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**RICHARD PINKHAM HOUSE, MEDFORD, APPROVED FOR NOMINATION TO THE  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth, announced that the Massachusetts Historical Commission approved the Richard Pinkham House in Medford for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places at its September 12, 2007 meeting. The nomination will 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 archaeological, architectural, cultural, and historic resources," Secretary Galvin said. "Inclusion of this property on the National Register will help to protect our heritage for generations to come."

The Richard Pinkham House in Medford Massachusetts was built between 1850 and 1855. Richard Pinkham was a local housewright, and for his own home, he built a house blending several mid 19th-century styles: Greek Revival, Italianate, and the Octagonal Mode. Victorian homes evidencing all three styles are virtually unknown, and the Richard Pinkham House is distinctive in this respect in the Boston area. The Pinkham House's integration of the octagonal mode is unique in Medford. The Pinkham House first appears on the 1855 map of the City of Medford indicating that it was constructed before that date. Richard G. Pinkham purchased the land in 1850, constructed the house (presumably) soon thereafter and occupied it until at least 1905. The Pinkham House was recently rehabilitated following the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

The Richard Pinkham House is one of 10 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.

The National Register is the nation's official listing of significant cultural resources. In Massachusetts, there are over 65,000 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](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc)).

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