

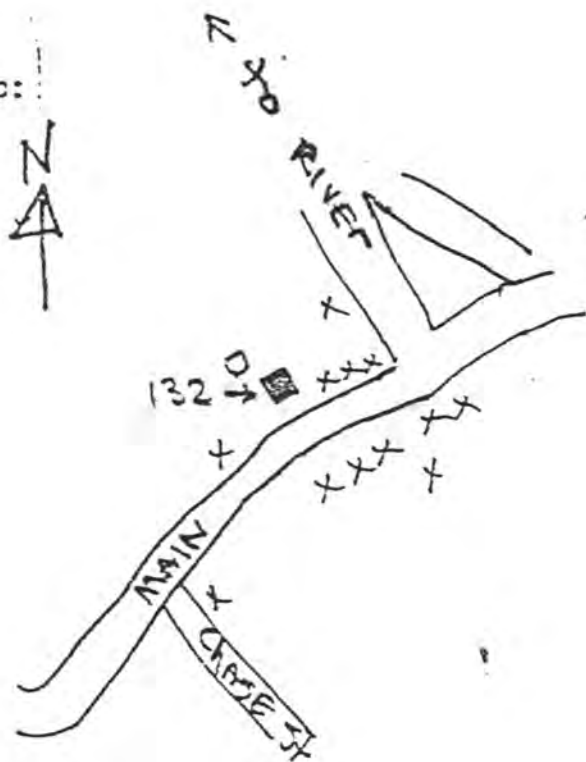
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

JAN 24 1990 FORM NO.

46

- 49 : 0 exterior facade
49 : 6 gable end showing attic window
and evidence for earlier ones
49 : 13 original rear wall exposed
49 : 16 1st floor parallel summers
49 : 15 detail summer chamfers 1st floor
49 : 21 staircase
49 : 24 cyma chamfer 2nd floor chamber

Sketch Map:



Town West Newbury 009

Address 154 Main Street

Historic Name Samuel Chase House

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1715

Source Visual Analysis, Benes, p. 66

Style Transitional First/Second Period

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric Brick

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) 19th c.

rear leanto

Condition under renovation - 1986

completed by 1989 inspection

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage under 1 acre

Setting village lot - on north side of
main route - on large wooded and meadowlands
parcel, set back from road - late 18th and
early to mid 19th c. residential surrounds

Recorded by J. Kyprianos

Organization Boston University

Date May 1986

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M REFERENCE 19 / 336-270 / 4739-010

GS QUADRANGLE Haverhill

SCALE 1:25,000

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: -- WEST NEWBURY	Form No: 46
Property Name: Samuel Chase House	

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SIGNIFICANCE

The Chase House retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship and association. It embodies in its type of construction and decorative finish important characteristics of the transition from First Period to Second Period planning, making it eligible under Criterion C. Moreover, it is one of the key buildings in a small group of six known houses of this type in the Merrimack Valley between c.1700 and 1720. Traditionally, the bricks were made in the yard of the house, in this case presumably by Chase himself, who is listed here on a 1729 map. But, according to one recent scholar, "the style represents a seventeenth-century house type sustained by one or several professionally associated housewrights living on both sides of the Merrimack River." (Benes, 1986). Among this group is the Peaslee Garrison in Rock Village, Haverhill. (Cummings, 1979). The rarity of these brick houses in the First Period makes the Chase House of great significance in helping increase our understanding of changing craft traditions and domestic planning in the early eighteenth century. For this reason it also qualifies under Criterion D for the information it may continue to yield.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The Samuel Chase House, built c. 1715 is a seven bay, two story, central-hall plan, brick house with gable roof. Originally it had fireplaces in the gable ends, although later alterations created two new chimney stacks inset from both ends in the rear slope of the roof. During the 19th century a wooden rear leanto with Beverly jog to the left side was added to the house. Having undergone restoration and rehabilitation in 1986, the house has a much altered fenestration as a result of later 18th and 19th century changes. The front facade now exhibits a five-part composition with paired windows on either side of the hallway and entrance at both stories set in from the gable ends. The lower story windows are arcuated; the upper story are flat headed. In the blank spaces, narrower arcuated window openings have long been bricked up and covered with stucco scored in simulation of ashlar. On the gable to the left of the front entrance, recent removal of a later side porch shows that the belt course continues across the ends as it does at the joist level between the two floors. Two small attic window openings (18" x 24") on this east gable end survive; similar openings on the opposite gable were replaced by a later centered sash. Across the rear wall, recent renovation has exposed the original rear fenestration which seems to have nearly matched the front facade.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

The Chase House exhibits several key features of the transition to

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Georgian house planning within the earlier construction and decorative traditions of the First Period. It is of brick laid in English bond. While the east first floor room and the chamber above it are plastered at the ceiling as well as the walls, the rooms on the west side retain exposed tie beams from front to rear at both stories. Those at the second story mimic the rafter pattern of the principal and purlin roof, running 52", 78", 78", 92", 78", 78", 52", across the interior. The outer bays reflect the original chimney depth, apparently with side closets lit by now blocked windows. The two interior room spaces then have two "summer beams" running parallel 78" apart and a central hallway of some 7' wide with arched door openings at both ends. The central hallway exhibits a new straight run staircase, with short turned balusters on a closed string and a 39" newel post, capped with a red pine molded handrail similar to that known to be in the Peaslee Garrison. In the first floor west room the 12"-13" beams are decorated with narrow flat chamfers ending in 2.5" long lamb's tongues. On the second story the beams are each 11" wide, decorated with a delicate reverse cyma without stop running the entire length of the beams.

