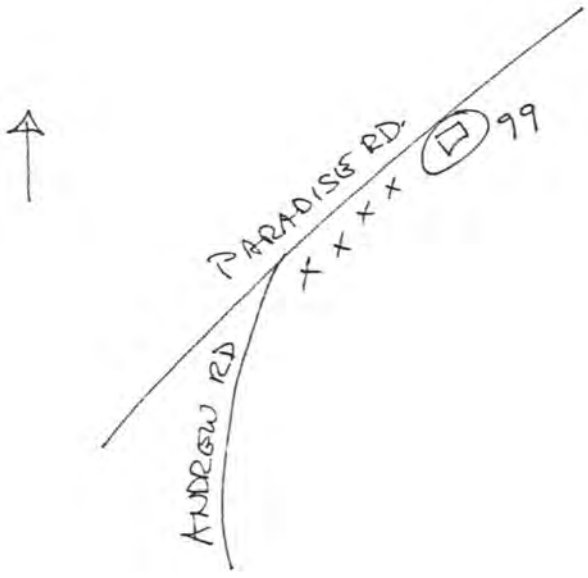


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100 WASHINGTON STREET  
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02115

Notes

- 90 : 1 Exterior facade
- 90 : 2 rear leanto and W gable
- 90 : 03 E chamber with painted walls
- 90 : 4 rear wall E chamber from leanto garret showing cut original boarding of rear wall near chimney bay



Town Swampscott 009  
 Address 99 Paradise Road  
 Historic Name Sir John Humphreys House;  
Burrill House  
 Use: Present Residence  
 Original Residence

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1700  
 Source documents, visual analysis  
 Style First Period  
 Architect Unknown  
 Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboards  
 Outbuildings None  
 Major Alterations (with dates) Lean-to  
added, 18th c.; interior finishes.  
late 18th c.  
 Condition Good

Moved Yes Date 1891  
 Acreage less than one acre  
 Setting Residential neighborhood  
of closely spaced early 20th c. houses.  
Busv street

REFERENCE Z E N  
19 / 342-300 / 4703-820  
 ADDRESS Marblehead North (now Salem)  
1:25,000

Recorded by Richard Candee  
 Organization Boston University  
 Date May 1986

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: SWAMPSCOTT	Form No: 84
Property Name: Humphrey House (Burrill)	

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

SIGNIFICANCE

The core of the so-called Humphreys, or Burrill, House may be an early 18th century single cell house, probably built with a rear leanto, of unusually large scale and proportions. While most of the interior is boxed and sheathed with later 18th century finish work, the house contains a First Period frame of quality craftsmanship which with its notable exterior jetties and unusually large proportions meets Criterion C, and shows evidence that further study would yield important information to the study of Massachusetts First Period buildings, (Criterion D.) Although moved, it retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. The use of a single transverse summer beam at the first story, with two transverse ties at the second, is unique. Those on the first floor must relate to the framed overhang or jetty, extending to support it as do the end and chimney girts. Together with the limited evidence of the partially unboxed rear corner post, these features are the only visible evidence of First Period construction. The probable plan of the first phase of building, a single cell of large proportions with added (?) leanto is important plan information, although the idea that the house contains two older frames must also be explored. Further examination is likely to yield greater information both about the plan and the construction of this unusual dwelling.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The Burrill House is a 5-bay, 2 1/2-story, central-chimney house with added leanto, framed overhanging second story on the front facade, and possibly hewn jetties at the second and attic story of one end wall. The rebuilt attic supports two added dormer windows in the front plane of the roof, and a skylight in the rear slope of the later integral leanto roof. A partially rebuilt brick chimney protrudes from the roof in front of the ridge.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

The earliest core of the house appears to be that to the left of the front entry. The main room on the first floor is 19' x 19', that on the second is 19' x 20' due to the framed overhang on the facade. The frame is unusual in that the first floor summer is transverse, supported in the rear by a two-story post between the rear corner posts. On the second floor, the attic is supported by two transverse summer ties, which form a chord with the principal rafters of the roof, consistent with similar Salem-area double summers. While all the posts and summers are boxed, the second-story posts are shouldered, and one is exposed in the rear closet or modern hallway leading from the chimney bay. Also in the second floor left room, the plaster has been partially removed to show the original square-brick nogging as well as a falling windbrace at the exterior rear corner. As evidence for a similar brace exists at the opposite rear corner, it is not clear if this means the original chimney bay adjoined this location or not.

