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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

- 13-21 exterior view
- 12-4 attic
- 12-7 detail, shadow-molded sheathing, lobby
- 12-8 fireplace, left-hand room
- 12-11 lean-to garret
- 11-36 right-hand room

Town Ipswich 009

Address 49 Jeffrey's Neck Road

Historic Name Paine-Rodge House

Use: Present Residential, now vacant

Original Residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1685 - historical information  
ca. 1703 - architectural assessment

Source Stylistic analysis by A.L. Cummings

Style First Period

Architect None

Exterior Wall Fabric Clanboards

Outbuildings 1850s dwelling

Major Alterations (with dates) Greek Revival frontispiece ca. 1840; small rear ell, ca. 1910

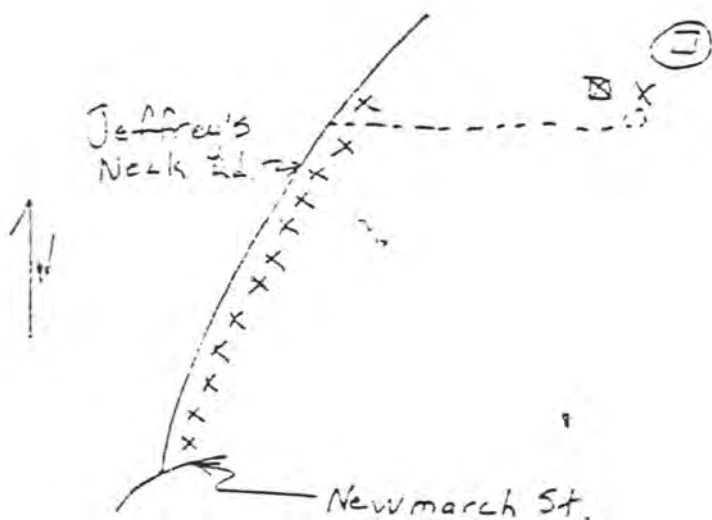
Condition Good

Moved No Date \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage part of 53 acre parcel

Setting At the edge of a salt marsh in unspoiled natural landscape.

Sketch Map:



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UTM REFERENCE 19 / 351-180 / 4728-150

USGS QUADRANGLE Ipswich

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Anne Grady

Organization Boston University

Date September 1995

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

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Property Name: Paine-Dodge House	

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SIGNIFICANCE

The Paine-Dodge House retains integrity of location, design, materials, and workmanship on both exterior and interior which makes it characteristic of First Period houses under Criterion C. Its two-cell central chimney, integral lean-to plan is common to many First Period houses, and its possession of rarely surviving intact interior details gives it integrity of feeling. The Paine Dodge House retains extraordinary integrity of setting in its site at the edge of a salt marsh in an unchanged natural landscape, providing a rare view of the large, open environment which originally surrounded First Period houses.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The Paine-Dodge House is a two story, five bay wide, clapboarded central chimney plan house with an integral lean-to. This original First Period structure has an 1840's Greek Revival doorway in the centre of the main facade, and a small one story wing added to the rear.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

The house retains much of the original floor plan. The first floor, right hand room has exposed framing. The longitudinal summer beam exhibits a bevel chamfer with lamb's tongue stops on the south face of the beam, but no stops on the north face. Other visible framing members exhibit a very narrow bevel chamfer, or none at all. The mill-sawn joists are 20" to 21" apart on centre and fit into butt cogs. Studs, hidden within the plaster walls, are pegged to the girts approximately every 28". This room was restored in the 1930's by Mrs. Dodge; the vertical feather-edged sheathing above the lintel and to the left of the fireplace may have been brought from another house.

In the first floor lobby, the later staircase is enclosed by a wall of very subtle late First Period shadow-molded sheathing.<sup>1</sup> The same sheathing encloses the attic staircase above. The longitudinal summer beam in the first floor left hand room exhibits a plain chamfer with lamb's tongue stops at both ends.

The long first floor lean-to room had been divided into three rooms until opened up before the Dodge's owned the property, (1917)--probably during the late 19th or early 20th century.<sup>2</sup> The walls are finished with sheathing boards, either plain or with a very narrow bead at the edge. The ample fireplace has straight sides and two ovens at the right rear.