REFERENCES

Abbott Lowell Cummings, Framed Houses of Massachusetts Bay Colony, 1625-1725, p.145.

Benes, P. Old Town and the Waterside, p.66

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
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Section number _____ Page _____

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

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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10. Chase, Samuel, House

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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 Chase, Samuel, House
NAME:

MULTIPLE First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR
NAME:

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: 90000273

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

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Samuel Chase House

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~~132~~ Main St

W. Newbury MA.

exterior facade

1985

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West Newbury. MA
Samuel Chase House
154 Main Street
gable end attic window
1985

1st Period Buildings of E. Ma, TR

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West Newbury. The
Samuel Chase House
154 Main Street
Staircase
1985

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Samuel Chase House

154 Main Street

1985

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Samuel Chase House
154 Main Street
cyma chamber
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West Newbury, MA
Samuel Chase House
154 Main Street
Summer Chamber detail
1985-

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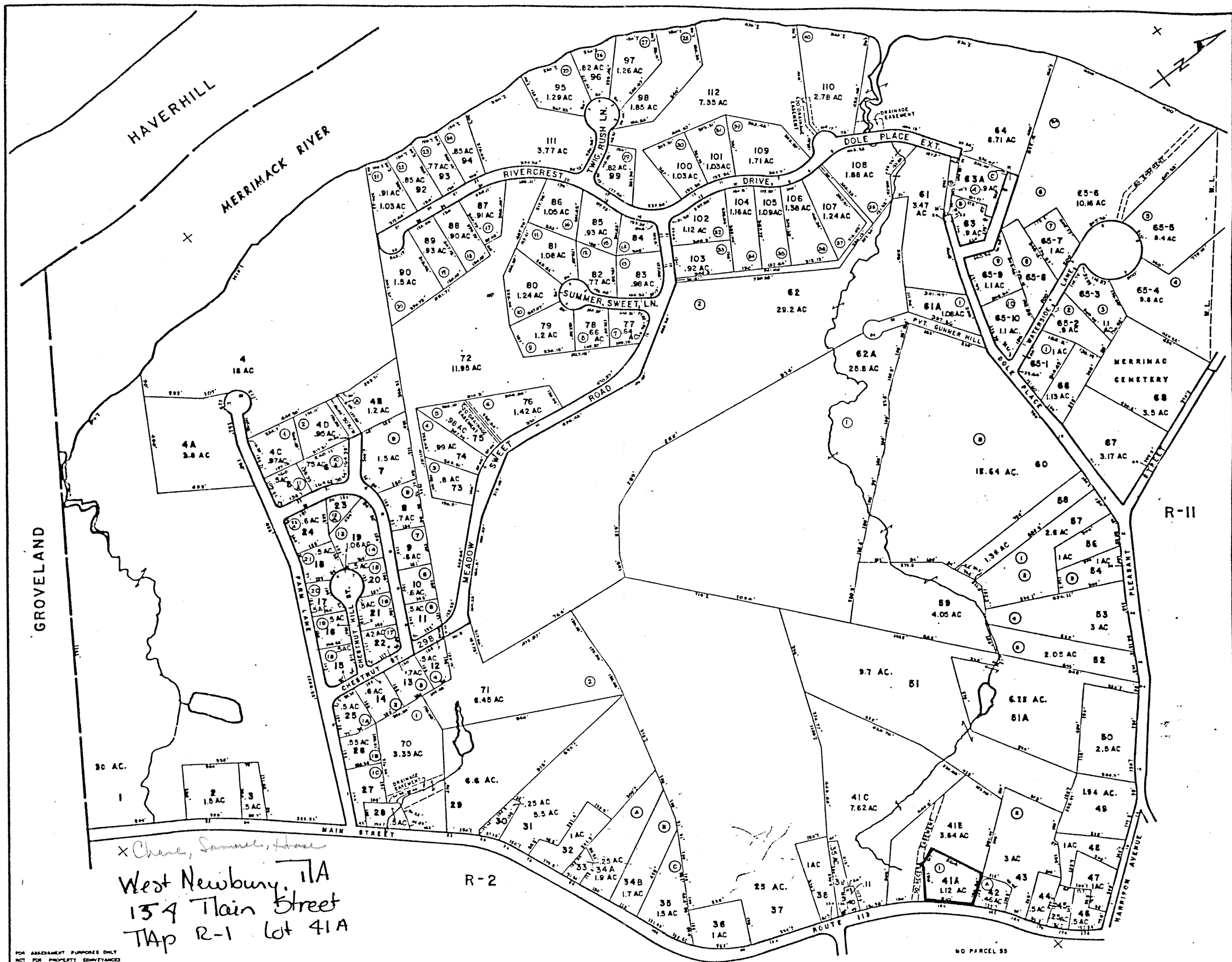
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West Newbury, MA
Samuel Chase House
154 Main Street
parallel summers
1985

1st Period Buildings of E. Mass, MA

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1988

PROPERTY MAP WEST NEWBURY, MASS.

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SCALE IN FEET

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000281