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The chimney bay and main entrance, which contains a closed string triple-run staircase with turned balusters of the first quarter of the 18th century, separates the major rooms. Those on the right side measure 15' wide by 16 1/2' on the first floor, and nearly 17 1/2' on the second. A two-story prick post supports the second floor summer behind the rear partition. The continuation of the framed jetty on the front, and documentary evidence showing possible hewn side jetties at each story, indicate a late First Period constructional element. Cummings suggests that the building is composed of two earlier house frames later joined together.

The rear leanto may also have been constructed at two different dates. The exposed frame behind the earlier large room has a 1 1/2-" beveled chamfer with A4-type lamb's tongue stop. Framing members behind the chimney bay and addition have either A3-type stops or simple runout stops to the narrow beveled chamfer, (both exist.) Above, the leanto appears raised, (perhaps by cantilevers hidden by plaster ceilings.) The original exterior sheathing of the rear wall of the older second floor room can be seen from the leanto. Brick nogging can be seen within the frame at the right rear corner, suggesting that the leanto behind the addition is contemporaneous with the later room.

The roof frame, a principal-rafter system with 4 and 5 purlins per bay and a diamond-shaped ridge pole, corresponds to the second story tie beams. The rear slope of the leanto appears to be integral, at least to the period when the two frames were combined. The old chimney stack was removed when the house was moved.

**SIGNIFICANT LATER FEATURES**

The most significant later remains are painted walls and boxing of the earlier second floor room. Big bold S-curve freehand painted sheathing covers the fireplace wall; there is similar decoration over the boxed posts and ties. This probably is 18th-century in date. The handsome staircase and fireplace paneling of the lower rooms is also of a later 18th-century period, as are the present window sash.

**HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

The Burrill House was moved to its present site in 1891 from the corner of Elmwood Road near Monument Ave. to make way for the Frederick Law Olmsted landscape design in conjunction with the creation of Monument Avenue.

While the site has long commemorated Deputy Governor John Humphreys, who died owning the original site in 1641, the physical evidence indicates a much later construction date. Presumably, on the basis of documentary evidence, it was actually built by either John Burrill Sr., who owned it from 1700 to 1703, or his son Ebenezer Burrill, who occupied the house from 1703 to 1761.

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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

Section number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

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

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Arlene Byers 3/14/90

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41. Hastings--Morse House

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42. Hazen--Kimball--Aldrich House

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43. Hazen--Spiller House

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44. Henfield House

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45. Herrick, Ella Proctor, House

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46. Hopkinson, George, House

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47. House at 922 Dale Street

Substantive Review

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48. House on Labor-in-Vain Road

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49. Howe Barn

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50. Humphreys, Sir John, House

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Humphreys, Sir John, 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: 90000258

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:

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DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

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CLASSIFICATION

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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  
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 applicable criteria  
 justification of areas checked  
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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