In the second floor right hand chamber, nearly all the beams are finished with a simple bevel chamfer. Corner posts are splayed. To the left of the fireplace, the same type of anemic shadow-molded sheathing as is in the stair hall is found. The left hand chamber appears to have been the

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best chamber, for the plates, summer, and chimney ties are more carefully finished with chamfers and lamb's tongue stops than in the rest of the house. The chimney girt in this room is the only one to be so finished. In the unfinished part of the upstairs garret, framing of the integral lean-to, accordion lath (some of which is made from reused sheathing boards), and a rising brace let into a stud may be examined.

Roof framing is of principal rafters with bridle joints at the apex and common purlins including one at the ridge. Mortises in the rafters indicate that there were collar beams, but they have been removed in a later rebuilding of the house. The stone foundation walls of the cellar under the left hand room are set inside the sills in the 17th century manner. Cellar stairs are made from massive stones. The reused summer beam in the cellar, although badly deteriorated, shows signs of having had chamfers and lamb's tongue stops.

LATER SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

The first floor left hand room has early and very large size bolection molding around the fireplace opening. This type of molding was made ca. 1700-1720, and may be original to the house. 3 This room also holds a corner cupboard of perhaps 1730.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Conflicting historical and architectural evidence makes it difficult to accurately date the house. There was a dwelling on this property by 1689, as Robert Paine, Sr., built a house here for his son, Robert Paine, Jr. in ca. 1665. The construction and finish techniques found in the house are more commonly found after 1700; thus there is some conjecture that this house was built ca. 1702, when Robert Paine's daughter Elizabeth married Daniel Smith.

During the 19th century, the house was embellished with a Greek Revival frontispiece and a small wing to the rear, but plumbing and central heating have never been introduced to the original portion of the house. The house was acquired in 1916 by Robert G. Dodge of Boston, whose wife restored the first floor right hand room with the aid of a local carpenter, named Mr. Lord, in the 1930's. 4

NOTES AND REFERENCES

1. Cummings, Framed Houses, p. 176, (molding profile,) p. 178 (analysis).
2. Conversation with Miss Sally Dodge.
3. Candee, Visual assessment.
4. Cummings, Massachusetts, p.155.

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BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Paine-Dodge House is situated near the middle of the 400 acre estate. Although there are other buildings near its location, they are not related to the early period of development, nor are they integral to the First Period House today. Thus a line of convenience 150' by 150' has been drawn around the house leading the buildig near the middle of the square and including the perennial border leading to the main facade.

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National Register of Historic Places  
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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR  
State \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 5066 61. Newman--Fiske--Dodge House **Substantive Review** *SR* Keeper Betty L. Savage 3/9/90  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 62. ~~Noyes~~, James, House Entered in the National Register *SR* Keeper Melrose Byrum 3/9/90  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 5066 63. Old Farm **Substantive Review** *SR* Keeper Betty L. Savage 3/9/90  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 64. Old Garrison House **Substantive Review** Keeper \_\_\_\_\_ 3/9/90  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 65. Osborne, Prince, House Entered in the National Register *SR* Keeper Melrose Byrum 3/9/90  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 66. Osgood, Col. John, House **Substantive Review** *SR* Keeper Betty L. Savage 3/9/90  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 5066 67. Paine--Dodge House **Substantive Review** *SR* Keeper Betty L. Savage 3/9/90  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 68. Patch, Emeline, House Entered in the National Register *SR* Keeper Melrose Byrum 3/9/90  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 69. Perkins, John, House Entered in the National Register *SR* Keeper Melrose Byrum 3/9/90  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 70. Proctor, John, House Entered in the National Register *SR* Keeper Melrose Byrum 3/9/90  
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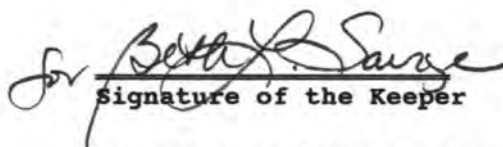
SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90000231 Date Listed: 03/09/90

Paine--Dodge House Essex MA  
Property Name County State

First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR  
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

  
Signature of the Keeper

03/09/90  
Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Geographical Data: VBD

The handwritten scale on the sketch map supersedes the typed or printed one: the handwritten scale is the appropriate scale for the reduced map.

The acreage is <1.

