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FORM NO.

3

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Photographs:

- 77:06 Front and right facades
- 77:00 Summer beam into front story post
- 77:01 original left end girt into original molded corner post (addition to right in photograph)
- 77:03 split lathe used for ceiling with incised etchings of ships; said to be original desk tops

Town BeverlyAddress 50 Essex StreetHistoric Name Beverly Grammar SchoolUse: Present residentialOriginal public school

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1716Source visual analysis and town documentationStyle First PeriodArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric clapboardOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) additional baearly Second PeriodCondition goodMoved yes Date early 20th cen.Acreage less than one acreSetting residential suburban on mainroute lined with city lots and 19th and 20thc. propertiesRecorded by James KyprianosOrganization Boston UniversityDate June 1986

Sketch Map:



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REFERENCE 19 / 345-970 / 4712-530S QUADRANGLE SalemE 1:25,000

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: BEVERLY	Form No: 3
Property Name: Beverly Grammar School	

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

SIGNIFICANCE

50 Essex Street retains integrity of design, materials and workmanship. It incorporates into a larger building the core of a unique building type, with unusual two-bay plan, (without chimney bay,) and single-story height, which together with its characteristic late First Period building methods and decoration, make it eligible under Criterion C.

The documentary history of an earlier meeting house that this building was once thought to be can be traced to 1672. The 1716 documentation for establishing a grammar school on the original site of this building matches the physical evidence of the surviving structure. Although moved to its present site, it retains its ca. 1716 framing, as evidenced by the quirked beading and flat chamfers on its beams, as well as the molded post head. The building is of unique informational quality, and is eligible under Criterion D, as well.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

50 Essex Street is a small 1 1/2-story cottage, the interior framing of which discloses two bays thought to represent the moved frame of a First Period Beverly schoolhouse. The building today is a four-bay structure with a doorway flanked by two windows to the left and one to the right. The gable end has a single window at the main floor and attic levels. There is a late 19th-century stove chimney in the middle of the later pitched roof.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

The main room is 21' wide by 17' deep, with a frame of either oak or hard pine. The summer tie is quirk-beaded. The two end girts have simple narrow flat chamfers with tapered stops. The corner posts are similarly decorated. Joist spacing is 24" on centers, and the joists apparently employ the older tusk tenon. The original left front corner post, by the door, has a molded post head. The east room is a later addition, and the original girt separating it from the main room has chamfers only on the inside, since the other originally faced the exterior wall. The split laths of the later, (18th-century?) addition have childrens' drawings as graffiti, and are said to have been the original pupils' desks of the early school.

REFERENCES

[Daniel Campbell and William Johnson,] untitled typescript history and interpretation of 50 Essex Street, Beverly.

"Historian says He's Found Puritan Meeting House, "Evening News, Salem, Mass., Nov. 1, 1973.

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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

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5-11 1. Abbot--Stinson House Substantive Review

Keeper Beth L. Savage 3/9/90

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2. Adams, Abraham, 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 Beverly Grammar School
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: 90000198

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

[illegible]

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 _____



50 Essex Street, Beverly

BEVERLY, MA

Beverly Grammar School

50 Essex Street
front + right facades

1985

1st Period Buildings of E. Mass, TR



Beverly, MA
Beverly Grammar School
50 Essex Street
split lathe
1985

1st Period Buildings of R. Mo, TR

77:03



Beverly, MA
Beverly Grammar School
50 Essex Street
Summer began into front
Story past

