

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
	42

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

Town REHOBOTH

Address 116 Summer St.

Historic Name Nathaniel Drown House

Use: Present residence

Original residence

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1750

Source architectural detail

Style Georgian

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings see text

Major alterations (with dates) see text

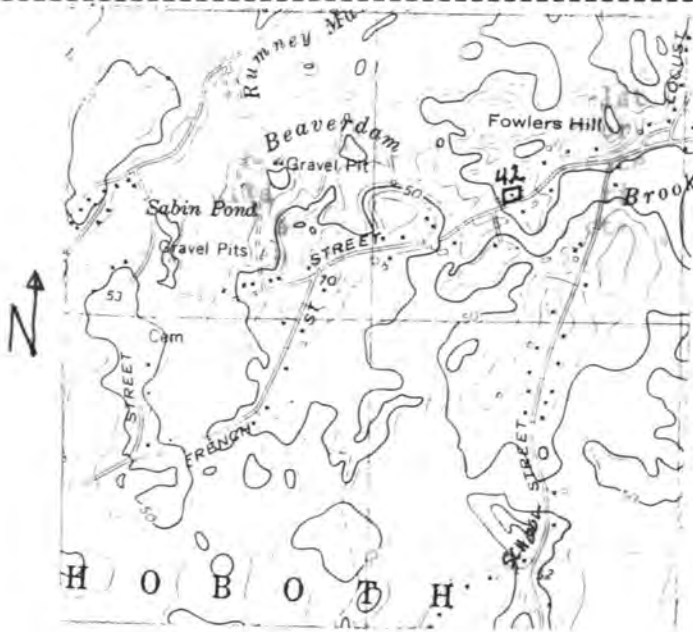
Moved no Date _____

Approx. acreage one

Setting 75 Feet from road on rise,
gambrel flank to road

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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UTM: 19/312440/4634410

Recorded by Leslie C. Abernathy III

Organization Rehoboth Historical Commission

Date April 1976; revised 1981

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

The Nathaniel Drown House is one of the least altered mid eighteenth century gambrel houses, a once numerous style extant in Rehoboth. Recent restoration uncovered original flooring, fireplaces, and angle-matched feather-edged panelling in two second floor dividing walls which had not been visible. The panelling and some flooring is chestnut and documents the local onset of chestnut blight. Overall, the house has retained most of its original character and details which include horsehair plaster, pegged window strip moulding and casements, cased posts, and simple panelled mantels. The east parlor has a horizontal board dado and a central cupboard in the plaster

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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.)

The builder of this house is not known. During the Revolution it was owned by a Nathaniel Drown, who sold it in 1785 to Squire Wheeler, Jr. In the early nineteenth century it was described by a local resident as having been considered "rather a poor farm" (Blanding Ms.). In 1850, it belonged to John Rogerson (Walling), in 1871 to J. M. Goff (Walling), and 24 years later to John Wilson with both outbuildings shown (Everts and R chards). In light of this rapid (for Rehoboth) turnover, it appears that Blanding's assessment of the farm's limitations may have been correct.

As one of a handful of gambrel cottages remaining in Rehoboth and particularly well-preserved, the Nathaniel Drown House meets criterion C of the National Register individually.

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

Snape, Sue Ellen. Mighty Liberty Men, 1976, pp.120,142,152.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Rehoboth	Form No: 42
Property Name: Nathaniel Drown House	

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

Architectural Significance (Continued)

wall above the mantel.

There is some evidence to suggest an earlier date for the western portion of the house than the east. In addition to supposed structural evidence now hidden one must step up into the east room from the central entrance hall and each half of the house has its own cellar accessible only from the outside.

Aside from inevitable convenience modernizations which have not altered major features, significant additions have been the small west ell and a ca. 1935 rear addition. The former, probably dated to the mid-nineteenth century, has a "chimney on a stack" at its west end. It appears largely in the original condition, although the fenestration has been changed in the front. The rear ell has done substantial damage to a small portion of the back of the house - the rear central room and the external mass - otherwise the house is unscathed.

A pre-1840 barn and mid-nineteenth century carriage shed are both in good condition. They are set close together at right angles and connected by a small privy shed of contemporaneous or slightly later date.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Rehoboth Multiple Resource Area
State Massachusetts

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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|---|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| 11. Brown House | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>James Van Duzend 6/6/83</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 12. Briggs Tavern | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 13. Carpenter Bridge | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 14. Carpenter, Christopher,
House (60 Carpenter St.) | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 15. Carpenter House
(89 Carpenter St.) | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 16. Carpenter, Col. Thomas, III,
House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 17. { Cushing, Caleb, Farm | | Keeper | _____ |
| <i>Combined</i> | | Attest | _____ |
| 18. { Cushing ^{CALCOB,} House and FARM | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 19. Drown, Nathaniel, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 20. Elm Cottage/Blanding Farm | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Drown, Nathaniel, House (Rehoboth MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 4625/83
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84
Date Due: 5/26/83 - 6/19/83
Action: ACCEPT 6/6/83
 RETURN _____
 REJECT _____
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- 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. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category _____ Ownership _____ Status _____ Present Use _____
Public Acquisition _____ Accessible _____

