

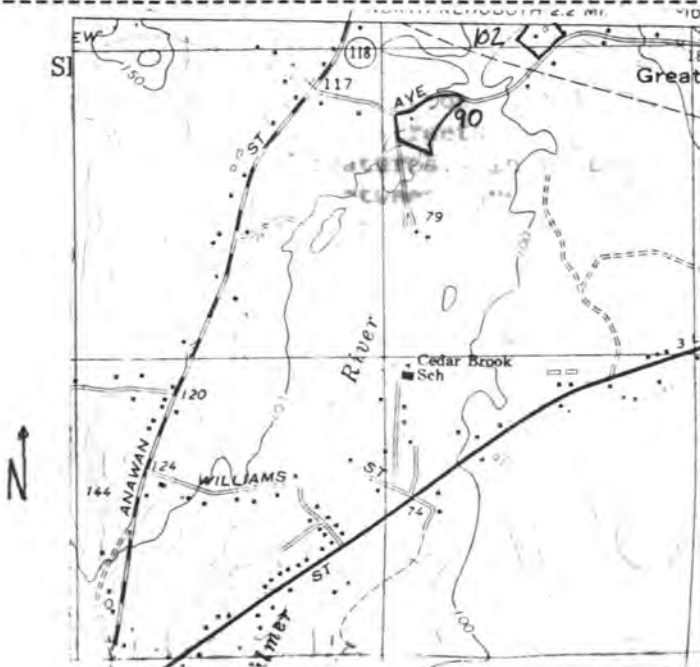
FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
	102

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Recorded by Leslie C. Abernathy III

Organization Rehoboth Historical Commission

Date April 1976; revised 1981

Town REHOBOTH

Address 371 Fairview Avenue

Historic Name Aaron Wheeler House

Use: Present residence

Original residence

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1745

Source deeds

Style Georgian

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric shingle over vertical board

Outbuildings barn, garage, corn barn

Major alterations (with dates) side ell added (1873)

Moved no Date _____

Approx. acreage 5

Setting 300 feet from road; gambrel end to road; rural context

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

The Aaron Wheeler House is one of Rehoboth's best preserved examples of a mid 18th century gambrel cottage and one of very few houses from this period which is securely dated through deed research. It retains its original form and plan as well as interior and exterior architectural details. The location of the bake oven in the east side chamber, rather than rear, and information collected during extensive stabilization work (1955) indicate that it was originally built as an end-chimney house with the west portion added later in the 18th century. As an excellent example of its class from the mid 18th century, the Aaron Wheeler House meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places individually.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

Aaron Wheeler (1722/23-1800) erected this house almost immediately after his father Colonel Philip Wheeler gave him a large tract of land on both sides of Fairview Avenue in 1745. Aaron was a farmer and also active in local industrial activities, purchasing one quarter share of a nearby sawmill in 1763, and owning an interest in the adjacent Peck's Forge. Aaron participated in numerous military campaigns during the Revolution as did his son Simeon Wheeler (1760-1833). Following Aaron's death in 1800, the house and part of the farm were purchased by Stephen Bowen in 1818; the present owner is the sixth generation of Bowen descendants to live there.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

Snape, Sue Ellen. Mighty Liberty Men, Rehoboth 1976, pp. 50, 52, 124.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Rehoboth Multiple Resource Area
State Massachusetts

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Martin Farm

Substantive Review

Keeper

Melvin Byers 6/6/83

Attest

32. Peck-Bowen House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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33. Perry, James House

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34. Pierce, Capt. Mial, Farm

Entered in the
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35. Viall, Samuel, House

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36. Wheeler, Aaron, House

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37. Wheeler-Ingalls House

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Horton, Welcome, Farm (Rehoboth MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 4/25/83Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84Date Due: 5/26/83 - 6/9/83Action: ☒ ACCEPT 6/6/83Entered in the ☐ RETURN
National Register ☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments: _____

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

☐ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. Representation in Existing Surveyshas this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272 - 3504