This information has been confirmed with Ann Tait, MASHPO, by telephone.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Paine--Dodge 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: 90000231

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: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 3/9/90 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept C  
REVIEWER Swase  
DISCIPLINE Architectural History  
DATE 3/9/90

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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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

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps       USGS maps       photographs       presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



53 Jeffreys Neck  
Ipswich

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53 Jeffery's Neck Rd

right lower room

Prine Pedge house

1st floor Building of E. May, TR

11-36



12-7

53 Jeffrey's Neck Rd  
Ipswich

Shadowmolded  
Shattering  
Lobby

Pave Policy Wage

1st Novel Builders of E. May, TR



12-8

53 Jefferys Neck

fireplace

left lower room



12-11

53 Jeffrey's Neck Rd  
Lento Garrett

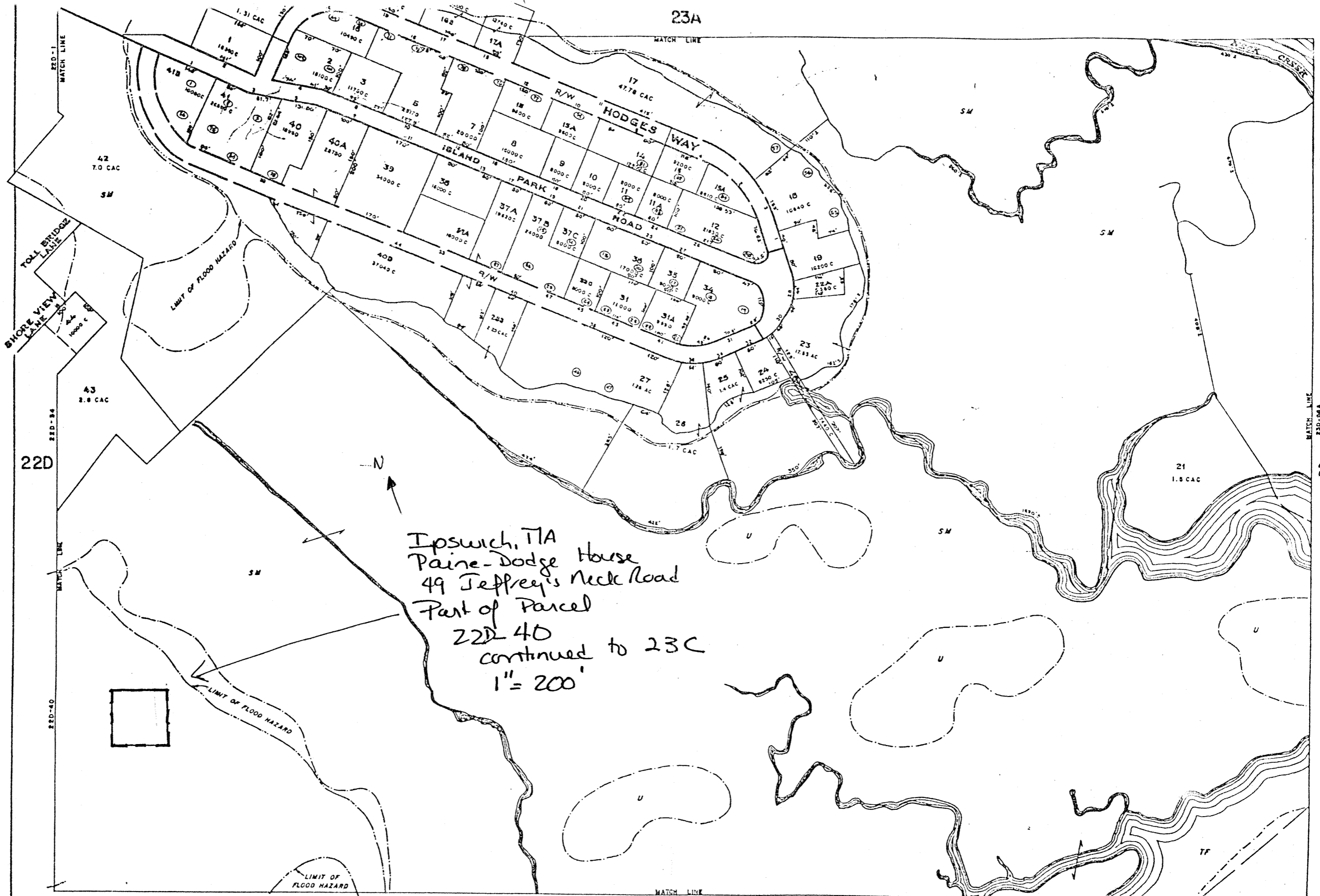
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3rd Period Building at E. Ave. 22

