

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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Photos

7:2 exterior

7:4 first floor, left-hand room

Town Natick

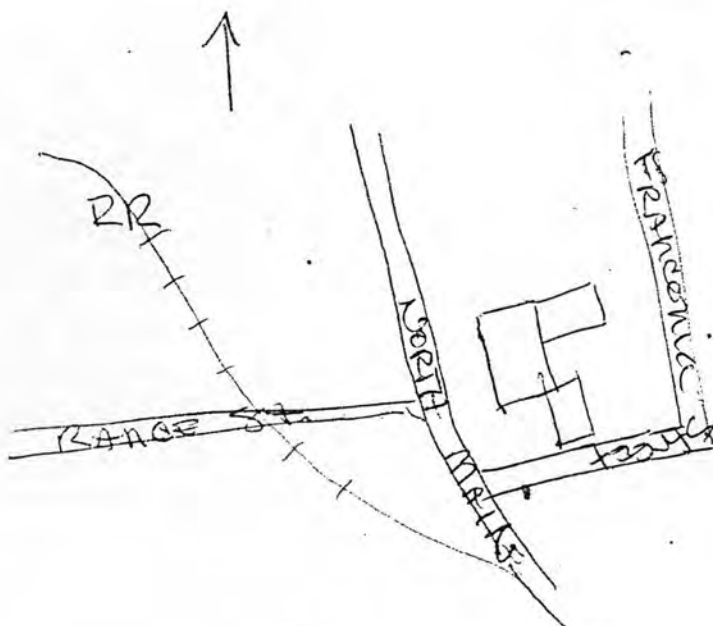
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Address 105 North Main StreetHistoric Name Stephen Bacon HouseUse: Present Funeral Home and residenceOriginal Residence

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1704-1720Source Visual assessment, deedsStyle Late First Period/TransitionalArchitect NoneExterior Wall Fabric ClapboardOutbuildings 20th c. garageMajor Alterations (with dates) 20th c.:right wing added; house restored 1920sCondition GoodMoved No Date N/AAcreage less than one acreSetting Densely developed office and 20thc. residential uses: Army base across
intersection. Parking lot to rear, rubble
retaining wall along street front.Recorded by Nora Pat SmallOrganization Boston UniversityDate July 1985

Sketch Map:



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UTM REFERENCE 19 / 305-710 / 4684-630USGS QUADRANGLE Natick (now Framingham)SCALE 1:25,000

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: NATICK	Form No: 109
Property Name: Stephen Bacon House	

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

SIGNIFICANCE

The Stephen Bacon House retains integrity of location, design, materials, and workmanship in its late First Period/transitional frame, making it eligible under criterion C. Its two room plan is probably typical of the fate of many transitional one cell houses which acquired additions during the 18th century.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The Stephen Bacon House is a 2 1/2 story central chimney clapboarded structure with rear lean-to and an asymmetrical 5-bay facade. (The house probably began as a one cell, 2 1/2 story structure with chimney to the right.) A modern 1 1/2 story wing projects from the right end; another smaller ell projects from the right rear.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

The left side of the present structure retains late First Period/transitional framing, details, and finish. The first floor left room has an exposed summer beam with quirk beading. The joists are 22" apart on centers, indicating a date after 1700, and are plainly finished. The five foot wide fireplace has a front side oven, a feature which indicates the transitional nature of the house. The second floor left hand chamber has an exposed summer beam with beveled chamfers and no stops, also a transitional characteristic.

The rear left hand chamber has been enlarged with a shed dormer; an original lean-to end rafter is visible in the west wall. The right hand rooms contain only boxed or unfinished framing members, suggesting that this section was added later in the 18th century.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The house has associations with important events in local history. The property appears on the 1724 "Needham Leg" map as one of the original six farms. Early in the 18th century, the first public school classes in Needham were held in here. During the Revolution, it served as a warning center for the Minute Men.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR
State _____

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

81. White--Preston 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 Bacon, Stephen, House
NAME:

MULTIPLE First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

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: 90000174

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

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



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105 No. Main St.
Natick, MA

1st Period Buildings of E. May, TR

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Stephen Bacon House
105 No. Main St
Natick, MA

1st Period Buildings of E. May, Jr

left 1st floor room

1985



NATICK, MA
STEPHEN BACON HOUSE
105 NORTH MAIN ST.

Scale: 1"=100'

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TOWN OF NATICK

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000281