

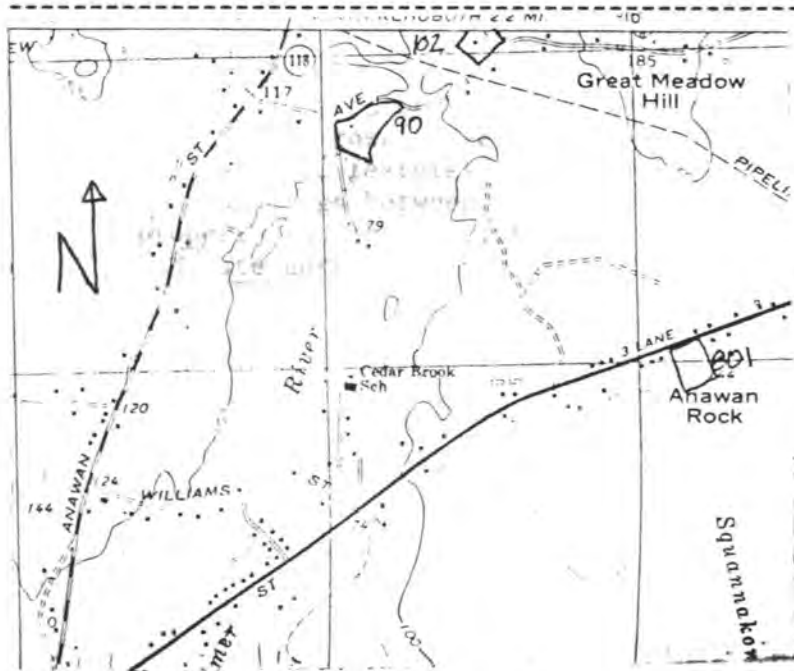
FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
	90

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Recorded by Leslie C. Abernathy, III

Organization Rehoboth Historical Commission

Date April 1976; revised 1981

Town Rehoboth

Address 330 Fairview Avenue

Historic Name Peck-Bowen House

Use: Present residence

Original residence

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1770-1800

Source architectural detail

Style transitional Georgian-Federal

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings early 20th century garage

Major alterations (with dates) _____

rear ell added ca. 1910

Moved no Date _____

Approx. acreage 3.80

Setting 30 feet from road; gable

end to Fairview Avenue; rural context

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

The Peck-Bowen House, a small vernacular cottage, sits at the intersection of Fairview Avenue and Pond Lily Avenue, an unpaved road, which formerly led to Peck's milling complex in the 18th and 19th centuries. It is a fine local example of a small and modest five-bay center chimney cottage, a common form of Rehoboth homesteads of the mid to late 18th century. The three fireplaces and mantels are particularly well preserved, although the hearth in the keeping room is new brick. Off center cupboards in the plastered wall above each fireplace, and beaded chairrails

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

Little is known about the history of this house. It may have been built by a member of the Peck family which owned and operated an iron forge nearby on the Palmer River in the early 18th century, and later, a saw and gristmill. The Wheeler family, who owned land in this area and were also involved in the mill operation, is another possibility.

In the 18th and 19th centuries, this must have been a very busy intersection. At the time of the Revolution there were at least two residences off Pond Lily Avenue as well as Peck's Forge and the Peck-Wheeler Sawmill. The pond for the latter was not far from this house. By 1850, a turning shop and a store were also located in the same vicinity (Walling 1850). In 1871 (Walling) and 1895 (Everts and Richards) it was owned by Allen Bowen who was probably a member of the same Bowen family that owned property across Fairview Avenue (#102) from 1818 to ca. 1900.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

Everts and Richards. Atlas of Bristol County, 1895.

Walling, H. F. Map of Rehoboth, 1850.

Walling, H. F. Map of Rehoboth, 1871.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Rehoboth	Form No: 90
Property Name: Peck-Bowen House	

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

Architectural Significance (Continued)

and mopboards are all original. Access to a smoke chamber between the chimney flues is through a door in the center entrance hall. In 1910, the house was enlarged by an ell at the rear and a staircase installed in the corner of the house. Floor boards on the second floor show that there may have formerly been a staircase or ladder in the front corner of the keeping room. The attic, now two rooms and a hall, was reworked sometime after 1910, with the addition of new plaster walls and wood flooring. The cellar plan under the main structure is unusual; it hugs the west and south sides of the chimney base and does not extend to the south sill line. The exterior proportions of the house, which are unaltered except for the rear ell and a rear entrance, and the quality of interior detail preservation, make this house an important record of Rehoboth's vernacular architectural development in the late 18th century, qualifying it under criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places individually.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Rehoboth Multiple Resource Area
State Massachusetts

