

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	IPS.J
<b>Historic Name:</b>	South Green District
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>City/Town:</b>	Ipswich
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	Ipswich
<b>Local No:</b>	
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	
<b>Use(s):</b>	Other Commercial; Other Governmental or Civic; Other Institutional; Residential District
<b>Significance:</b>	Agriculture; Archaeology, Historic; Architecture; Community Planning; Education; Military; Politics Government; Religion
<b>Area(s):</b>	IPS.J: South Green District
<b>Designation(s):</b>	Nat'l Register District (9/17/1980); Nat'l Register MRA (9/17/1980)



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## FORM A - AREA SURVEY

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

Form numbers in this area	Area no.
7-14, 35, 40-44 8x-15x	J



Ipswich  
of area (if any) The South Green

al date or period 18th and 19th  
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a uniform (explain):

e? no (17th, 18th, & 19th Centuries)

dition? yes (well maintained)

e of ownership? yes (private)

? no (commercial/residential)

5. Map. Use space below to draw a general map of the area involved. Indicate any historic properties for which individual reports are completed on Forms B thru F, using corresponding numbers. Show street names (including route numbers, if any) and indicate north. Indicate with an "x" existing houses not inventoried on Form B.

See Attached Map.

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE  
USGS Quadrant

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6. Recorded by Margaret E. Welden  
Organization Ipswich Historical Commission  
Date Oct. 1978

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7. Historical data. Explain the historical/architectural importance of this area.

The South Green is a microcosm of the social and architectural history of Ipswich. Though the 17th century houses originally in the area, including those of such eminent early inhabitants as Rev. John Rogers, Nathaniel Ward, and Ezekial Cheever are now gone, the John Whipple House represents that era very well (see form #40). Moved from a site across the Ipswich River to its present lot at the north end of the Green in the 1930's, this mid-17th century house is a National Historic Landmark. The rest of the Green is bordered by Georgian, Federal, Greek Revival, and Victorian houses, as well as a mid-18th century cemetery. The Nathaniel Wade House c. 1727 (see form #14), John Heard House, c. 1795 (see form #41), Locke's Folly, 1835-37 (see form #8), and "The Gables", c. 1846 (see form #42) are among the most notable houses ringing the ancient training field.

The South Green dates from 1686, when the town voted that the area be held in common, and it has fulfilled various community needs. Cattle were gathered here to be driven to outlying pastures. All adult men reported monthly to the Green for military training. Above all, the South Green was the educational center of Ipswich. In fact, it was first known as the School House Green.

As early as 1636 a Grammar School was established in Town. Ezekial Cheever, famous New England educator, came to Ipswich in 1650 as schoolmaster. The first schoolhouse was built on the corner of Poplar and County Rds. by 1652 and Cheever taught there until 1660. The Grammar School remained in this location until 1704, when it was moved to the new Town House on Meeting House Green. In the mid-18th century Madam Rogers, wife of Samuel Rogers, kept a school for young ladies in her home at the north end of South Green. In 1794 the Grammar School moved back to the area into a new building on the corner of County and Argilla Rds.

From 1828, the South District of town shared the building for its own school, and in 1836 the Grammar School merged with a new English High School. That merger brought radical changes in the scope and purpose of the Grammar School, and many mark that date as the passing of the ancient school.

The second district school moved to a new building nearby at Payne and Poplar Sts. about 1850, and the High School left the old South Green building in 1874.

Today the South Green is no longer the educational center of Ipswich, but

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

T.F. Waters, Ipswich in the Mass. Bay Colony, vol. I, pp. 146, 469-70, 464, 75, vol. II, pp. 759, 522, 760, 291, 513-18, 523.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Ipswich	Form No: J
Property Name: South Green	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