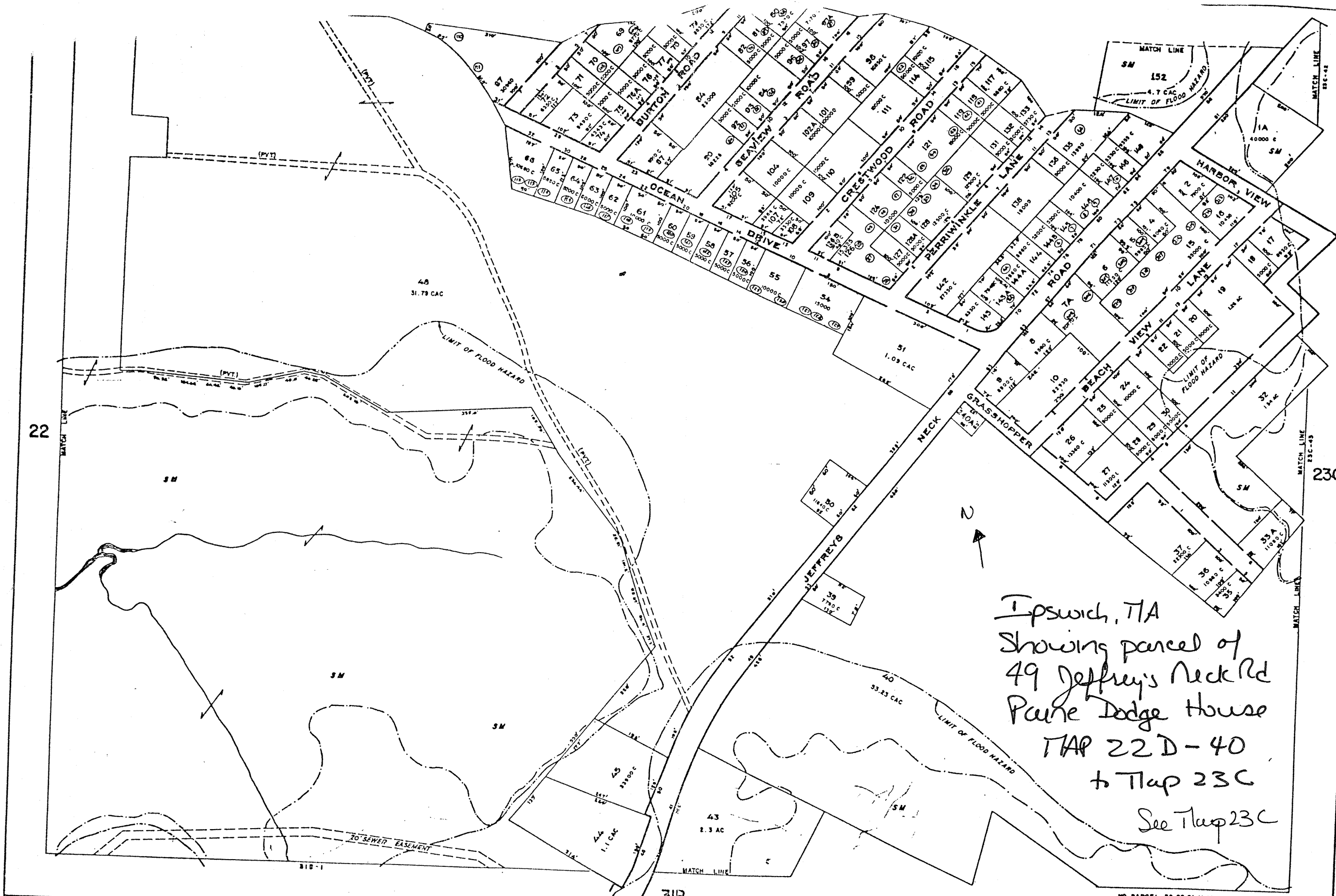


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Paine-Dodge House  
53 Jeffreys Neck Rd  
Ipswich

1st Powell Buddys of E. May, PA



Ipswich, MA  
 Paine-Dodge House  
 49 Jeffrey's Neck Road  
 Part of Parcel  
 22D 40  
 continued to 23C  
 1" = 200'



