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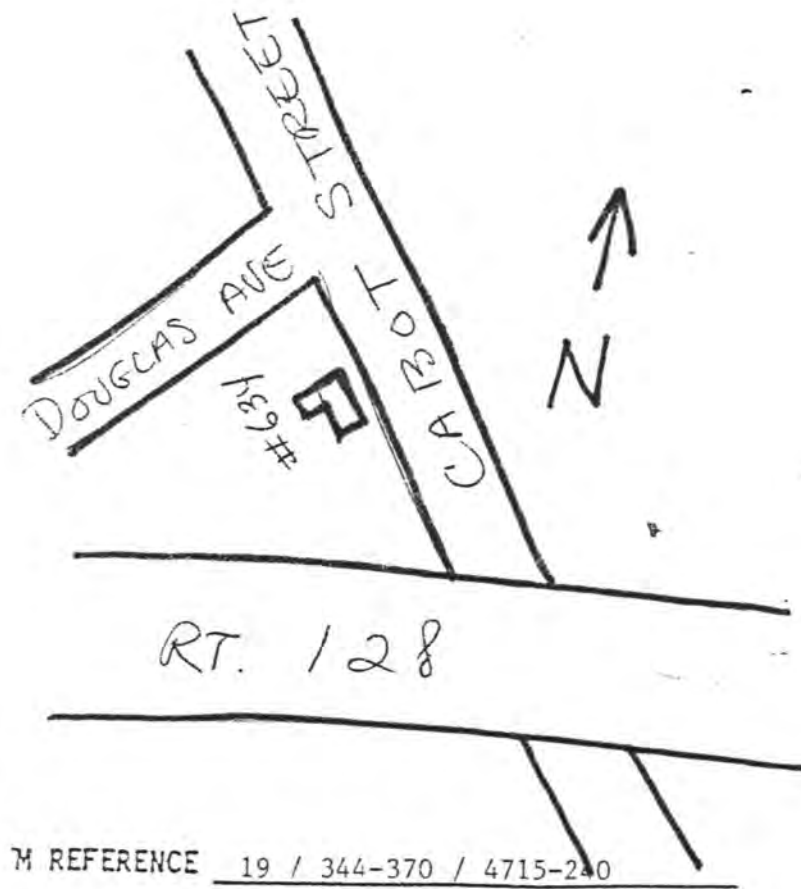
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

PHOTOGRAPHS:

- 40:04 Front and right facades
40:09 Second-Period chimney wall of north
(right parlor)
40:06 Summer beam into end girt (longitudinal)
40:07 front molded corner post and front girt
and end girt

Sketch Map:



M REFERENCE 19 / 344-370 / 4715-240

GS QUADRANGLE Salem

SCALE 1:25,000

Town BEVERLY

009

Address 634 Cabot Street

Historic Name Exercise Conant House - the
Reverend John Chipman House

Use: Present residence

Original residence

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1695

Source visual analysis and deed research

Style First Period / Second Period

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings garage (non-contributing)

20th c.

Major Alterations (with dates) double-cell
addition c. 1715 in front (second-phase)

Condition good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage less than one acre

Setting residential - northwest corner of
Cabot and Douglas, suburban residential
surrounds.

Recorded by James Kyprianos

Organization Boston University

Date May 1986

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: BEVERLY	Form No: 4
Property Name: Conant-Chipman House	

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

SIGNIFICANCE

The Exercise Conant house retains integrity of location, design, materials, and workmanship in its late seventeenth century First-Period frame under Criterion C. The nearly intact survival of the single-cell house as the ell of a larger Second-Period structure provides an opportunity to further our understanding of the once numerous single-cell house. The house is an example of the way in which some First-Period houses were enlarged in the Second-Period by being relegated to the status of unfashionable ells, (often used for utilitarian purposes such as kitchens), behind larger and more fashionable new main rooms. The joist spacing suggests a 1670's construction date according to Cumming's charts; the flat chamfers may place the house in the 1680's.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:

The Exercise Conant House is the First Period, northern ell of the two-and-a-half story, five-bay Georgian house built by the Reverend John Chipman House, which has a dentillated cornice and an original fine Second-Period, central doorway with fluted pilasters and a broken-arch pediment with pineapple finial in the center. The First Period Conant ell is a single-cell, two-and-a-half story structure, three bays wide, possibly originally oriented north, with chimney to the left. The large chimney stack pierces the roof ridge of the ell at its juncture with the main house and is barely visible rising behind the far right ridge of the roof of the main facade. The roof ridge of the First Period ell, which is 40 degrees in pitch, runs perpendicular to the ridge of the main house.

