

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
30 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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PHOTOGRAPHS:

- 44:34 Front and right facades
- 44:21 Summer beam in left first-floor room, into end girt
- 44:23 Bladed scarf joint over window in upper vestibule
- 44:25 Interior front end corner of left chamber
- 44:29 Summer tie beam into front plate in left chamber

Town GROVELAND 009

Address 93 King Street

Historic Name Joseph Hardy House

Use: Present residence

Original residence

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1720-29

(A. L. Cummings - visual analysis)

Source visual analysis and local history

Style First Period

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboards

Outbuildings barn, c. 1870

Major Alterations (with dates) 1/2 lean to added at end of second period 18th C.; lean to enlarged to full size early 20th century

Condition good

Moved no Date _____

Acreage 8.4 acres map 17, lot 64

Setting rural setting on residential

street - set back from road

Recorded by James Kyprianos

Organization Boston University

Date March 1986

Sketch Map:



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TM REFERENCE _____

GS QUADRANGLE South Groveland (now Lawrence)

SCALE 1:25,000

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

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SIGNIFICANCE

The Joseph Hardy house retains integrity of location, design, materials, and workmanship in its late First-Period decorated plank frame under criterion C. Plank framing represents a construction option infrequently used in Massachusetts Bay and deserving of further study. Although plank construction is commonly associated with convenient nearby sawmills to provide planks, the mill-sawn frame is an unusual occurrence in a First-Period building. The combination of chamfered and apparently exposed but unchamfered framing members is an unusual transitional feature perhaps connected with the mill-sawn frame; further study may suggest another explanation.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The Joseph Hardy House is a two-and-a-half story, central chimney, plank-framed structure with a Second-Period added lean-to and an asymmetrical five-bay facade. The second-floor windows are fairly small and located close under the eaves. The first-floor has two modern, long picture-window units on either side of the central doorway. A small shed addition with a tall thin chimney stack extends back from the right rear of the lean-to.

MAJOR FIRST-PERIOD FEATURES

All four of the original rooms exhibit a transitional First-Period partially chamfered frame with highly visible vertical sawmill marks and the second-floor exposed braces typical of plank frame houses. The house is planked with vertical 1.5" oak planks.

The right first-floor room, 18'6" x 17', has an exposed longitudinal summer beam 13" wide with bevel chamfers and lamb's tongue stops. The remaining exposed beams except the chimney girt which is covered by a later fireplace wall, have bevel chamfers with taper stops. The room has its original floorboards. There is evidence in a closet of an earlier Second-Period fireplace behind the present smaller fireplace opening. If the house is transitional c. 1725 as Cummings thinks, the Second-Period fireplace opening could be part of the original construction. The 18'6" x 15' left first-floor room has an exposed longitudinal summer beam with bevel chamfers and lamb's tongue stops. The other exposed girts have bevel chamfers with taper stops; the corner posts are not chamfered. The fireplace is not original.

The first floor vestibule has original vertical rabbetted board sheathing. In the upstairs hallway, a bladed scarf joint in the front plate over the window confirms that the house was originally

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built with a two-cell plan. The stairs to the attic branch in a "y" shape to either side of the chimney.

The right chamber has no fireplace and an exposed 12.5" wide summer tie beam with 2" wide bevel chamfers running without stops to the ends of the beam. Exposed rising braces on the front and rear walls at both chimney posts indicate the plank frame construction of the walls. The exposed braces and other framing members are unchamfered, with vertical sawmill marks. The joists are 22" apart on center, tending to confirm an eighteenth century date for the house. The left chamber has an exposed summer tie beam 12.5" wide with 2" wide bevel chamfers without stops. The exposed rising braces on the front and side walls, as well as the rest of the exposed oak frame, are also unchamfered.

The attic reveals a principal rafter roof with two purlins and a ridge purlin with no collar beams. The added lean-to rafters are visible in the attic; one half of the lean-to was added by an early twentieth century owner.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A local history states that Joseph Hardy built the house "around 1720," confirmed by the transitional nature of the decoration. As he did not marry until 1729, a late 1720s date as suggested by Cummings may be correct. Legend has it that a man was killed during the construction of this house when a portion of the frame fell. Hardy's descendants occupied the house until the middle of the nineteenth century.

