

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
	208

Photo number 104:7

Town Rehoboth

Address 32 Moulton Street

Historic Name "Bramble Hill"

Use: Present residence

Original residence

Date 1923-1928

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Style French Norman Revival

Architect Albert Harkness

Exterior wall fabric field stone

Outbuildings contemporary garage,

later barn and sheds

Major alterations (with dates) none

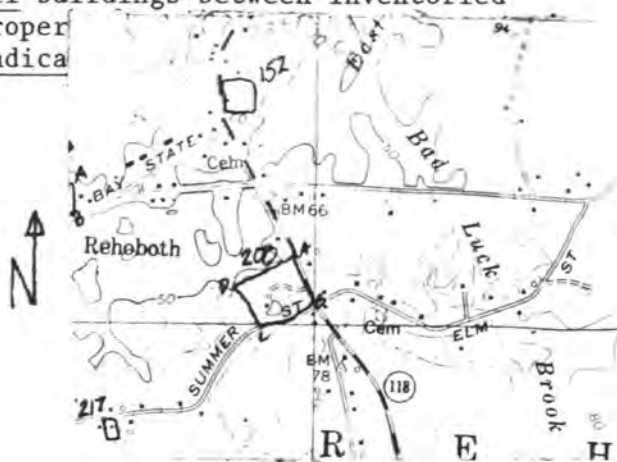
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Approx. acreage 9.70

Setting 400 - 500 feet from road on

hill; well screened, rural context

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



Recorded by V. H. Adams

Organization Rehoboth Historical Commission

Date May 1981

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

Known as "Bramble Hill," this house is an outstanding example of early 20th century French Norman Revival architecture. The masonry house is informal and compact, yet elegant, and exhibits fine workmanship and materials throughout. Its setting at the crest of a small hill surrounded by sloping lawn creates the impression of a small scale manor and grounds. Entrance from the circular Belgian cobble courtyard is into a small hall with basket weave brick floor. The "hall" has a cathedral ceiling, large stone fireplace, and a parquet floor of cross-grain

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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.)

Bramble Hill was commissioned by a Mrs. Briggs (née Carpenter), a member of an old Rehoboth family, as part of a divorce settlement when she wished to return to Rehoboth. She and her children lived here for many years. Interestingly enough, a subsequent owner purchased it as a wedding present.

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

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Rehoboth	Form No: 208
Property Name: "Bramble Hill"	

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Continued)

cut redwood. A library or den is panelled in matched walnut and all the interior doors and architectural trim are mahogany. Consolidation of the kitchen and pantry to create a more spacious facility has been the only major alteration.

This is one of the few houses in Rehoboth for which an architect can be identified. It was designed by Albert Harkness, a prominent architect, and constructed between 1923 and 1928. Harkness, who died in 1980, was responsible for a great number of large public buildings in Rhode Island, especially schools and churches.

This residential project invokes a grandeur which contrasts strikingly against the more typical Rehoboth dwelling. Nevertheless, this house, like so many in town, has seen its days of neglect and vandalism. Although somewhat of an anomaly in Rehoboth, "Bramble Hill" represents a significant, if small, aspect of the town's residential development in addition to standing on its own architectural merit. As a striking and meticulously detailed architectural statement unique in Rehoboth and designed by a pre-eminent local architect, Bramble Hill meets criteria B and C of the National Register of Historic Places individually.

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by C*

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

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Rehoboth Multiple Resource Area
State Massachusetts

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Rehoboth Village Historic District

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

Bruce W. Boyd 6/6/83

2. Allen, Elisha, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 6/6/83

3. Anawan Club Caretaker's House

Combined

Keeper

Attest

4. Anawan Club Clubhouse AND
-
- CARETAKER'S HOUSE

Entered in the
National Register

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Delores Byers 6/6/83

5. Anawan Rock

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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Delores Byers 6/6/83

6. Baker House

Entered in the
National Register

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Delores Byers 6/6/83

7. Bliss, Abiah, House

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National Register

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Delores Byers 6/6/83

8. Bliss, Daniel, Homestead

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Delores Byers 6/6/83

9. Bowen, Nathan, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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Delores Byers 6/6/83