7. Historical Data:

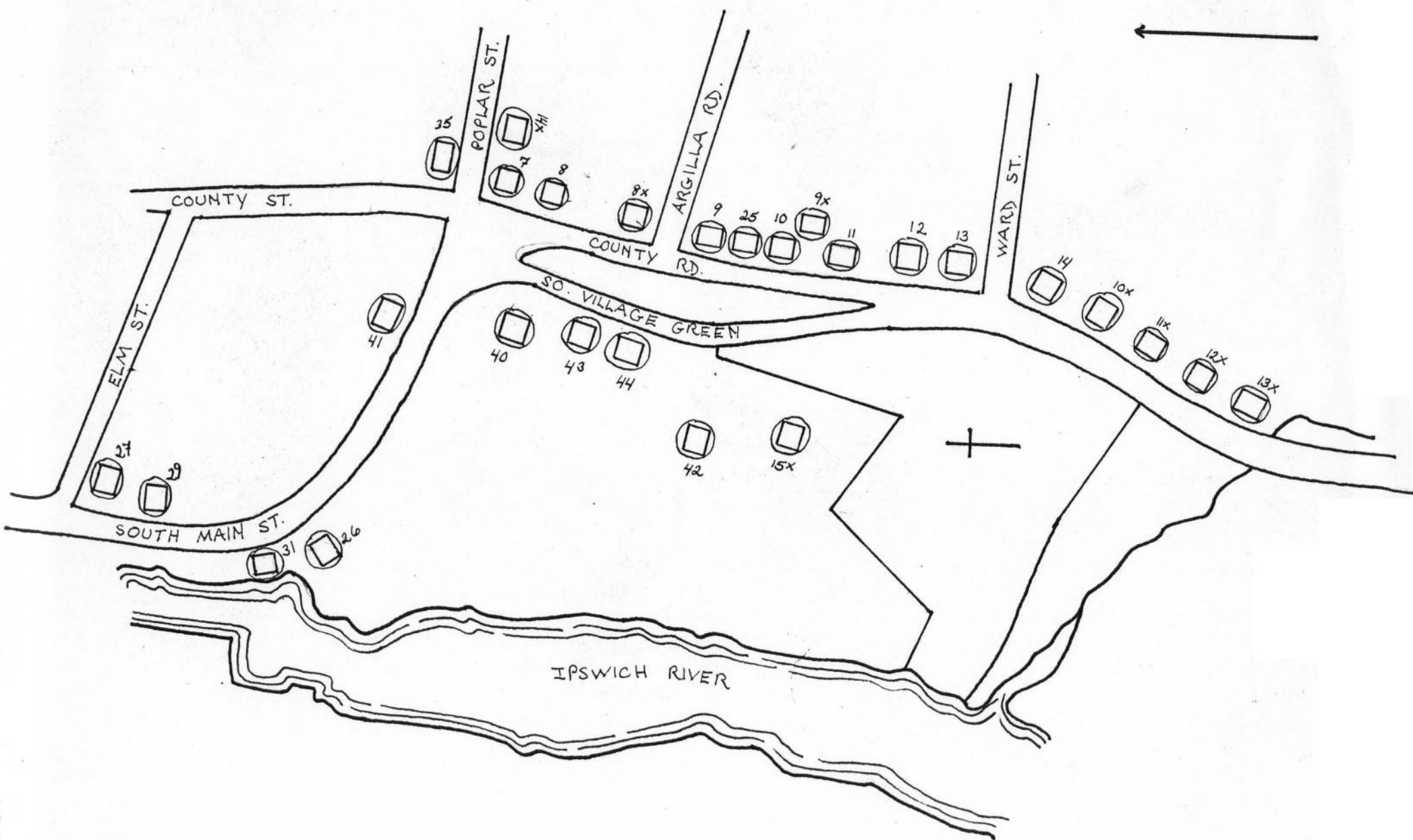
it is still a center for community activities and is the site of some of the finest 17th, 18th, and 19th century homes in Ipswich.

**Boundary Description and Justification:**

The boundaries of the South Green essentially were determined when the Green was set aside by the town over 300 years ago, and today they remain nearly the same. The Heard House marks the Northwest corner, then the boundary line runs south to Saltonstall's Creek, crosses County Rd., then runs north to the Swasey Tavern, which marks the northeast corner. The line then runs west to the northwest starting point. The boundaries were pre-determined by the structures in the area, which all relate directly to the Green and Saltonstall's Creek creates a natural southern boundary.

The district has minimal intrusions, most dating to the 19th century. Condition, synthetic siding, age, and lesser architectural or historical interest characterize the intrusions. Though they do not make a direct contribution to the district, the intrusions are nonetheless supportive, and the area would be poorer without them.

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
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<u>Map. No.</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
7	52 County Road.	Harold Greenhaigh	1836	South Side Store
8	58 County Rd.	David Hayle, Trustee of County Road Realty Trust	1835-7	Locke's Folly
8x	60 County Rd.	Mayes Horsman	ca 1930-40	
9	62 County Rd.	Frank H. Thomas	1828	Giddings House
25	64 County Rd.	Mark Hayes	ca 1831	Asa Wade House
10	68 County Rd.	Louis Marchand	ca 1831	Samuel Wade House
9x	70 County Rd.	Wm. Cruickshank	ca 1900	
11	72 County Rd.	Angela Galanis	ca 1835	Brown House
12	74 County Rd.	Jeffrey Kingdon	ca 1829	Rev. Moses Welch
13	76 County Rd.	Murray Bolton	ca 1775	Brown-Burnham House
14	78 County Rd.	John Vincent	ca 1727	Col. Nathaniel Wade House
10x	80 County Rd.	Eileen Greig	ca 1872	
11x	82 County Rd.	Alfred Wade	ca 1810	
12x	84 County Rd.	John P. Young	ca 1900	
13x	86 County Rd.	Robert Wickstrom	ca 1860	First Church Parsonage
14x	1 Poplar St.	Sylvester Conley	ca 1930	
✓ 35	2 Poplar St.	Charles Lampson (32 North Main St.)	ca 1700	Swasey Tavern

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41	South Main St.	Ipswich Historical Soc.	ca 1795	John Heard House
29	20 South Main St.	Town of Ipswich	ca 1820	Hall-Haskell House
✓ 27	41 South Main St.		ca 1833	Town Hall
26	45 South Main St.	Marilyn Gilbert	ca 1723	Samuel Dutch House
40	53 South Village Green	Ipswich Historical Soc.	ca 1653	John Whipple House
43	57 South Village Green	Richard Gaudet	ca 1776	Aaron Smith House
44	59 South Village Green	Dr. Moscarillo	ca 1761	Col. John Baker Hse.
42	61 South Village Green	Robert Wade	ca 1846	The Gables
15x	63 South Village Green	Robert Waite	ca 1930-40	
31	41 South Main St.	Quebec-Labrador Foundation	ca 1722	Philomen-Dean House