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Martin Farm Substantive Review Keeper M. J. [Signature] 6/6/83
Attest _____
32. Peck-Bowen House Entered in the
National Register for Keeper Melvin Byers 6/6/83
Attest _____
33. Perry, James House Entered in the
National Register for Keeper Melvin Byers 6/6/83
Attest _____
34. Pierce, Capt. Mial, Farm Entered in the
National Register for Keeper Melvin Byers 6/6/83
Attest _____
35. Viall, Samuel, House Entered in the
National Register for Keeper Melvin Byers 6/6/83
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36. Wheeler, Aaron, House Entered in the
National Register for Keeper Melvin Byers 6/6/83
Attest _____
37. Wheeler-Ingalls House Keeper _____
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38. Keeper _____
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39. Keeper _____
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40. Keeper _____
Attest _____

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Horton, Welcome, Farm (Rehoboth MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 4/25/83Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84Date Due: 5/26/83 - 6/9/83Action: ☒ ACCEPT 6/6/83Entered in the ☐ RETURN
National Register ☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments: _____

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

☐ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. Representation in Existing Surveyshas this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Area of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____

Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT References

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____

date _____

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272 - 3504

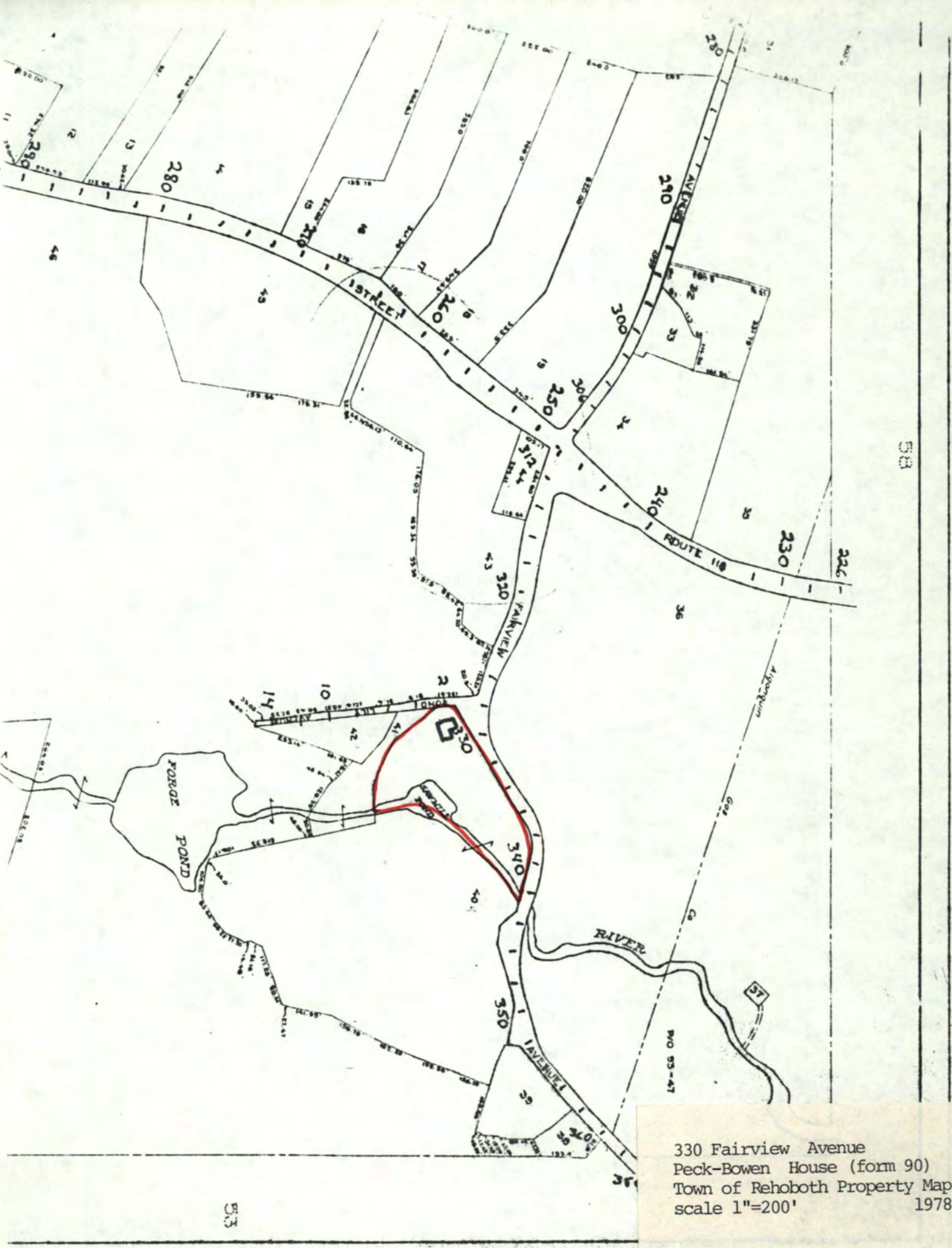
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Peck-Bowen House
Rehoboth MRA, Ma



330 Fairview Avenue
Peck-Bowen House (form 90)
Town of Rehoboth Property Map
scale 1"=200'
1978

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000292