

# FORM C – OBJECT

Assessor's Number    USGS Quad    Area(s)    Form Number

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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**Town:**    Tewksbury

**Place** (*neighborhood or village*):

## Photograph



**Address or Location:**    90 Hood Road

**Name:**    Capt. John Trull Monument

**Ownership:**     Public     Private

**Type of Object** (*check one*):

- statue
- monument
- bust
- milestone
- group composition
- marker
- religious shrine
- boundary marker
- other (*specify*)

**Date of Construction:**    c1965

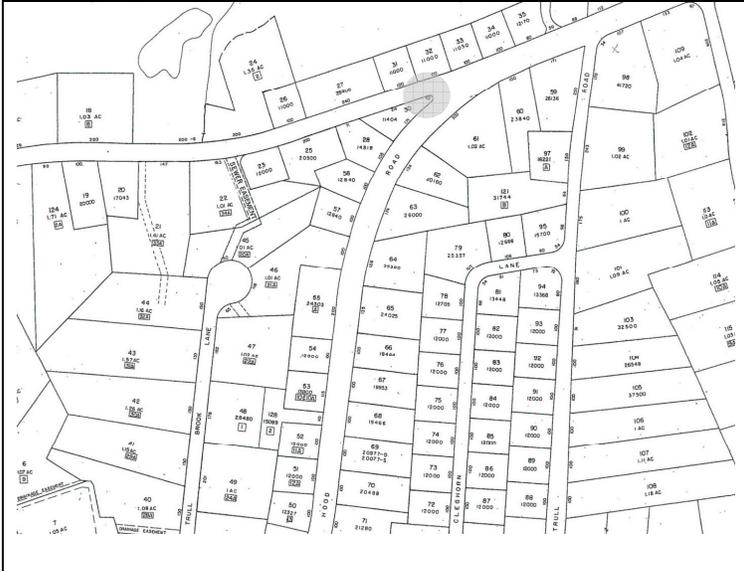
**Source:**    Local History

**Designer/Sculptor:**

**Materials:**    Boulder, Bronze Plaque

**Alterations** (*with dates*):

## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Condition:**    Good

**Moved:**     no     yes    Date

**Acreage:**    1500 SF

**Setting:**

Located in a built-up rural area at the corner of Hood and River Roads that is primarily residential in character.

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**Organization:**    ttl-architects, LLC

**Date** (*month / year*):    August 2010

# INVENTORY FORM C CONTINUATION SHEET

TEWKSBURY

90 HOOD ROAD

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\_\_\_ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

*If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

*Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.*

## DESIGN ASSESSMENT

*Describe the design features of the object and evaluate in terms of other similar types of objects within the community.*

The memorial is a simple granite boulder split with a rough face located on a small triangular plot of land at the corner of Hood and River Roads. A rectangular bronze plaque with raised lettering is located at the center of the split face facing southeast. Unlike other more stylized memorials to American soldiers in the more formal Town Common or Center Cemetery, this memorial stone is simple in style and details, fitting for the formerly rural area in which it is located.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Explain the history of the object and how it relates to the development of the community.*

On the same evening as Paul Revere's famous ride, a second unknown rider set out from Charlestown north through the towns of Medford, Woburn, Winchester and Wilmington spreading the alarm to the significant military and political leaders in each town. Arriving in Tewksbury at two the next morning April 19<sup>th</sup> 1775, he notified Captain John Trull, the head of Tewksbury's militia of the British Army's plan to march to Concord. Captain John Trull (1738-1797) then spread the alarm north of the Merrimac River by firing three shots, purportedly from his bedroom window; a prearranged signal for the Dracut Militia to muster.

Trull's Militia then assembled and marched 20 miles southwest, arriving at Meriam's Corner in Lexington later that day.

The Captain John Trull farm was located to the north of the current marker. In his fields Trull led the Minutemen through their drills. The Captain John Trull House burned in 1912. A descendant, Bailey Trull, converted the family farm into Trull Brook Golf Course 1962-1963. The original Trull barn on the golf course land north of River Road, was converted into a temporary clubhouse. The 126 acres of former farmland have remained in the Trull family for over 200 years.

The boulder and tablet monument were completed at the bequest of Dr. Washington Benson Trull. Members of the Trull family maintain the monument through the Washington B Trull Trust.

## ENTIRE INSCRIPTION *(if applicable):*

THIS STONE IS PLACED HERE  
AT THE DIRECTION OF A GRATEFUL DESCENDANT  
TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY OF A PATRIOT  
OF THE  
AMERICAN REVOLUTION OF 1775  
CAPTAIN JOHN TRULL  
CAPTAIN OF THE  
8<sup>TH</sup> REGT. MASS. VOL. INFANTRY  
WHO LED HIS COMPANY OF MINUTEMEN  
INTO ACTION AT OR NEAR LEXINGTON  
ON THAT MEMORABLE DAY

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