

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
	77

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Photo number _____

Town REHOBOTH

Address 30 Kelton Street

Historic Name --

Use: Present residence

Original residence

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1835

Source architectural detail

Style Greek Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings see text

Major alterations (with dates) see text

Moved no Date _____

Approx. acreage 9

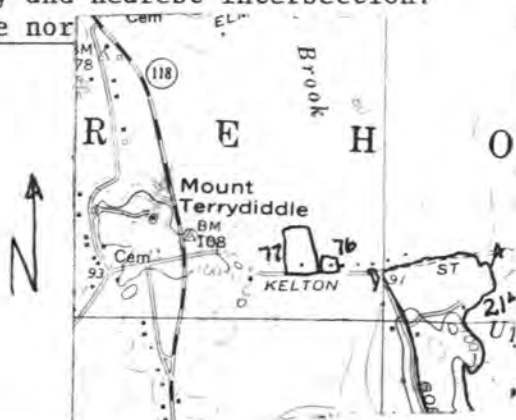
Setting 100 feet from road on rise;

gable flank to road; rural

context

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation
to nearest cross streets and/or
geographical features. Indicate
all buildings between inventoried
property and nearest intersection.
Indicate nor



UTM: 19/314750/4633170

Recorded by Leslie C. Abernathy III

Organization Rehoboth Historical Commission

Date April 1976; revised 1981

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

The evolution of the 18th century center chimney cottage type into a characteristically 19th century structure is fully apparent in this farmhouse. A center entrance doorway with sidelights and flanking doric pilasters leads to a straight staircase and central interior hall. A wall in the first floor west room has been removed, creating a single space on that side of the house, and a bathroom installed in the northeast corner. What would have been a room in the northwest side has horizontal dado panelling on its remaining exterior walls. A closet has been added on the otherwise unchanged second floor. The two end

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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.)

This house may have been built by L. Bowen, who owned it in 1850 (Walling). He was possibly the son of Nathan Bowen, who then owned the large federal house next door (#76), for in 1871, L. Bowen is shown owning both (Walling). By 1895, the two had been sold, this property going to Edward L. Tracy (Everts and Richards). A barn, shown to the west of the house, may be the present horse barn, or an earlier structure.

When in operation, this must have been a compact and efficient farm. The house presents a surprisingly sophisticated appearance to the street, despite its small size.

Rehoboth's most outstanding example of an end chimney Greek Revival cottage, which reflects its origin as a farmhouse, 30 Kelton Street meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places individually.

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

Everts and Richards. Atlas of Bristol County, 1895.

Walling, H. F. Map of Rehoboth, 1850.

Walling, H. F. Map of Rehoboth, 1871.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Rehoboth	Form No: 77
Property Name: 30 Kelton Street	

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

Architectural Significance (Continued)

chimneys are completely enclosed, but there appears to be no evidence of there having been a hearth at either. A third chimney is centered where the kitchen ell is attached. The ell appears to be part of the original build. This chimney has a fireplace in the front and no opening on the ell side at this level.

Whereas the two end chimneys originate at the top of the foundation, this one forms the core of the most interesting and unusual part of the house - the cellar. The cellar is a full L-shaped room, which was clearly used as a summer kitchen and for farm related activities. The length of the east foundation, which includes the ell, is an eight foot high stone wall with a door and three large windows with evidence of wooden shelves. The brick chimney base contains a boiler, a fireplace, and two bake ovens.

Outbuildings related to farming here are a standing garage and shed from the early to mid 20th century and a turn-of-the-century horse barn. There is also a barn foundation (with cement floor), two remaining stone corn crib supports, and a stone-lined well within a few hundred yards of the house.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Rehoboth Multiple Resource Area
State Massachusetts

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Goff Farm

Substantive Review

Keeper

Anna M. Dwyer 6/6/83

Attest

22. Goff Homestead

Entered in the
National Registerfor
KeeperDelores Byers 6/6/83

Attest

23. Hornbine Baptist Church

Entered in the
National Registerfor
KeeperDelores Byers 6/6/83

Attest

24. Hornbine School

Entered in the
National Registerfor
KeeperDelores Byers 6/6/83

Attest

25. Horton, Welcome, Farm

Entered in the
National Registerfor
KeeperDelores Byers 6/6/83

Attest

26. House at 197 Hornbine Road

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KeeperDelores Byers 6/6/83

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27. House at 30 Kelton Street

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28. Ingalls-Wheeler-Horton
Homestead SiteCovered in the
National Registerfor
KeeperDelores Byers 6/6/83

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29. Kingsley House

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National Registerfor
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30. Knapp, Seth, Jr., House

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KeeperDelores Byers 6/6/83

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Horton, Welcome, Farm (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	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ 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 _____

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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↑ 30 KELTON ST
OUTBUILDINGS

House at

Rehoboth MRA, Ma



#77

30 KELTON STREET

House at

Rehoboth MRA, Ma



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000292