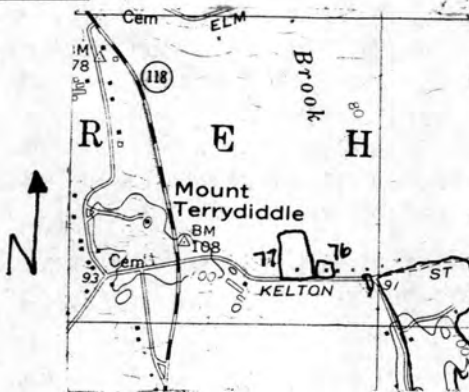


MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
	76

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Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



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Organization Rehoboth Historical Commission
Date April 1976; revised 1981

stone wall; rural context

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

The Nathan Bowen House is an outstanding and unusual example of well-developed Federal period architecture in Rehoboth. A two-and-one-half story five-bay center entrance structure, it is noteworthy both for the quality of its detail and excellent preservation overall. No additions, interior partition additions or removal, and such common ailments have affected this building. It was originally built as two residential units and has a full keeping room fireplace with bake oven on each floor, the downstairs being slightly larger. Entrance

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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 land in this area was owned by the Kelton and Bowen families in the 18th century. Some have suggested that this is a Kelton house, built to replace an earlier structure at a different but nearby location. Nathan Bowen owned this land and a house here before 1775. The cipher "Bowen Bottle, May 13, 1818" on the first floor buttery door may be an indication of early ownership. By 1850, it belonged to A. Bowen (Walling). It remained in the Bowen family until the end of the 19th century when L. Bowen, who also owned the house next door (#77) sold both properties. This house, by 1895, belonged to William H. Tasker with one small outbuilding to the east (Evert and Richards).

The Nathan Bowen House, one of Rehoboth's few pure Federal period houses, meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places individually and on the basis of present knowledge potentially meets criterion D.

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

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Rehoboth	Form No: 76
Property Name: Nathan Bowen House	

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

Architectural Significance (Continued)

to a walk-in chamber between the flues is through a door left of the first floor keeping room fireplace. Both this door and the staircase shows distinct traces of graining. The stair string course is decorated with a saw cut curved design. Other architectural details, largely all in place, include mantels with plain doric pilasters, undecorated friezes, and projecting shelf ends and/or a projecting central frieze panel. The west front room on the first floor has the most elaborately detailed mantel and zoned fluting decorates the chairrail and cornice.

The attic windows retain original twelve over twelve sashes and glass, although the rest have been changed to six over six. According to the present owner, the south and east exterior walls are studded and the north and west plain. This may have been a function of thickening the walls, indicated also by relatively deep window insets in the south and east walls.

Exterior ornamentation is typically limited to the front facade. A line of dentils decorates the cornice. The doorway is a simple version of a Federal style of expression with a fanlight and pediment above and flanking doric pilasters.

Across Kelton Street to the south is a barn foundation of undetermined date and remnants of 20th century chicken coops. Both fell or were torn down ca. 1960. West of the house is a small fieldstone walled enclosure reputed to have been a local animal pound. A dump of considerable size (approximately fifteen by ten feet) and age is located approximately 50 yards behind the house at the edge of a swamp. 19th century glass bottles and iron items have occasionally been observed and there is a good potential that the dump is as old as the house. Under a protective layer of modern materials, it appears to be undisturbed.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Rehoboth Multiple Resource Area
State Massachusetts

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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| 1. Rehoboth Village Historic District | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>Bruce M. Boyd 6/6/83</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 2. Allen, Elisha, House | Entered in the National Register | Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 3. { Anawan Club Caretaker's House
<u>Combined</u> | | Keeper | _____ |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 4. { Anawan Club Clubhouse AND
CARETAKER'S HOUSE | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 5. Anawan Rock | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u> |
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| 6. Baker House | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u> |
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| 7. Bliss, Abiah, House | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u> |
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| 8. Bliss, Daniel, Homestead | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u> |
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| 9. Bowen, Nathan, House | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 10. Bramble Hill | Entered in the National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u> |
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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Bowen, Nathan, House (Rehoboth MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 4/25/83Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84Date Due: 5/26/83 - 6/9/83Action: ☒ ACCEPT 6/6/83Entered in the ☐ RETURN
National Register ☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ 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. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. Representation in Existing Surveyshas this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ original site
		☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Area 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 _____

UNIT 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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26 Kelton Street

Bower, Nathan, House
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26 Kelton Street
Nathan Bown House (form 76)

Town of Rehoboth Property Map
Scale 1" = 200'

1978

Please refer to the map in the
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