

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
100 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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Photos

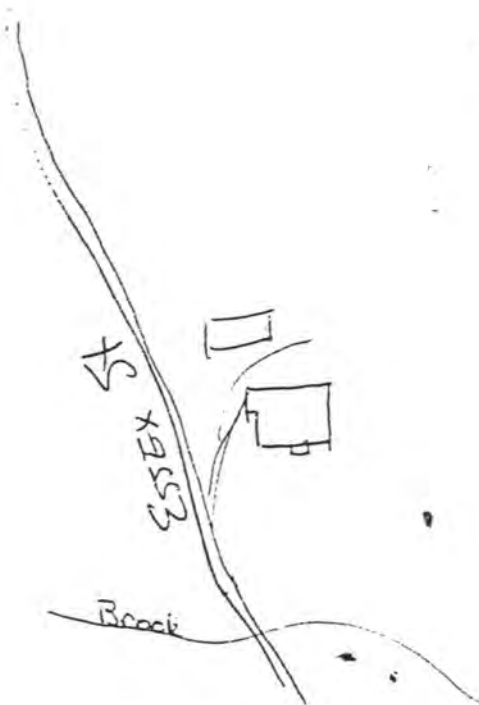
- 38:2 S facade and east wall
- 38:3 fireplace wall kitchen chamber
- 38:4 kitchen chamber summer beam
- 39:13 Exterior
S facade and west wall and ell

Town Middleton 009
Address 161 Essex Street
Historic Name Joseph Fuller House
(a/k/a Beech Brook Farm)
Use: Present Residence
Original Residence

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1714-1722
Source Deeds; Watkins' Middleton Historical
visual analysis
Style First Period/Transitional
Architect Unknown
Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboards
Outbuildings five 20th c. sheds, animal
shelters - early to late 20th c.
Major Alterations (with dates) entry porch
ca. 1800; rear lean-to, 19th c.

Sketch Map:



Condition Good
Moved No Date N/A
Acreage part of a 24 acre parcel
Setting Rural site, occupying the
crest of a hill opposite a pond
house faces southeast with gable end to road

REFERENCE Z 19 / E 332-990 / N 4720-150
QUADRANGLE Reading
Scale 1:25,000

Recorded by Richard Candee
Organization Boston University
Date May 1986

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: MIDDLETON	Form No: 73
Property Name: Joseph Fuller House	

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

SIGNIFICANCE

The Joseph Fuller has integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It meets Criterion C for its late continuation of one-room designed to have an exposed and modestly decorated frame, marking the house as part of the transition from the First to Second Period. With its continuation of the transverse first floor binding beam as the summer, it illustrates the unusual concentration of this unusual pattern in Middleton well into the second decade or later of the eighteenth century.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

Built as a one room deep, central chimney, two and one half story high, two room plan house before 1720, the Joseph Fuller House later gained a rear leanto with "Beverly jog" off its eastern end is shingled. The front wall is an evenly spaced five part facade with added one-story gabled entry (c.1800); the end walls contain paired windows at each story, with irregular fenestration on the later leanto, including a door on the southern face of the shed-roofed two story jog. The gable roof is pierced by a brick stack at and in front of the ridge.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

Three of the four original rooms are Second Period in construction with later c.1800 trim. The transverse binding summer in the east kitchen has been exposed but was clearly designed to be boxed from the start. Only the frame in kitchen chamber, where the transverse tie is exposed, was apparently intended to be exposed, for the beam is decorated with a plain narrow bevel with runout taper stop. The front and second story with simple bevel chamfers and taper stops. That the house was originally of two room plan can be seen in the evidence that the roof was not originally cantilevered for an integral leanto. Evidence for a side oven on the front jamb of the eastern room or kitchen on the first floor can be seen in the bulge behind the later (c. 1800) staircase in the front hall. The cellar contains a massive stone chimney base and employs large sleepers to support the first floor.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Joseph Fuller was the son of Thomas Fuller (whose 1684 house also survives in Middleton) born in 1679. This house is first recorded in deeds in 1722, although Joseph married in 1711 and again in 1713 and owned this land since 1699. A member of one of the most prominent early families to settle Middleton, Joseph died in 1748. (1)

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

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REFERENCES

1. Lura Woodside Watkins, Middleton, Massachusetts. A Cultural History
(Salem: Essex Institute, 1970) pp. 163-167.

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Joseph Fuller House is located near the northwest corner of the 41 acre parcel. Although there are several animal sheds on the property, all are set away from the house. The building is situated at an angle to and close to the street. The line of convenience of 60' borders Essex Street on the south side of the house and runs in a northerly direction for 100' on the east and west sides of the house. The northern border of the line of convenience connects the east and west border.

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1/24/90

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR
State _____

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Foster, Stephen, House Entered in the National Register Keeper Delores Byrum 3/9/90

Attest _____

sub 22. Foster, William, House Substantive Review Keeper Beth L. Savage 3/9/90

Attest _____

23. Fowler, Rea Putnam, House Entered in the National Register Keeper Delores Byrum 3/9/90

Attest _____

24. French--Andrews House Entered in the National Register Keeper Delores Byrum 3/9/90

Attest _____

sub 25. Friend, James, House Substantive Review Keeper Beth L. Savage 3/9/90

Attest _____

26. Frye, Samuel, House Entered in the National Register Keeper Delores Byrum 3/9/90

Attest _____

sub 27. Fuller, Joseph, House Substantive Review Keeper Beth L. Savage 3/9/90

Attest _____

28. Fuller, Lieut. Thomas, House Entered in the National Register Keeper Delores Byrum 3/9/90

Attest _____

29. Giddings, George, House and Barn Entered in the National Register Keeper Delores Byrum 3/9/90

Attest _____

30. Giddings--Burnham House Substantive Review Keeper Beth L. Savage 3/9/90

Attest _____

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90000244 Date Listed: 03/09/90

Fuller, Joseph, House Essex MA
Property Name County State

First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

SM Robert H. Savage
Signature of the Keeper

03/09/90
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Geographical Data: Acreage

The correct acreage is <1.

This information has been confirmed with Ann Tait, MASHPO, by telephone.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Fuller, Joseph, 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: 90000244

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: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 3/9/90 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept C
REVIEWER Savage
DISCIPLINE Architectural History
DATE 3/9/90

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

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Joseph Fuller
Middletown, MA

Roll 39

13

161 Essex Street
Exterior
1985

Get Period Building for E. 161-162



38. 2

Middleton, TIA

Joseph Fuller House

161 Essex Street

S. facade + east wall

1985

1st Period Building in No. 12



38.3

Middleton, VA
Joseph Fuller House
161 Essex Street
fireplace wall
1985

Get Road "Bulldozer" in 1985



Middleton, ITA

Joseph Fuller House

161 Essex Street

Kitchen chambers

summer beam

1985

38.4

SEE MAP 4 LOT 18

SEEM4-L19

SEE M5-L8

SEE

45
25.00

29
3.20

32
3.00

MASS-ELEC. CO.

34
3.00

35
15.80

SEE MAP 5

lines of
convergence

33
4.00

31
24.00

FULLER, Joseph, House
Middleton, MA
1161 Essex Street
Map 10 lot 31
(a portion of)
Scale: 1" = 200'



16
1.50

36
3.19

14
1.05

37
2.50

17
18.3

14A
2.22

38
6.00

15
1.26

13
1.76

39A
1.67

39
1.26

40
24.2

12

FORMERLY
B&M

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000281