Ipswich, MA  
 Showing parcel of  
 49 Jeffrey's Neck Rd  
 Paine Dodge House  
 MAP 22D-40  
 to Map 23C  
 See Map 23C

31B

SCALE 1"=100'  
 ZONING IS RURAL RESIDENCE A

NO PARCEL 52, 58, 91, 11, 12, 13, 14  
 120, 137, 123, 134, 139,  
 140, 141, 150, 23, 125

22D

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000281

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Paine-Dodge House

RECEIVED

45 Walker St

Cambridge 02138

DEC 21 1989

December 20, 1989

MASS. HIST. COMM.

Dear Ms. Friedberg:

I dont know what of my Information you will think important, But I will take a ~~ch~~ chance and mention a few things:

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On page 1: "small rear ell" ; there is a question here: Mr Dodge my father said it was added ca. 1910 during Murchie occupancy. Abbott Cummings says probably mid-19th century. I am inclined to agree with Abbott...just by the "looks of it" I am eager to contact Guy Murchie now in Calif ornia (a son) to see what he says.

ON PAGE 1 under "Acreage": 53 Acres would represent the WHOLE AREA around both houses, including toolshed and Garage down to the marsh edge , up the hill, across "10 Acre field" across the big field to the south etc. minus only the salt marsh and the marsh islands.

on PAGE 3 Robert Paine died in 1689. Chances are that daughter Elizabeth did not wait for thirteen years after her fathers death to marry! Her brother Robert Paine Jr. married, I believe near the time the house was built which we Dodges say was approximately 1665. Also as WE say , Robert Paine was born in England in 1600, so family dates seem a little confused ! Also on this page, the question whether the paneling, corner cupboard , and fireplace molding could not have been added some years after the original construction as tastes changed ... Also on this page, the "Carpenter" was a MASON named Mr Lord.. I do not know who advised my mother on the Restoration job.

I have as you will see , written in a more accurate estimate of the Acreage.

These are my thoughts , some of which I hope will be useful to you.

I hope you all get a REST at Christmas-time, and so I wish you all ALL ( and there are a good many of you, I am discovering ! ) each one of you a MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Sincerely,

Sally Dodge ( I'm trying to establish myself with my original name which is Sarah! So if you use it I would be very pleased ! Also it goes better in theseventeenth century!

Sarah Dodge

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

90000231

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

First Period Buildings of E. Massachusetts TRA  
Paine-Dodge House, Ipswich (Essex), MA

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Note: The address of the property when inventoried and listed in 1990 was 49 Jeffrey's Neck Road. It is now 53 Jeffrey's Neck Road.

**Re-evaluation of construction date due to dendrochronology**

The dendrochronology testing of the Paine-Dodge House resulted in a presumed construction date of 1694. Precise dating was not possible due to the absence of a bark edge on the timbers. If the 1694 date is accurate, the house was built Robert Paine Jr., who had occupied a house on the property prior to 1689. While the location of Paine's earlier house is unknown, an unusual framing detail on the east wall of the southeast room raises the possibility that an earlier structure may have been attached there.

Anne Andrus Grady, project coordinator, assessed the house for its dendrochronological potential. Michael Burry, sampling assistant, and Michael Worthington, dendrochronologist (Oxford Dendrochronology Laboratory, England) collected the timber samples in September and November 2002. Eight timbers were sampled, some more than once, to obtain complete sapwood. The sampled timbers included the east chimney girt in the hall, three chimney posts, a corner post, two studs, and a wall brace. Analysis of the timbers indicated tree-felling dates ranging from the spring of 1693 to the spring of 1694, leading to the presumed construction date of 1694, unless both the principal and subsidiary timbers were stockpiled for later construction. According to the full report: "This date is somewhat earlier than the post-1700 date proposed by Abbott Cummings..., and is significant in dating sheathing board shadow mouldings during a time of transition from creased to bead or featheredged profiles around 1700...."

