and the **street name** into 'StreetName.' See the example for Winchester Town Hall in the **red** box.

**Optional:**

Village/Neighborhood:

**Street No.:**

**StreetName:**

MHC ID:

7. You will be brought to the next page. At the top in the **red** box in the photo below you will see the street number and street name you searched.

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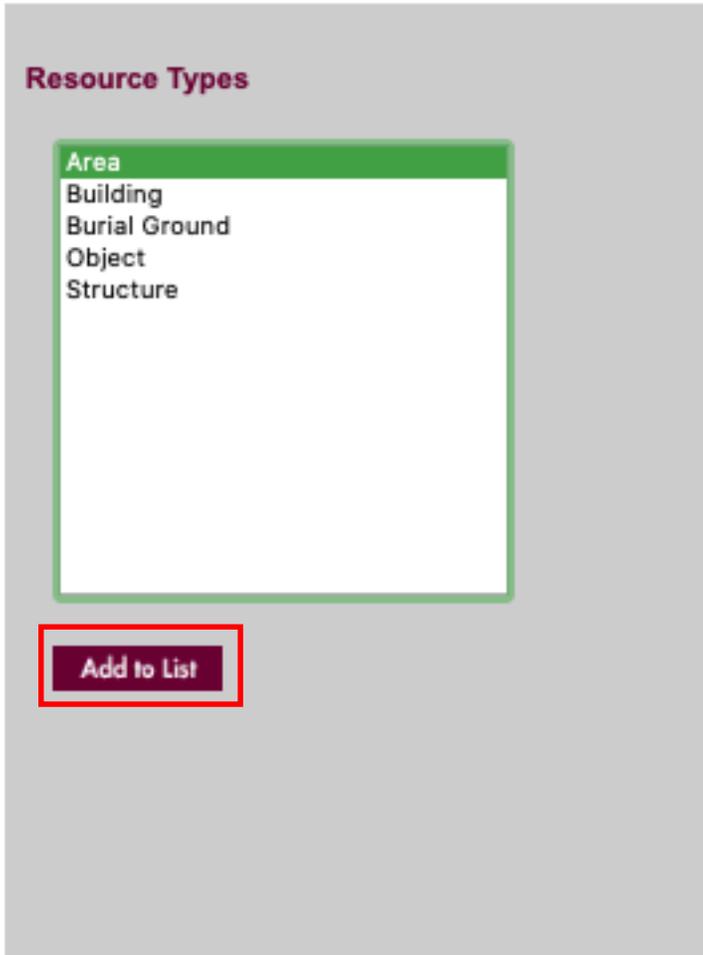
### Refine Your Search

You have selected the following location criteria to search on:  
**Town(s):** Winchester  
**Street No:** 71  
**Street Name:** Mount Vernon

You may further refine your search by selecting one or more of the following categories:

<p><b>Resource Type</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Object Subtype</b></li><li>• <b>Structure Subtype</b></li></ul> <p><b>Use Type</b></p> <p><b>Architectural Style</b></p> <p><b>Designation Type</b></p> <p><b>Significance</b></p> <p><b>Building Material</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Roof</b></li><li>• <b>Wall</b></li><li>• <b>Foundation</b></li></ul>	<p><b>Resource Types</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; min-height: 100px;">Area Building Burial Ground Object Structure</div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Add to List</b></p>	<p><b>Your Selection(s)</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; min-height: 100px;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Remove from List</b></p>
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8. To determine if there is any historic feature to the property you have searched, you will need to click on each of the 'Resource Types' and select 'Add to List' highlighted in the red box. **You will need to click on each type and add to list individually.**



9. If done correctly, your screen should look like the below image. All of the 'Resource Types' should be shown in the 'Your Selection(s)' box shown in red.

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## Refine Your Search

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**Town(s):** Winchester

**Street No:** 71

**Street Name:** Mount Vernon

**Resource Type(s):** Area, Building, Burial Ground, Object, Structure

You may further refine your search by selecting one or more of the following categories:

### Resource Type

- Object Subtype
- Structure Subtype

### Use Type

### Architectural Style

### Designation Type

### Significance

### Building Material

- Roof
- Wall
- Foundation

### Resource Types

Area  
Building  
Burial Ground  
Object  
Structure

Add to List

### Your Selection(s)

Area  
Building  
Burial Ground  
Object  
Structure

Remove from List

10. To see the results of your search, click 'Next' in the red box.

**Resource Type**  
• **Object Subtype**  
• **Structure Subtype**

**Use Type**

**Architectural Style**

**Designation Type**

**Significance**

**Building Material**  
• **Roof**  
• **Wall**  
• **Foundation**

To select an option, scroll down the list on the left and double click on your choice. You may select more than one.

To remove a selection, double click on it in the list on the right.

You may search for: all properties built in a single year (e.g. 1800); for those built before or after a given year (e.g. <1800 or >1800); or for those built within a given date range (e.g. 1800-1850).

To see the results of your search, click "Next."

To start over, click "New Search."

**Resource Types**

- Area
- Building
- Burial Ground
- Object
- Structure

**Add to List**

**Your Selection(s)**

- Area
- Building
- Burial Ground
- Object
- Structure

**Remove from List**

**Optional:**

Common or Historic Name:

Architect/Maker's Name:   
(Last OR Last, First)

Construction Year:

**Sort Results By:**

Primary Sort:

Secondary Sort:

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11. The results will be shown on a page similar to the one below.

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**Results** [Get Results in Report Format](#)  
 PDF  Spreadsheet

Below are the results of your search, using the following search criteria:  
**Town(s):** Winchester  
**Street No:** 71  
**Street Name:** Mount Vernon  
**Resource Type(s):** Area, Building, Burial Ground, Object, Structure

For more information about this page and how to use it, [click here](#)

Results for Town Hall.

Inv. No.	Property Name	Street	Town	Year	SR			
<a href="#">WNT.150</a>	Winchester Town Hall	71 Mount Vernon St	Winchester	1887	SR			

1 Properties Found

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12. To view the images related to the property, click the photos in the red box below.

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Results for Town Hall.

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To download the **PDF forms related to the property**, click the blue 'INV' box in the **red** box below.

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