

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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PHOTOGRAPHS:

- 43:04 Front and left facades
- 42:28 Original large lintel still in place behind second-period chimney wall of first-floor left room
- 42:32 Detail of unique chamfering and stop on summer tie beam in left chamber
- 43:00 Original rear slope of roof as seen in attic of ell displaying original shingles still in place
- 42:36 Left-end view of attic showing principle rafters and common purlins and collar beams; roof has pitch of 50 degrees

Town NEWBURY 009

Address 7 Parker Road

Historic Name James Noyes House

Use: Present residence

Original residence

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1650 (?) - 1699

Source visual analysis

Style First Period

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboards

Outbuildings non-contributing small shed

late 19th c. barn/shed with brick foundation

Major Alterations (with dates) ell added in late 18th C. or early 19th C.; ell extended in 1970s

Condition good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage 5 acres

Setting rural suburban - near town

green - late 19th c. residential surrounds

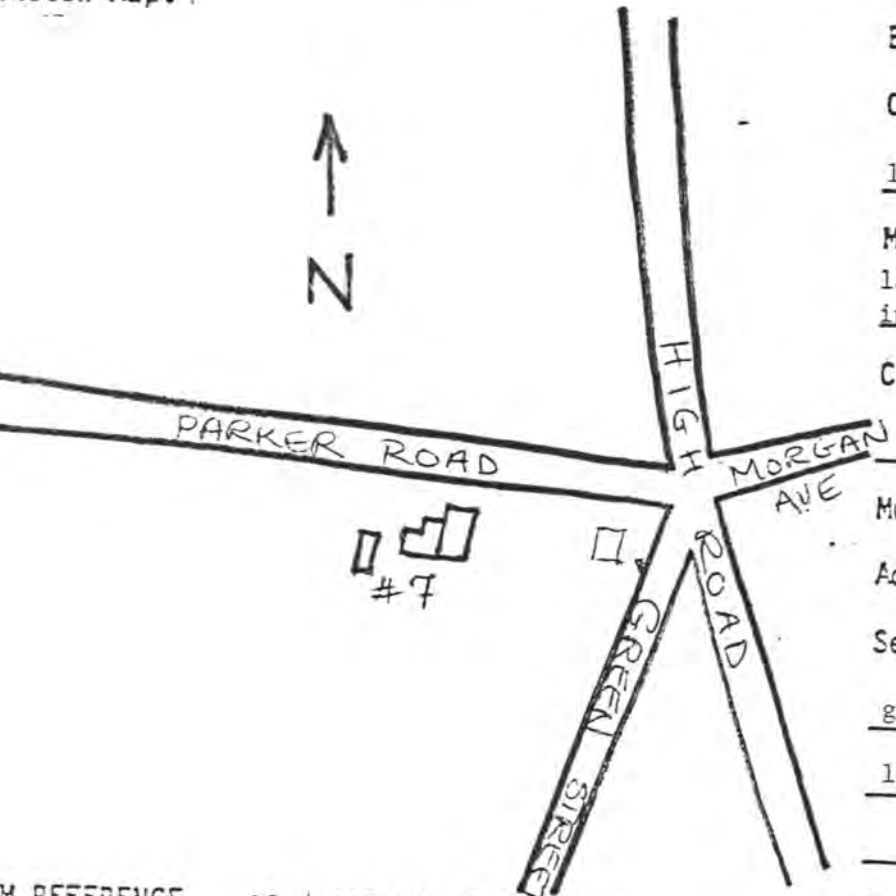
landscaped property with meadow behind

Recorded by James Z. Kyprianos

Organization Boston University

Date March 1986

Sketch Map:



M. REFERENCE 19 / 347-660 / 4739-790

CS QUADRANGLE Newburyport East

SCALE 1:25,000

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:
NEWBURY

Form No:
41

Property Name: James Noyes
House

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SIGNIFICANCE

The Noyes House has integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, and association. In its decorated First Period frame and extremely early type of roof framing, it embodies distinctive characteristics of First Period architecture which meet Criterion C. Later significant changes hide important structural information which might help date the house more closely, and therefore meets Criterion D.