The full report and results of the analysis are presented in: "Tree-Ring Dating of the Paine House, 53 Jeffrey's Neck Road, Ipswich, Massachusetts," prepared for the Trustees of Reservations by the Oxford Dendrochronology Laboratory, Oxfordshire, England. December 2002. The report is on file at the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

**A note on dendrochronology dating**

In recent years, tree-ring chronologies have been developed for eastern Massachusetts and adjacent regions, and a number of buildings or parts of buildings have been evaluated and given new construction dates due to tree-ring dating, or dendrochronology. The principle behind tree-ring dating is a simple one: the seasonal variations in climate produce variations in growth, which are reflected in the varying width of the annual rings of the tree. The rings in timbers from historical houses are compared with previously dated ring sequences from old-growth trees and from timber from structures with well-established dates to allow precise dates to be ascribed to each ring. Computer comparisons quantify how good the match is between the two. A dendrochronologist then analyzes the results and establishes the date the tree was felled. Some caution must be used in interpreting these dates to determine the construction date of a building. Sometimes timbers from the same construction phase of the same building have been felled one, two or more years apart. However, it was common practice to build timber-framed structures with green or unseasoned timber, and it is likely that construction was completed within twelve or eighteen months from the felling date.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY Paine--Dodge House  
NAME:

MULTIPLE First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Essex

DATE RECEIVED: 4/28/11 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/13/11  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000231

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

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REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**Additional Documentation Approved**

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept

REVIEWER E Beall

DISCIPLINE Historic

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 6.13.11

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

April 19, 2011 William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Mr. J. Paul Loether  
National Park Service  
National Register of Historic Places  
1201 Eye Street NW, 8<sup>th</sup> floor  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Loether:

Enclosed please find supplementary information for 34 properties previously listed on the National Register of Historic Places, reflecting recent scholarship regarding their dates of construction, based upon dendrochronological techniques.

These properties include:

Boston (Suffolk County):

James Blake House (NRIND, 5/1/74)  
Pierce House (NRIND, 4/26/74)

Cambridge (Middlesex County):

Cooper-Frost-Austin House (NRIND 9/22/72)

Dedham (Norfolk County):

Fairbanks House (NRIND, NHL, 10/15/66)

Deerfield (Franklin County):

All properties are located within the Old Deerfield Village HD (NRDIS, NHL 10/15/66)

Allen House (MHC # 20)  
John Ashley House (MHC #31)  
Eldad Bardwell House (MHC #23)  
Bull-Williams House (MHC #47)  
Childs House (MHC #53)  
Frary House (MHC #13)  
Eliezer Hawks House (MHC #58)  
Hinsdell-Williams House (MHC # 24)  
Jonathan Hoit House (MHC # 9)

Little Brown House (MHC #79)  
Moors House (MHC #39)  
Nims House (MHC #12)  
Russell House (MHC #49)  
Saxton House (MHC #48)  
Severance House (MHC #19)  
John Sheldon – Hawks House (MHC #32)  
Stebbins House (MHC # 36)  
John Williams House (MHC # 50)

Essex (Essex County):

Cogswell's Grant (NRIND 4/19/90)

Gloucester (Essex County):

White-Ellery House (NRIND, NRTRA 3/9/90)  
[First Period Buildings of Eastern MA, TRA]

Ipswich (Essex County):

Paine-Dodge House (NRIND, NRTRA, 3/9/90)  
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Merchant-Choate House (NRDIS, NRMRA, 9/17/80)  
[High Street HD]

Lexington (Middlesex County):

Hancock – Clarke House (NRIND. NHL, 7/17/71)

Millville (Worcester County):

Chestnut Hill Meeting House (NRIND 11/13/84)

Newbury (Essex County):

Tristram Coffin House (NRIND, NRDIS, 5/24/76)  
[Newbury HD]

Salem (Essex County):

Eleazer Gedney House (NRDIS, 10/1/74)  
[Gedney and Cox Houses HD]

Pickering House (NRDIS 8/28/73)  
[Chestnut Street HD]

Sandwich (Barnstable County):

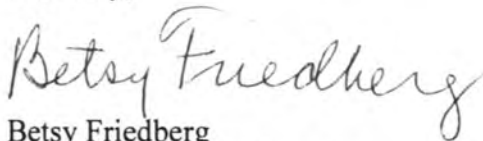
Wing Fort House (NRIND 6/3/76)

Winthrop (Suffolk County):

Deane Winthrop House (NRIND, NRTRA 3/9/90)  
[First Period Buildings of Eastern MA, TRA]

Please add the enclosed continuation sheets to the existing National Register nomination files.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Friedberg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Betsy Friedberg  
National Register Director  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Enclosures