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**POMEROY TERRACE HISTORIC DISTRICT IN NORTHAMPTON
APPROVED FOR NOMINATION TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

Secretary of the Commonwealth William Francis Galvin is pleased to announce that the Massachusetts Historical Commission approved the Pomeroy Terrace Historic District in Northampton for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places at its meeting on December 13, 2017. The nomination will now be submitted to the National Register of Historic Places at the National Park Service in Washington, DC, for final consideration and designation.

“The Massachusetts Historical Commission is dedicated to preserving the Commonwealth’s rich historic, architectural, archaeological, and cultural resources,” Secretary Galvin said. “Inclusion of the Pomeroy Terrace Historic District in the National Register demonstrates the importance of the neighborhood and provides a source of pride to its residents and the wider community of Northampton, which is rich in historic resources.” Pomeroy Terrace Historic District is one of four historic resources around the Commonwealth approved for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places by the Massachusetts Historical Commission at this meeting. Secretary Galvin serves as Chairman of the 17-member board, which meets regularly and considers historic resources eligible for the National Register four times a year.

Pomeroy Terrace Historic District is located just east of downtown Northampton and contains contributing resources dating from 1661 to 1967. From important early gravestones in Bridge Street Cemetery to an encyclopedic collection of 19th-century American architecture on the streets on and around Pomeroy Terrace, the largely residential historic district conveys the broader history of the development of Northampton over three centuries. A number of well-preserved mid-19th-century houses designed by Northampton architect William Fenno Pratt are particularly noteworthy.

The National Register is the nation’s official listing of significant historic resources. In Massachusetts, there are more than 70,000 properties listed in the National Register. The Massachusetts Historical Commission has been administering the National Register of Historic Places program in Massachusetts since 1966.

The Massachusetts Historical Commission is the office of the State Historic Preservation Officer and the State Archaeologist. It was established in 1963 to identify, evaluate, and protect important historical and archaeological assets of the Commonwealth. Visit our website to learn more about the Commission’s programs (www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc).

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