

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)  
 Staple to left side of form  
 Photo number \_\_\_\_\_

Town Ipswich

Address 47 County Street

Historic Name Benjamin Grant House

Use: Original residence

Present residence

Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization \_\_\_\_\_

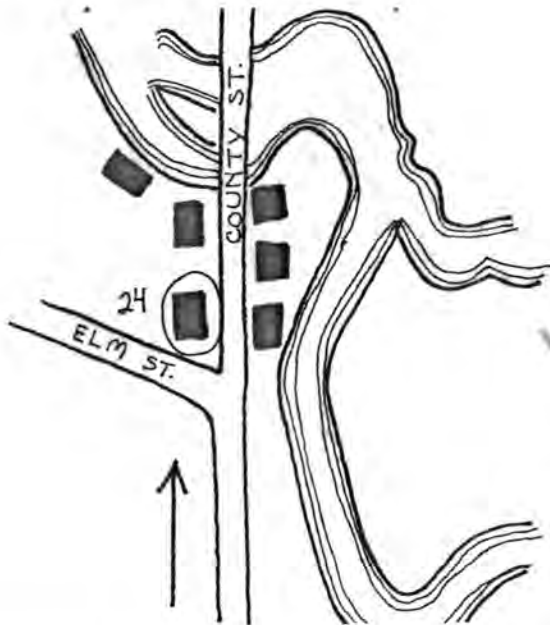
Public \_\_\_\_\_

Original owner Benjamin Grant

Present owner Chester Stone

SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1735

Source Waters I

Style early Second Period

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric asbestos shingle

Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

siding (20th century)

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage less than one acre

Setting residential

Recorded by Margaret E. Welden

Organization Ipswich Historical Commission

Date October 1978

Assessor's lot # 117-H

UTM Reference: 19/349580/4726480

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

The Benjamin Grant House is a 2 1/2 story end-gable structure with a large central chimney. It consists of a one room deep front section with a rear lean-to. Its five bay facade is slightly asymmetrical. Despite the alteration of asbestos siding, it is an excellent example of an early eighteenth century house which retains many of its original features.

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

The Benjamin Grant possesses integrity of location, design, setting and workmanship and significant associations with the early development of Ipswich.

Benjamin Grant bought this land in 1735 (71:128) and built his house. Grant, a corporal, was killed in the French and Indian War in 1756. Joseph Ross, an old Revolutionary War soldier, bought the house in 1784, and it remained in his family until the mid-20th century.

Much of the original finish remains visible in the house and it is likely that more survives hidden behind the walls. One chamber chimney wall has an unusual combination of feather-edge panelling at the sides and raised field panelling over the fireplace.

The central chimney was rebuilt above the roof level in 1978. This house is protected by preservation easements, under a Preservation Agreement between the owner and the Ipswich Historical Commission.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

T.F. Waters, Ipswich in the Mass. Bay Colony, vol. I, p. 449, vol. II, p. 777

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheets

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**  
**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approx. 1500

Quadrangle name Ipswich

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

**UMT References**

A 

199	348420	4728370
Zone	Easting	Northing

B 

19	350750	4727790
Zone	Easting	Northing

C 

19	350320	4726100
Zone	Easting	Northing

D 

19	349460	4725350
Zone	Easting	Northing

E 

19	348920	4725410
Zone	Easting	Northing

F 

19	348100	4727240
Zone	Easting	Northing

G 

Zone	Easting	Northing

H 

Zone	Easting	Northing

**Verbal boundary description and justification**

See continuation sheets and attached maps

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

state	code	county	code

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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Candace Jenkins, National Register Coordinator with Edward Zimmer  
(Ipswich Historical Commission)

organization Massachusetts Historical Comm. date April 1980

street & number 294 Washington Street telephone (617) 727-8470

city or town Boston state Massachusetts

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national     state     local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Patricia L. Westbrooke* 6/24/80

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u><i>Becky Ann Bago</i></u>	date <u>9/17/80</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest: <u><i>Patricia Andrews</i></u>	date <u>9/15/80</u>
Chief of Registration	

Property Wenham Village, Ipswich, Massachusetts  
Multiple Resource Area (partial inventory)

State MA, Essex Working Number 7/1/80/1746

**TECHNICAL**

**CONTROL**

Photos 32  
Maps 1, 19

*This is an excellent multiple resource nomination - the surveyed area covers the historic Ipswich Village. The nomination includes four districts and ten individual properties. The districts are logically drawn and show the development over time of the village. The nomination includes an incredible number of 17th and 18th cent. buildings and some 19th cent. buildings. There are no intrusions - 1500 acres. The nomination form closely follows the requirements for mult. res. nominations spelled out in the "How to"*

**HISTORIAN**

*accept*  
*Patrick Anderson*  
*9/15/80*

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_ Send-back \_\_\_\_\_ Entered SEP 17 1980  
Federal Register Entry 2.3.81 Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_



Roll 10  
Neg. 14  
47 County St.

JUL 1 1980

Grant, Benjamin House

CENTRAL VILLAGE IPSWICH, MASSACHUSETTS  
MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA/ESSEX CO. MA

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000276