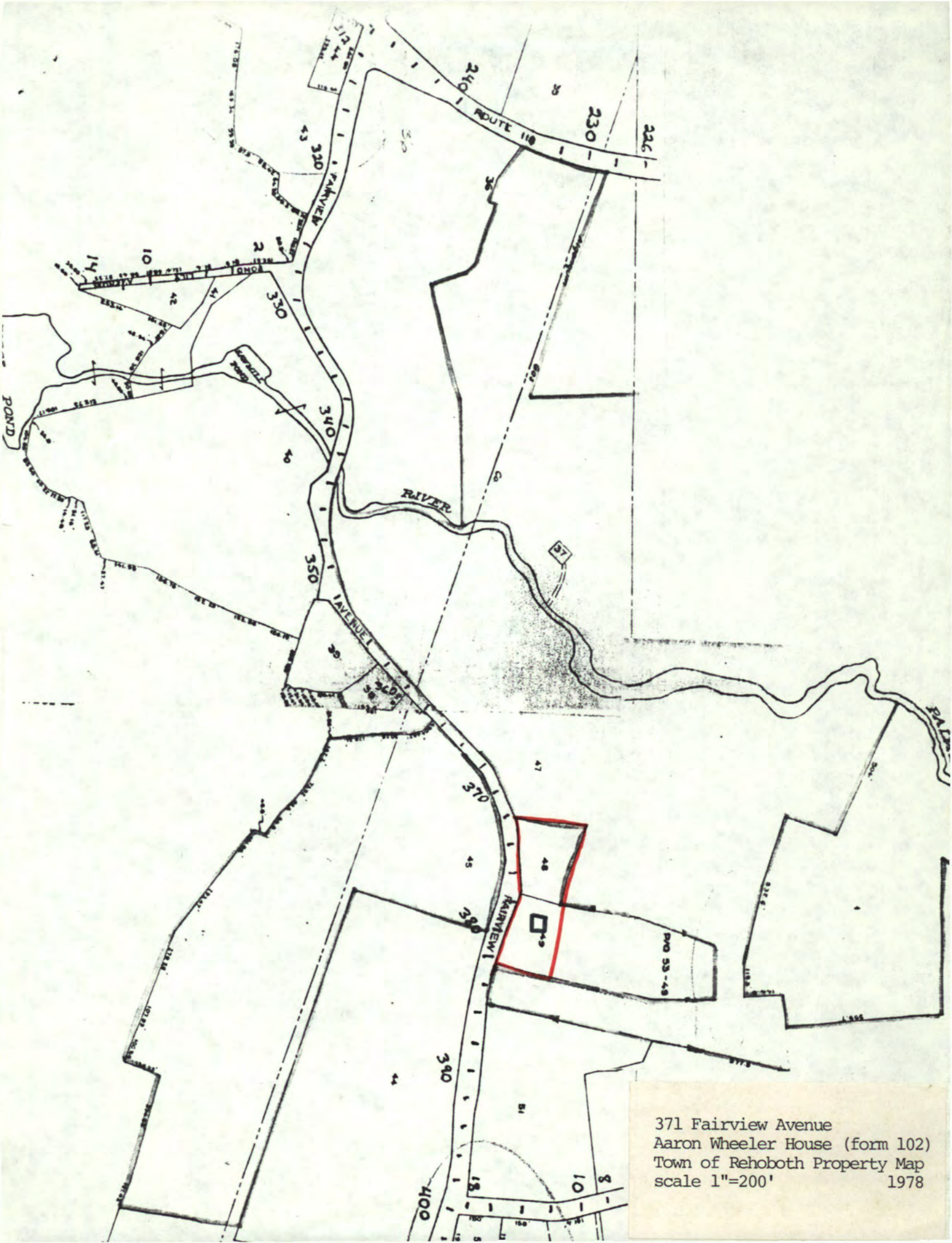
Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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Wheeler, Aaron, the
Rehabilitation MRA, Ma



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000292