The Coffin House roof, to which the Noyes roof framing is directly related, Cummings has suggested as among the earliest principal rafter roofs adapted to New England roof boarding by the trenching of purlins to support vertical boards. He suggests a possible Wiltshire, or West Country origin for this American framing method in the English prototype of cruck roof framing members. The quality of finish of the Noyes roof, with small chamfers on its members like that of the Coffin House, is highly unusual and an important survival of seventeenth century craftsmanship.

The filled chamfer and stop on the one exposed tie beam is a unique example of this type within this thematic survey.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The large, central chimney, lobby entrance, double cell, 5-bay house was originally one room deep. To this core of "undetermined seventeenth century date" was added about 1800 a two story ell at right angles to the southwest corner. A brick chimney stack is located at the west end. At a later date a lower ell of one and one-half stories was added to the gable wall of the early nineteenth century ell. In the early 20th century a room was added behind the main house and the first ell, covered by a simple shed roof. To the south, a small gabled porch has been added to the gable end and one of its windows enlarged for a side door. Across the length of the 1800 ell an arbor hides the introduction of modern multipaned windows between earlier fenestration. Dormers in the north and south slopes of the 1800 ell roof were added after 1924, about the time the central chimney was partly rebuilt.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

Cummings gives this house an undetermined, but clearly seventeenth century, date based on the combination of conflicting typological evidence. The chamfered roof frame is mid-seventeenth century in character and directly related to that of the nearby Coffin House in Newbury (c.1654). The Noyes roof is of oak in a principal and purlin system with three purlins and ridge purlin; the purlins are trenched into the rafters. The principal rafters are joined by collar beams

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mortised into the rafters. Also in the attic, seen from the c.1800 ell, are early shingles which covered the rear wall before the addition was made.

While most of the house frame is covered by later boxing, the second floor south chamber oak tie beam is exposed beneath the plaster ceiling. It is 12" wide with a quarter-round chamfer with fillet terminating in a 3" lamb's tongue stop. Cummings measured the joist spacing and determined that they suggest a date later in the seventeenth century. In the front hall, the oak chimney girt is exposed to its 13" height. Large oak lintels can be seen in the closets next to the fireplaces on the ground floor, although the chimney is said to have been rebuilt in the 1920s above the brick arched foundation.

LATER SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

The north and south first floor rooms were completely remodeled in the late eighteenth or early nineteenth century, perhaps when the rear ell was added to the house. The rooms have good Federal trim, fireplace surrounds and doors. Surviving shingles in the attic may also be 18th century.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR
State _____

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 5061. Newman--Fiske--Dodge House **Substantive Review** *SR* Keeper Betty L. Savage 3/9/90
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- 62. ~~Noyes, James, House~~ Entered in the National Register *SR* Keeper Melrose Byers 3/9/90
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- 5063. Old Farm **Substantive Review** *SR* Keeper Betty L. Savage 3/9/90
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- 64. Old Garrison House **Substantive Review** Keeper _____ R
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- 65. Osborne, Prince, House Entered in the National Register *SR* Keeper Melrose Byers 3/9/90
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- 66. Osgood, Col. John, House **Substantive Review** *SR* Keeper Betty L. Savage 3/9/90
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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 Noyes, James, 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: 90000246

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

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Signed _____ Date _____



Newbury, TIA
James Noyes House
7 Parker Road
Original large listed
1985

1st Period Buildings in E. Mass., TR

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Newbury, ITA
James Noyes House
7 Parker Road
Detail: unique chandelier
1985

1st Period Buildings in E. May, TR

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Newbury, T/A
James Noyes House
7 Parker Road
Left end view in attic
1985

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1st Period Buildings in E. Mo., TR



Newbury, MA

James Noyes House

7 Parker Road

Original New Slope draft
in attic

1985

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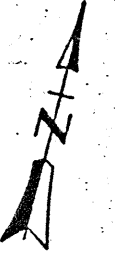


