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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

- 41 : 12 Exterior facade and W gable
- 41 : 4 chamber tie beam & chamfer
- 41 : 3 detail of chamfer
- 41 : 7 attic

Town Newburyport 009

Address 172 State Street

Historic Name Benjamin Coker

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1700

Source visual analysis

Style First Period

Architect N/A

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings 2 non-contributing sheds - 20th c.

Major Alterations (with dates) second half mid-18th c.; rear ell 19th c.

Condition recently rehabed - 1989

Moved yes Date 1856

Acreage under 1 acre

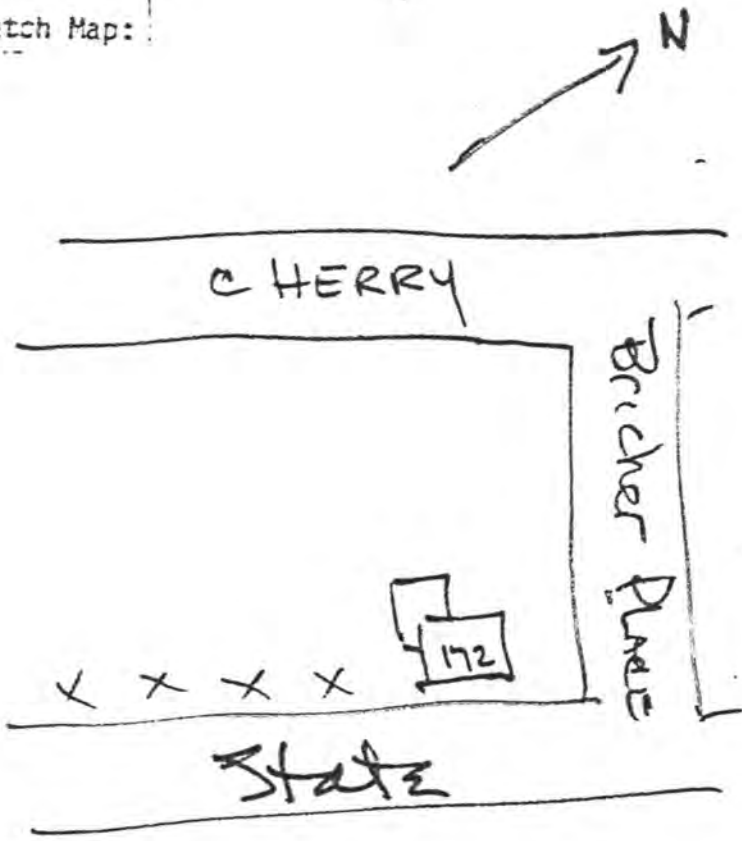
Setting urban setting among other commercial properties

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Organization Boston University

Date April 1986

Sketch Map:



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REFERENCE 19 / 346-660 / 4740-240

QUADRANGLE Newburyport West

SCALE 1:25,000

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: NEWBURYPORT	Form No: 42
Property Name: Benjamin Coker	

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

SIGNIFICANCE

The Benjamin Coker House, despite several changes, and a relocation in 1856, retains integrity of design, workmanship, and association. It embodies, in its roof frame and second story tie beam, clear evidence of a distinctive First Period plan type and construction methods, to meet Criterion C. While the house is undocumented before 1719, the style and construction suggest a ca. 1700 date.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The house is a five-bay, central chimney, projecting lobby entry, two story house with a large two story ell added to the northwest corner, which partially projects south of the gable wall and its 1-story porch. Having been moved, the present central chimney and that along the far wall of the ell are of 19th century date. Behind and to the rear of the east room a one story gabled ell has been added. The house began as a single cell, two story house, located at High and Federal Streets. It was enlarged with a small parlor and chamber on the opposite side of the chimney in the mid-18th century; the rear ell appears to be of mid-19th century date.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

The early core of this house is the chimney bay and left-hand rooms. This side has rooms measuring 19 x 18.5', and roof framing that includes mortises for collar beams, (now gone,) in the principal rafters of the principal and purlin system roof. In the first story room, the 12"-wide summer beam has been cut back, and the chamfer and stops are missing. However, in the chamber above, the tie beam is decorated with a 2"-wide beveled chamfer terminating in a large lamb's tongue stop. The posts in this room are exposed and flared, with simple beveled chamfers.

SIGNIFICANT LATER FEATURES

The earliest second floor room was modernized in the mid-18th century with raised panels and fluted pilasters framing the fireplace opening. The 18th-century addition also has Second Period paneling and boxed framing members.