REFERENCES

Poore, Alfred. "The Houses and Buildings of Groveland, Massachusetts." Salem: Essex Institute Historical Collection. Vol. 46 (1910), pp. 193-208, pp.289-304; vol.47 (1911), pp. 25-40, pp.133-148, pp. 261-276.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name _____
State _____

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 31. Giddings, Lient., Samuel House **substantive review** **DOE/OWNER OBJECTION** **Eligible** Keeper Beth J. Sarge **Determined Eligible** 3/9/90
Attest _____
- 32. Goodale, Isaac, House **substantive review** Keeper Beth J. Sarge 3/9/90
Attest _____
- 33. Gott House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Helena Byers 3/9/90
Attest _____
- 34. Gould, Capt. Joseph, House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Helena Byers 3/9/90
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- 35. Gould, Zaccheus, House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Helena Byers 3/9/90
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- 36. Hardy, Joseph, House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Helena Byers 3/9/90
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- 37. Harraden, Edward, House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Helena Byers 3/9/90
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Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Hardy, Joseph, 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: 90000219

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 _____



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Groveland, MA

Joseph Hardy House

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Front & right facades

1985

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GROVELAND, MA
Joseph Hardy House
93 King Street
Summer beam → end girt
1985

1st Period Buildings of E. May, TR

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GROVELAND, ILLA
Joseph Hardy House
93 King Street
Summer tie beam
1985

1st Floor Buildings of E. Ray TR

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Groveland, MA
Joseph Hardy House
93 King Street
bladed scarf joint
1985

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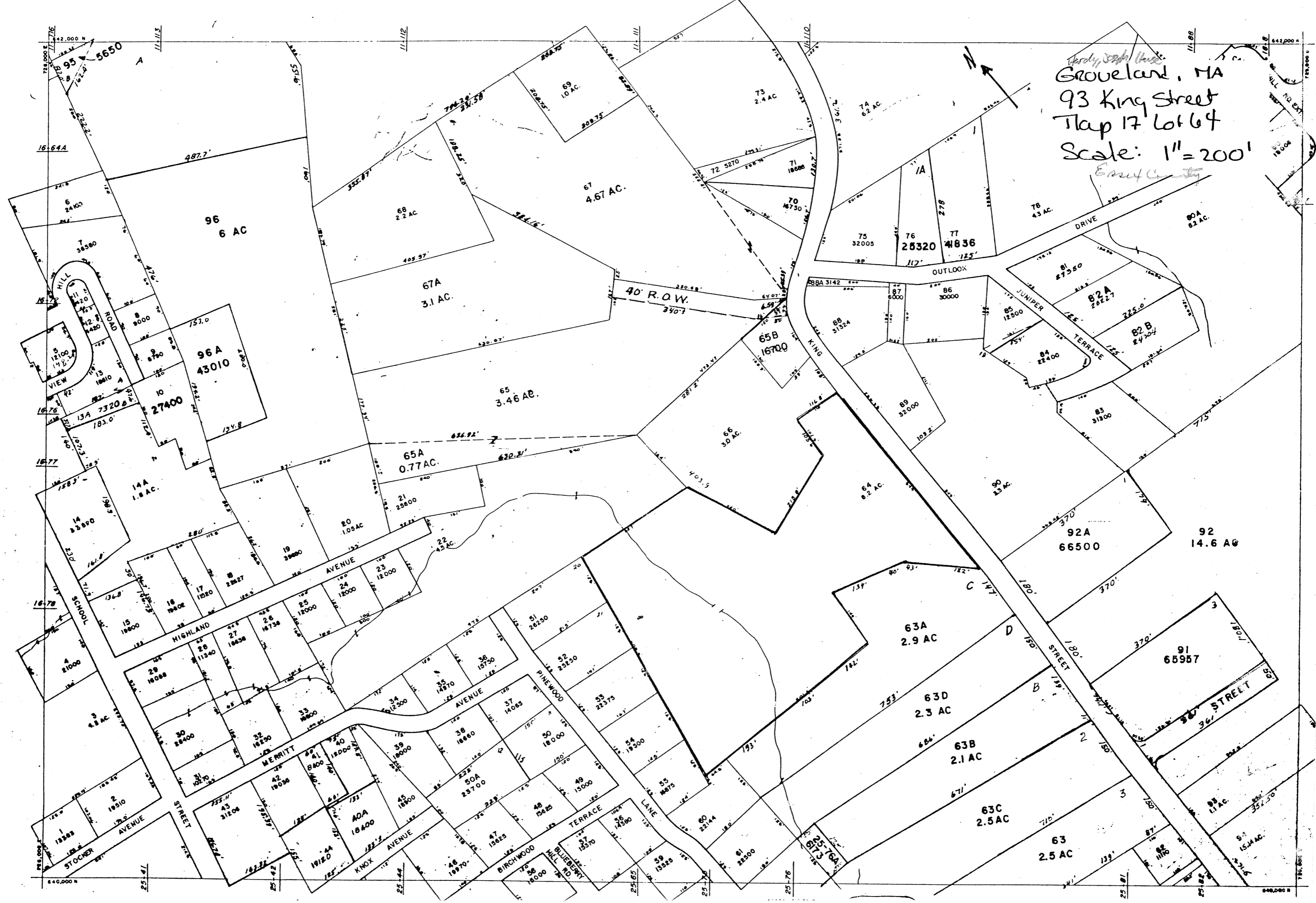


GROVELAND, MA
Joseph Hardy House
93 King Street
interior left chamber
1985

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Hardy, Joseph
Groveland, MA
93 King Street
Map 17 Lot 64
Scale: 1" = 200'
Essex County



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

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