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



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Swampscott, MA

Burrill House

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Burrill House

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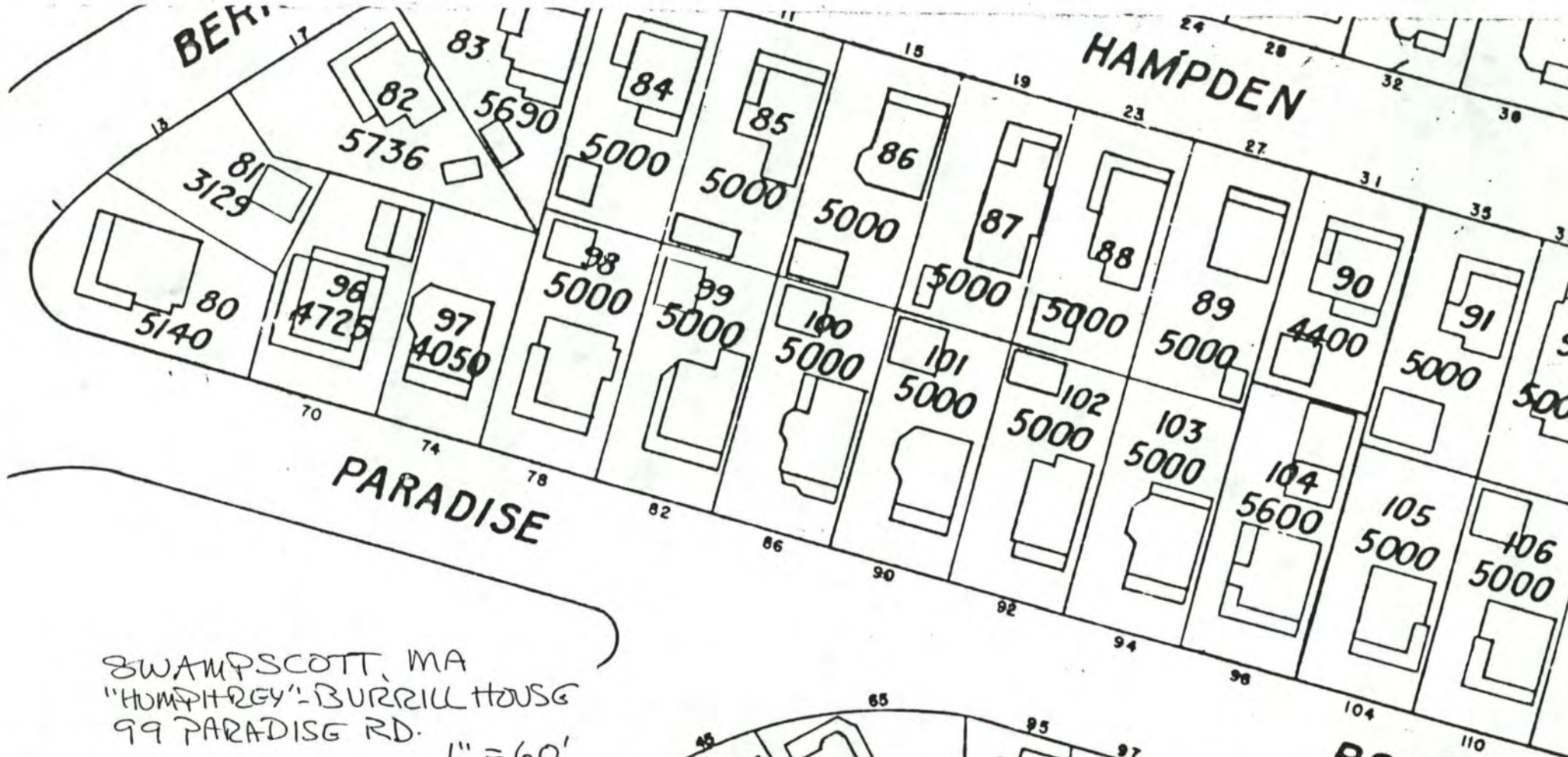
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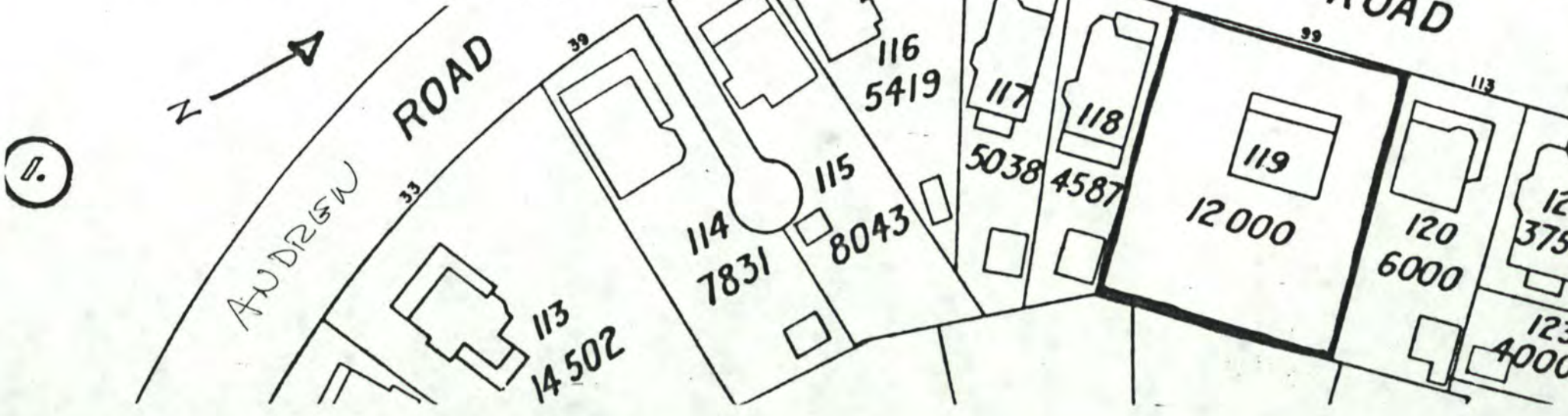
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SWAMPSCOTT, MA  
 "HUMPHREY"-BURRILL HOUSE  
 99 PARADISE RD.

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