REFERENCES

"Ancient House at 172 State Once at High and Federal," Newburyport Daily News, May 9, 1963.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

1/24/90

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

- ~~11. Coker, Benjamin, House~~ Entered in the National Register Keeper Melrose Byers 3/9/90
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- 13. Corning, Samuel, House Entered in the National Register Keeper Melrose Byers 3/9/90
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- 14. Davis, Ephraim, House Entered in the National Register Keeper Melrose Byers 3/9/90
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- 15. Davis--Freeman House Entered in the National Register Keeper Melrose Byers 3/9/90
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- 504 16. Dickinson--Pillsbury--Witham House Keeper Bobby L. Savage 3/9/90
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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 Coker, Benjamin, 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: 90000247

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 _____



172 State Street,
Newburyport, MA
Benjamin Coker house
Extension facade
1985

1st Period Buildings of E. N. A. A. A.

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Benjamin Coker House
Chamber tie beams + chamber
1985

1st Floor Buildings of E. Main, NPA 41:09



Newburyport, MA
Benjamin Coker House
172 State Street
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1st Period Bookings of Fe. Ma., MA

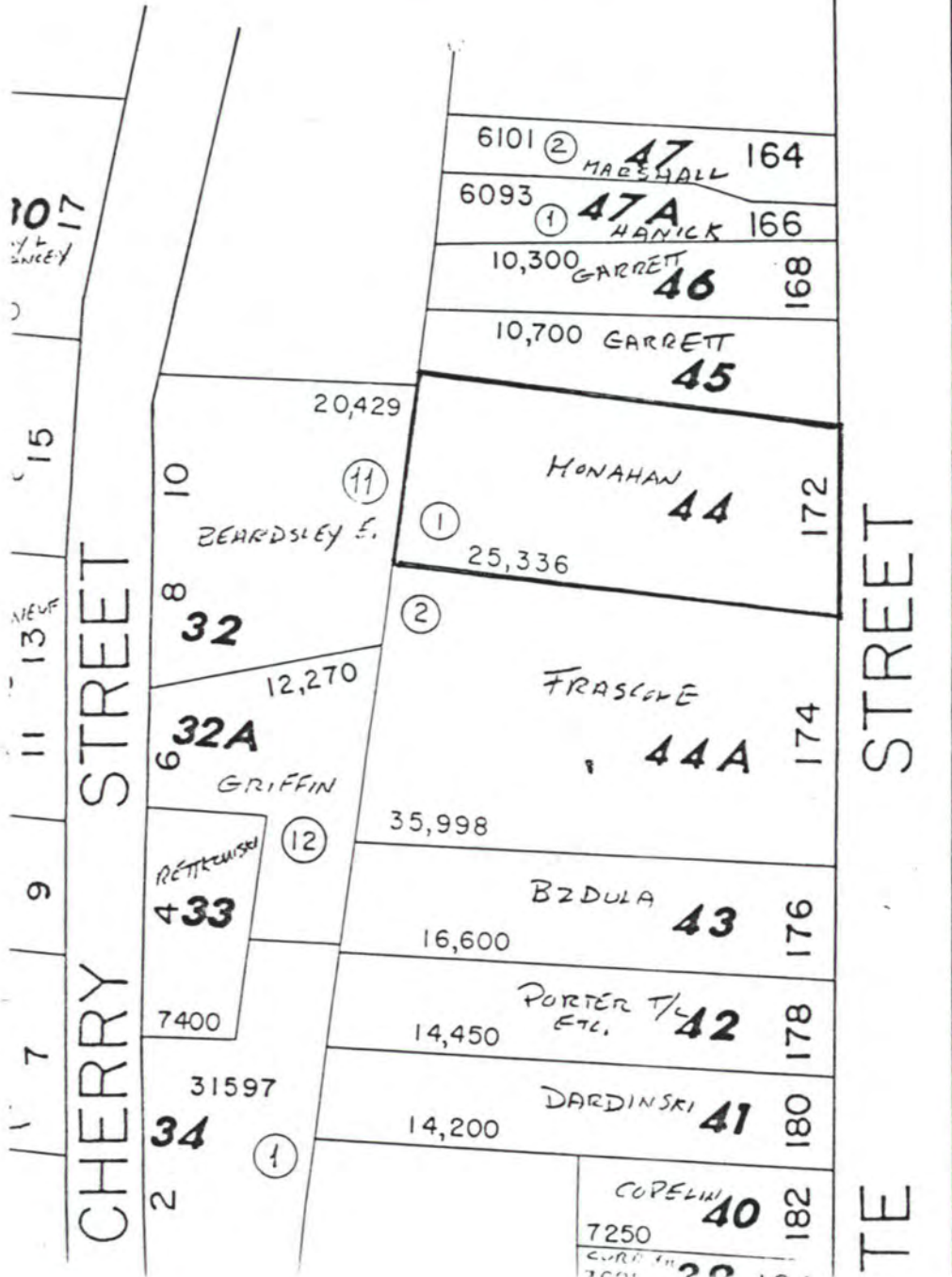


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Benjamin Cole House
172 State Street
detail: Chantry
1985

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1st Period Buildings of Fe. May 1828

Newburyport, MA
 Benjamin Coker House
 172 State Street
 Map 36 Lot 44
 Scale: 1" = 40'
 Essex County



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

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