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition _____ Check one _____ Check one _____
 excellent deteriorated unaltered original site
 good ruins altered 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 _____ 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT 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

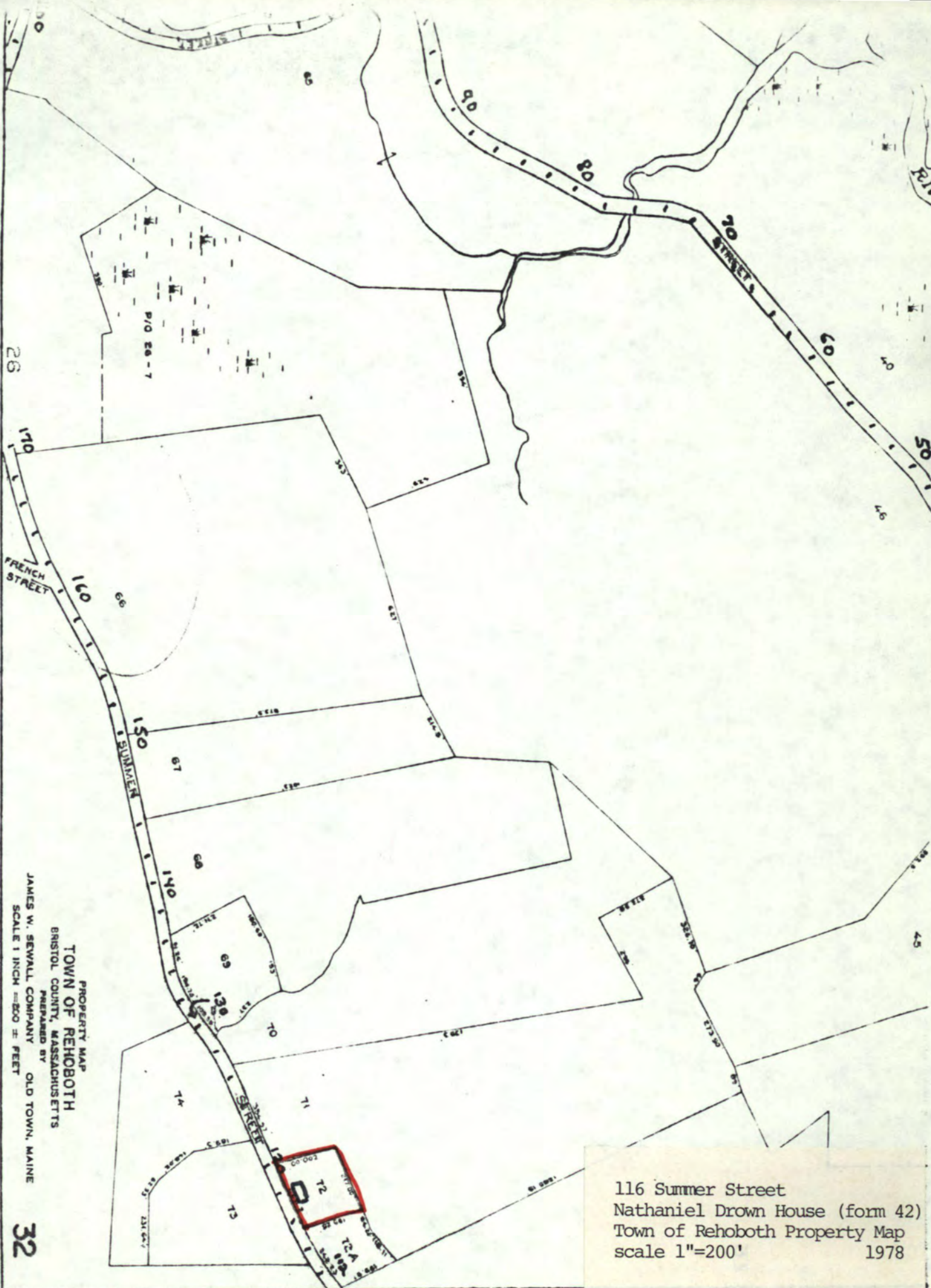
Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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Rebecca MRA, Me



PROPERTY MAP
 TOWN OF REHOBOTH
 BRISTOL COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS
 PREPARED BY
 JAMES W. SEWALL COMPANY
 OLD TOWN, MAINE
 SCALE 1 INCH = 200 FEET

116 Summer Street
 Nathaniel Drown House (form 42)
 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