1985

1st Period Buildings of E. May, TR

77:00
PO:TL

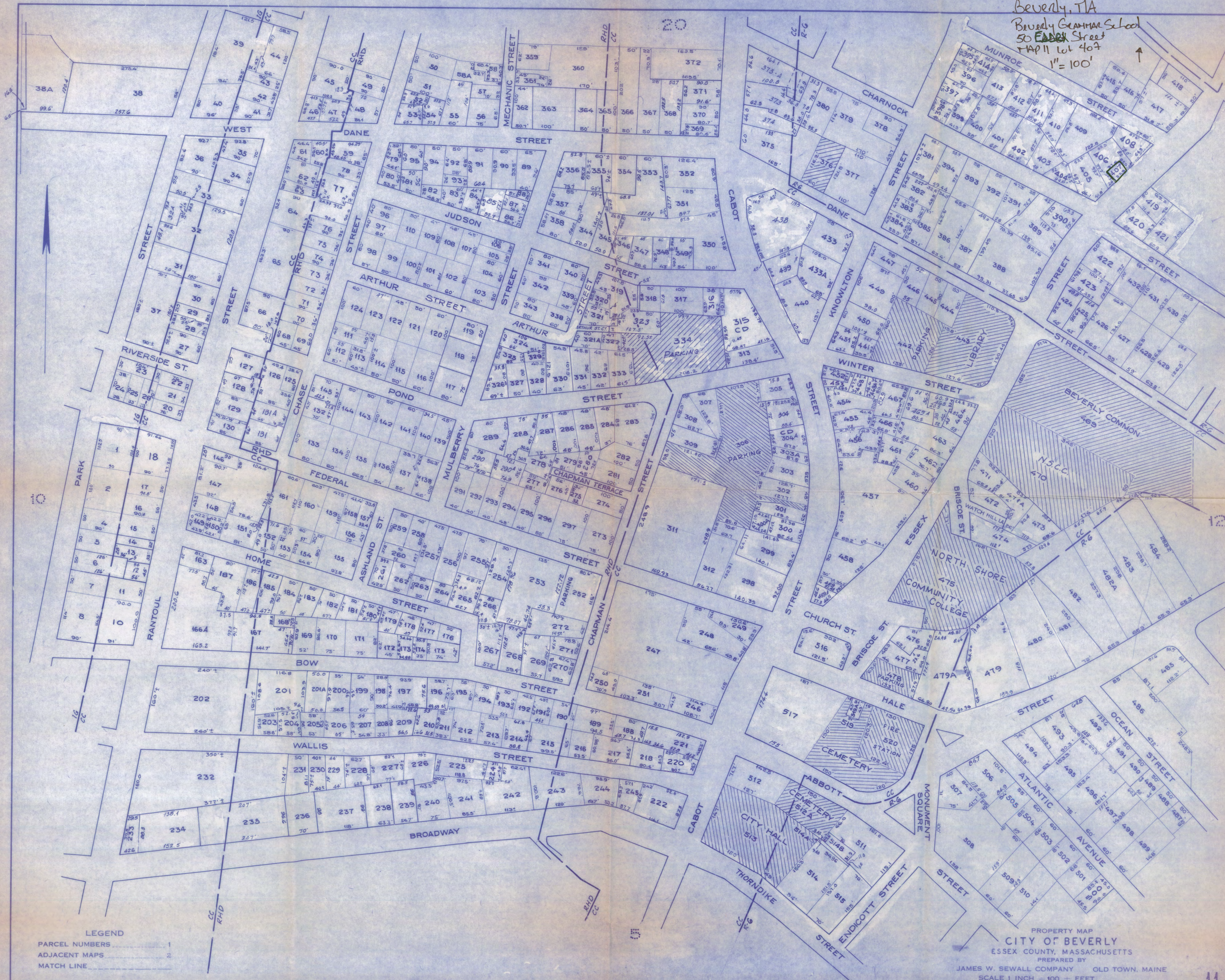


Beverly, MA
Beverly Grammar School
50 Essex Street
original left end girt
1985

1st Period Buildings of E. Ma, TR

10-11

Beverly, MA
 Beverly Grammar School
 50 Essex Street
 MAP 11 Lot 407
 1" = 100'



LEGEND
 PARCEL NUMBERS 1
 ADJACENT MAPS 2
 MATCH LINE

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