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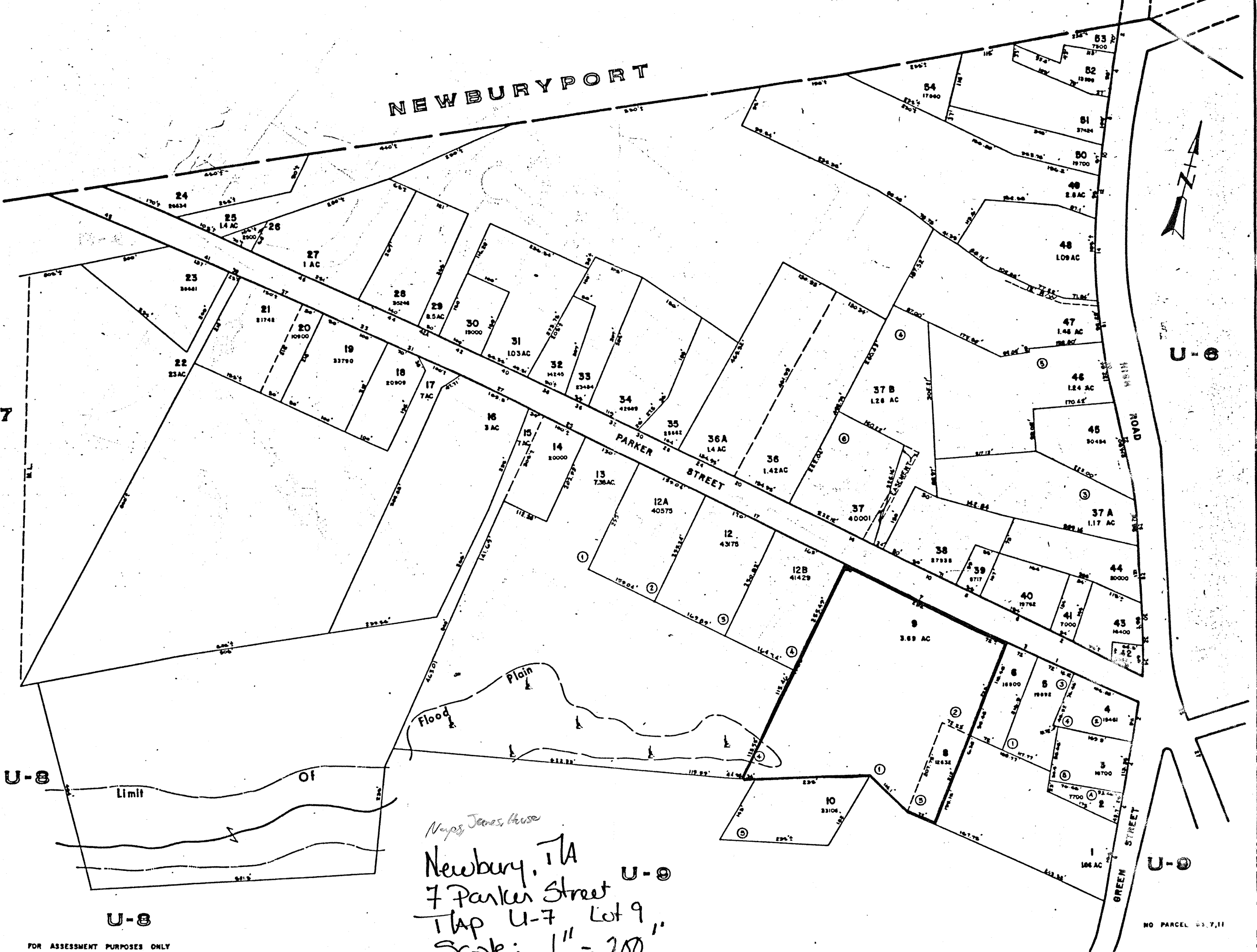
James Noyes House
front + left facades
1985

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NEWBURYPORT



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Maps Jones House
 Newbury, MA
 7 Parker Street U-9
 Tap U-7 Lot 9
 Scale: 1" = 200'

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 NOT FOR PROPERTY CONVEYANCES

Zoning is Residential / Agricultural

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000281