MAJOR FIRST-PERIOD FEATURES:

The northern ell of the present structure contains late seventeenth century detailing which identifies it as the single-cell Exercise Conant House reduced to an ell by Reverend John Chipman after 1715. The single room measures 12' x 19'6" with an 8' first floor ceiling. Photographs belonging to the owner reveal brick-nogging between the studs in the walls. The room was originally entered from the left by a staircase-lobby in front of the chimney. The oak frame is exposed and chamfered. The molded posts are exposed, with bevel chamfers with lamb's tongue stops under the post heads. The longitudinal summer beam has bevel chamfers with raised flat collars and lamb's tongue stops. The chimney, end, front and rear girts are decorated with bevel chamfers and lamb's tongue stops. The end and chimney girts have additional lamb's tongue stops discontinuing the chamfers under their intersection with the summer beam, an interesting aesthetic touch.

The second floor does not have visible First Period features, but joists visible from the attic are 18" apart. The attic reveals a principal rafter and common purlin roof in three differently sized bays, with the chimney bay 7'7" wide, the center bay 5'9" wide, and the end 6'3" wide. The west end set of rafters are oak or tamarack, while the rest are pine.

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LATER SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

The main portion of the present structure comprises the Reverend John Chipman house, built sometime after he acquired the Conant House in 1715, and containing much fine Second-Period interior finish as well as the excellent exterior doorway. The north parlor, in particular, has fine raised-field paneling, molded cornices, and door and window surrounds on all four walls. The fireplace opening is surrounded by bolection molding.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Exercise Conant sold a house and barn on this land to his cousin John Conant in 1695. John Conant sold the house in 1715 to Reverend John Chipman, who presumably built the present large main house to accommodate his parish duties and his growing family of fifteen children. The house is associated with this prominent local clergyman who was responsible for most of its construction.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Laphan, Alice Gertrude. The Old Planters of Beverly in Massachusetts and the Thousand-Acre of 1635. Cambridge: Riverside Press for the Beverly Historical Society and the Conant Family Association, 1930.

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

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR
State _____

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Coker, Benjamin, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

Melrose Byers 3/9/90

12. Conant, Exercise, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

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Melrose Byers 3/9/90

13. Corning, Samuel, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

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Melrose Byers 3/9/90

14. Davis, Ephraim, House

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15. Davis--Freeman House

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16. Dickinson--Pillsbury--Witham House

Substantive Review

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Betty L. Savage 3/9/90

17. Dustin House

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Melrose Byers 3/9/90

18. Dyke-Wheeler House

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National Register

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19. Emerson House

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National Register

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20. Foster, Phineas, 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 NAME: Conant, Exercise, House

MULTIPLE NAME: First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR

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: 90000199

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
☐ UTM's ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Conant Chipman House
634 Cabot St.
Beverly, MA

Exterior

1985

1st Period Buildings of E. Mass, TR

40-04



Conant Chipman
634 Cabot St
Beverly, MA

North Walled corner
port receiving girls
1985

1st Paved Building of E. St. 72

40-07



Conant - Chypman
634 Cabot St, Beverly MA
W. Parlor fireplace wood
1985

1st Period Buildings of E. M., TR

40-09



Conant - Chipman House
634 Cabot St.
Beverly, MA

Summer beam into end girt
1985

Is + Percol Buildings of E. Mg, JR

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SEE MAP 91- LOT 6

Conant-Chipman House
634 Cabot Street
Tap 66 Lot 12

PROPERTY MAP
CITY OF BEVERLY
ESSEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS
PREPARED BY
JAMES W. SEWALL COMPANY OLD TOWN, MAINE
SCALE 1 INCH = 100 FEET

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000281