- 10.
- Bramble Hill

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Delores Byers 6/6/83

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Bramble Hill (Rehoboth MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 4/25/83Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84Date Due: 5/24/83 - 6/9/83Action: ☒ ACCEPT 6/6/83Entered in the ☐ RETURNNational 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



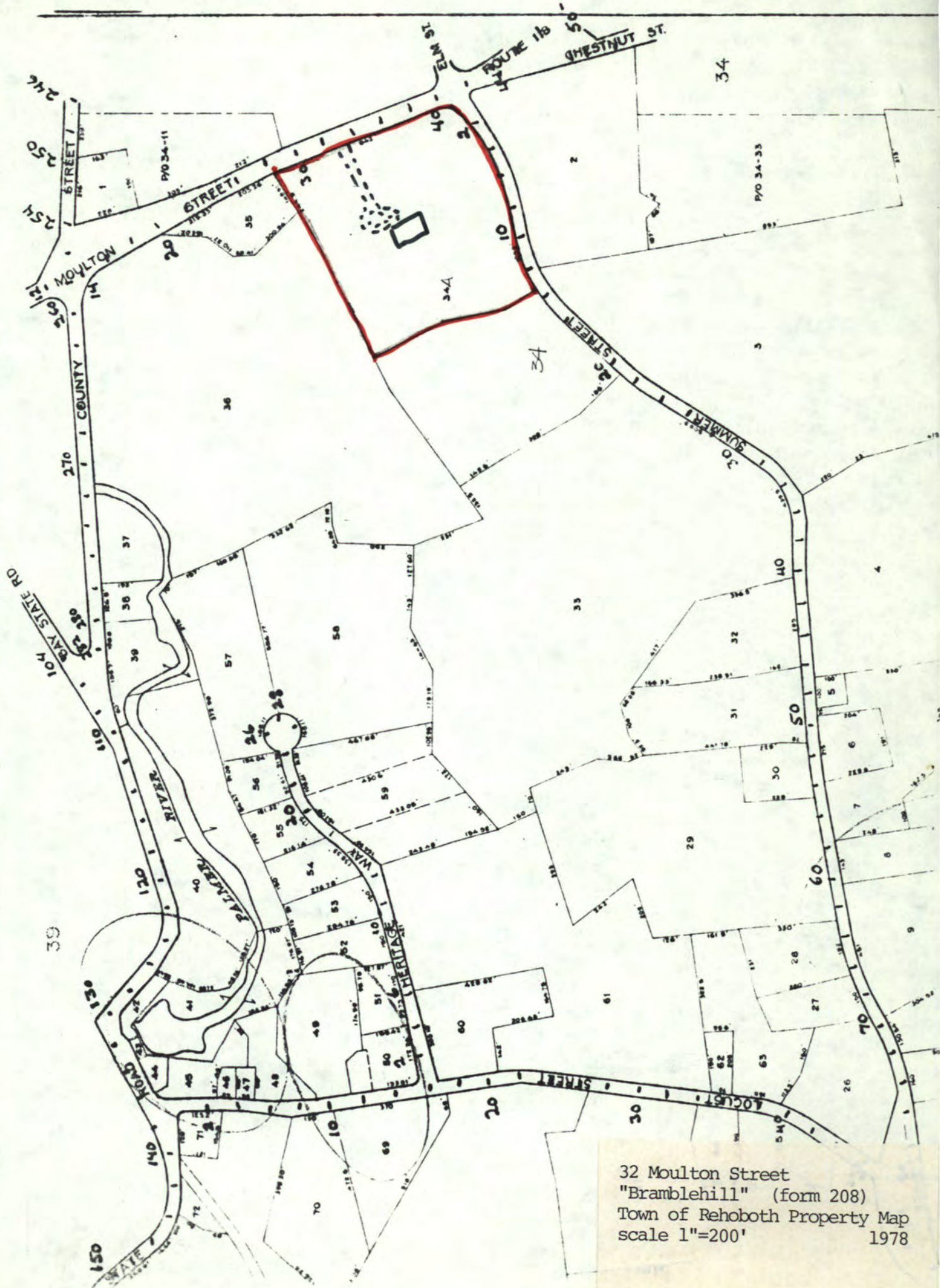
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32 MOULTON STREET

104:7

Bramble Hill

Rehoboth MRA, Ma



32 Moulton Street
"Bramblehill" (form 208)
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