

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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- 26-2 main view of house
- 30-17 Rear post of right hand addition at junction with old part. New plate resting on post and extending under the beam of original house (See photo 30-16 for comparison)
- 25-34 Detail: summer beam left-hand room
- 26-4 historic photograph
- 30-20 Doorway to rear, original room. Arched head support is framed into studs on either side

Town Gloucester. 009

Address 189 Concord Street

Historic Name Ella Proctor Herrick House

Use: Present Residence

Original Residence

DESCRIPTION

Date late 17th century

Source visual analysis

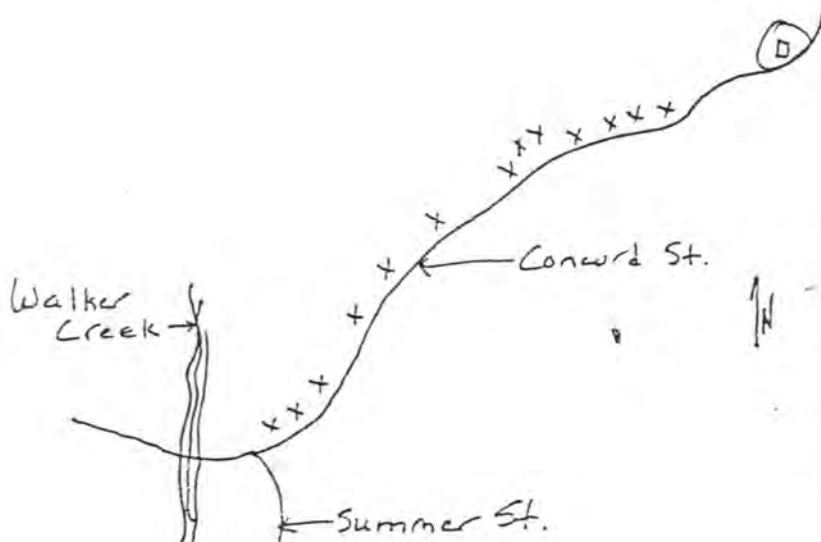
Style First Period core w/19th, early 20th
Colonial vernacular exterior

Architect Unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric Shingles

Outbuildings None

Sketch Map:



Major Alterations (with dates) Right-hand
rooms added, 18th c.

Condition Good

Moved No Date N/A

Acreage less than one acre

Setting 1 foot from road at right front
corner, in a rural, isolated setting not
far from the Essex River.

UTM REFERENCE 19 / 358-660 / 4722-330

USGS QUADRANGLE Gloucester (now Rockport)

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Anne Grady

Organization Boston University

Date September 1985

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: GLOUCESTER	Form No: 22
Property Name: Ella P. Herrick House	

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SIGNIFICANCE

The Herrick House retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship in its First Period frame and surviving original finish. The building, therefore, meets criterion C. Although a title search has not been carried out on the property, the Proctor and Bray families are traditionally associated with the site. During replacement of the original central chimney in 1910, a workman found a brick dated 1672. Should deed research corroborate 1672 as the construction date, and should further physical examination reveal that the lean-to of the original section was integral as is suspected, the house would take on added significance. The structure would then predate by 11 years the earliest known integral lean-to in New England.

The segmentally arched door head in the original rear wall of the left hand room is a rare surviving example of decorative First Period carpentry work. Segmentally arched doors are known in only one or two other examples in the study area.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The Herrick House is 2 1/2 stories in height, 5 bays wide and one room deep with a lean-to. The house began as a single cell structure consisting of the left hand rooms and chimney bay. Whether the lean-to was integral to that structure cannot be determined without further removal of finishes. The right hand file of rooms was added in the 18th century. A full dormer in the lean-to and a small rear shed are products of the early 20th century remodeling of the house for use as a hospital. The roof, of moderately steep pitch, is pierced by one narrow central chimney, an early 20th century replacement of the original chimney. A plain doorway and simply framed sash windows mark the exterior of this shingled house.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

First Period features are seen in the left hand rooms and attic. In the left hand room, the longitudinal summer beam, the only framing member exposed, has 1 3/4" wide quarter-round chamfers, flat collars and concave taper stops. The room also retains at least one wall of original clay plaster, heavily whitewashed, in which an original arched doorway has recently been uncovered (see photo). The doorway in the rear wall has a segmentally arched head which is let into the studs on either side.

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In the left hand chamber, the summer tie beam has 1 1/2" wide flat chamfers and crude lamb's tongue stops. Joist spacing in the floor is a relatively narrow 20 inches on center.

In the attic, where only an occasional framing member is visible, there is evidence of a purlin roof with broad, flat, hewn purlins. A dovetail jointed collar beam was present in at least one set of original rafters.

LATER SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

Finishes have recently been removed from the right hand chamber in the portion of the house added in the 18th century. There is clear evidence that the unchamfered summer tie beam was exposed and whitewashed for a time before being boxed, while the rest of the ceiling was plastered from the beginning. Current renovations have also allowed examination of the interesting method of joining the 17th and 18th century portions of the house at the rear plate. The newer plate laps under the original end tie beam inside of the original corner post, and is supported by its own post. This creates a strong junction, but means that the plates of the old and the new portions of the house are not aligned.

The staircase is finished with simple trim in the Federal style.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR
State _____

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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43. Hazen--Spiller House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Arlene Byers 3/9/90
Attest _____
44. Henfield House **Substantive Review** Keeper Pat. E
Attest _____
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Herrick, Ella Proctor, House

MULTIPLE NAME: First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Essex

DATE RECEIVED: 1/24/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 2/07/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/23/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/10/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000213

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 3/9/90 DATE Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification
___materials
___descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas 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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___acreage ___verbal boundary description
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



189 Concord Street
Gloucester, MA

main view of house
1985

1st Period Buildings of E. Ma, MA 26:02



Gloucester, MA

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Ella Proctor Hennick House

189 Concord Street

historic photograph

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1st Period Buildings of E. Mass, MA



Gloucester, MA
Ella Proctor Thaxter Hb.
189 Concord Street
Doorway to rear,
original room
1985

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30:20



Gloucester, Tr
Ella Proctor Thacker Tr
189 Concord Street
rear post of right
hand addition at
junction with old part.
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Gloucester, MA
Ella Proctor Hennick House
189 Concord Street
Detail: Summer beam
1985

Is + Period Buildings of E. May Jr

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Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

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