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80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

- 30-14 main view of house
30-5 Attic looking west toward central chimney
30-7 Detail, attic, showing n-e corner of original house
30-8 Photo during restoration of original and girt, left-hand
30-11 Right-hand room
30-4 Attic, looking toward east end

Town Gloucester JAN 24 1990 009Address 12-14 Leonard St.Historic Name Edward Harraden HouseUse: Present ResidentialOriginal Residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1660Source Documentary researchStyle First Period core; 19th c. vernacular exterior finishesArchitect UnknownExterior Wall Fabric ClapboardsOutbuildings NoneMajor Alterations (with dates) Extensions to both sides and rear, probably all in 18th century.Condition GoodMoved No Date --Acreage less than one acre

Setting Overlooking the Annisquam River at the foot of a granite outcropping about 200 ft. high, surrounded by wood frame houses of 18th and 19th c. construction

Recorded by Anne GradyOrganization Boston UniversityDate February, 1986

Sketch Map:



UTM REFERENCE 19 / 362-320 / 4723-510
USGS QUADRANGLE Gloucester (now Rockport)
SCALE 1:25,000

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

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GLOUCESTER

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Property Name: Harraden House

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SIGNIFICANCE

The Harraden House has integrity of location, design, setting, and judging from the photos taken during restoration and the framing in the attic, of materials and workmanship in its First Period Frame. The building therefore meets criterion C. Since opening up the walls to expose the framing would certainly yield information about the nature of First Period framing practices in Gloucester, the building also qualifies under Criterion D.

The structure provides evidence of the evolutionary growth of buildings which began as single cell houses and were later expanded, a fate common to many buildings in the study area. The evidence of how the lean-to was joined to the original structure is especially intact in this case.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The Harraden House is a seven bay wide, one room deep structure with steeply pitched roof and added lean-to. The building originally consisted of a single cell house, perhaps built c. 1660, now located in the second through fourth bays from the left (west) end. Before 1765, the right hand rooms and lean-to had been added. At some point each end was extended by one bay and portions of the lean-to raised. The clapboarded exterior is characterized by simple trim, an early 19th century frontispiece and a central chimney.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

Except in the attic, no First Period framing is exposed in the house. However, a photograph of the original left end girt taken during restoration of the house in the mid-20th century reveals beam and stud mortises for an outside wall, a broad quarter round chamfer, and what appears to be a lamb's tongue stop at the junction of the girt with the longitudinal summer beam. These features are consistent with the traditional c. 1660 construction date of the house (see photo). The steep roof pitch and mortises for collar beams in the original rafters are further evidence of the First Period origins of this house. Evidence that the second to fourth bays of the house incorporate the original single cell structure is based on the photograph of the end girt and the presence in the attic of an obvious exterior corner at the junction of the rear right chimney tie beam and rafter (see photo). Also, there is a difference in floor height between the two sides of the structure, the left hand rooms being a step higher than the right, and the summer beams run in different directions. In the left hand (earlier) room, nail evidence indicates a longitudinal summer beam and joist spacing of 22" on

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centers. In the left hand chamber, there is also a longitudinal summer beam. In the right hand chamber, summer and summer tie beam are transverse.

LATER SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

The downstairs rooms retain well-executed Second Period raised-field paneling. That in the right hand room was found in the cellar, having been used to construct a coal bin, and was replaced on the fireplace wall c. 1950. It is flanked by pilasters, also thought to be part of the original assemblage of the wall. Simple raised field paneling lines the fireplace wall of the right hand chamber, while the left hand chamber incorporates a Federal Period mantelpiece on plain board dado. The 5 1/2' wide bay was added to the right hand end in the 18th century (judging by the character of the joists shown in the photo taken during repairs). The right end wall was then constructed with plank framing, rather than studs. The left hand bay, 6 1/2 feet wide, may well have masonry walls. Its walls are 14" thick. When the lean-to was added to the rear, a second set of longer rear rafters was laid on top of the original rafters in the attic.

In the mid-20th century, the left hand room, the added left end bay, and the lean-to on that side were thrown together to make a large living room. Bolection molding was added to the fireplace at that time.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Edward Harraden purchased the property in 1656-57 and is believed to have built the oldest portion of the house shortly thereafter. The house was part of the fishing hamlet developed in Annisquam during the 17th century, the oldest of a number of such hamlets founded in Gloucester in the 17th and 18th centuries.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName _____
State _____

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Giddings, Lient., Samuel House

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Keeper

Attest

Determined Eligible

3/9/90

32. Goodale, Isaac, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

33. Gott House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

34. Gould, Capt. Joseph, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

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35. Gould, Zaccheus, House

Entered in the
National Register

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36. Hardy, Joseph, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

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37. Harraden, Edward, House

Entered in the
National Register

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38. Harris Farm

Substantive Review

Keeper

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39. Hart House

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National Register

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40. Haskett, William, 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 Harraden, Edward, 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: 90000212

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 _____



12-14 Leonard Street
Gloucester, MA

Main view of house
1985

1st Period Buildings of E. May, TR

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Gloucester, MA

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Edward Harraden House

12-14 Leonard Street

right-hand room

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Edward Herraden House

12-14 Leonard Street

Detail - attic

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1st Period Bldgs of E. May TR



Gloucester, MA

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Attic

1985

1st Period Buildings of E. May, TR



Gloucester, MA

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Edward Harraden House

12-14 Leonard Street

Attic

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2nd Period Buildings of E. May, TR



Gloucester, TA
Edward Harraden House
12-14 Leonard Street
During restoration of original +
girt - left hand
1985

2nd hand - original E. May, R.

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ANNISQUAM RIVER



FOR ASSESSMENT PURPOSES ONLY

SCALE 1" = 40'

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CITY OF GLOUCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS
HARRADEN HOUSE
247 LEONARD ST.
SHEET NO. 119
Scale 1" = 40'

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000281