

JAN 24 1990 FORM NO. 39

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

- Photos
- 22:14 fireplace wall, right-hand (east) room
  - 22:17 detail, summer tie beam, right-hand chamber
  - 22:19 south and east facades

Town Rowley 009

Address 142 Main Street

Historic Name Thomas Lambert House

Use: Present Residence

Original Residence

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1699

Source Tewett's History 1639-1850

Style First Period

Architect Unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings Mid-19th century barn with Gothic Revival trim

Major Alterations (with dates) Rear rooms added, roof rebuilt, 18th or early 19th c.; east and west wings added, 19th c.

Condition Good

Moved No Date N/A

Acreage less than one acre

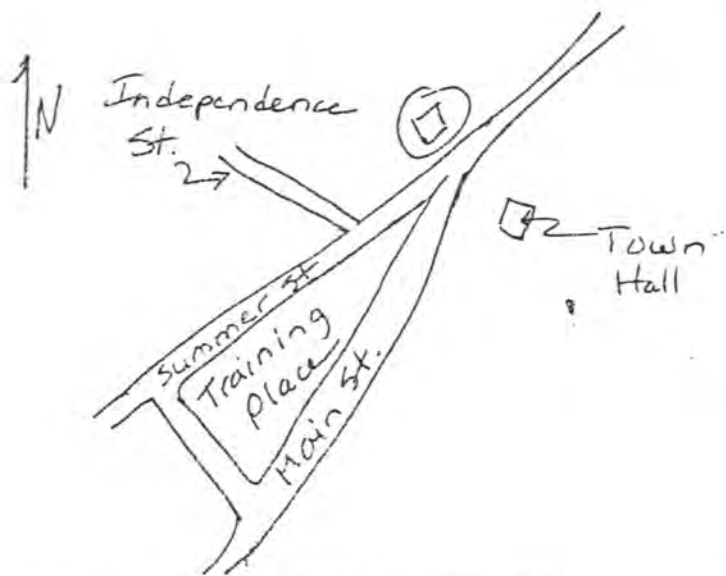
Setting At town center, overlooking the "training place," in streetscape of widely spaced wood frame buildings (primarily 19th c. date)

Recorded by Anne Grady

Organization Boston University

Date June 1986

Sketch Map:



TM REFERENCE 19 / 345-990 / 4730-660

EGS QUADRANGLE Georgetown (now Ipswich)

SCALE 1:25,000

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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SIGNIFICANCE

The Lambert House retains integrity of location, design, materials and workmanship in the First Period frame of the right-hand rooms which embodies distinctive characteristics of form and construction under Criterion C. The decoration and oak wood of the frame are representative of First Period frames at the turn of the 18th century. There is no way to be certain of the construction date of the left-hand rooms and chimney bay, without examining the frame in those areas, but the fact that joist spacing in the left-hand room is a conservative 17 1/2 inches on centers as opposed to 19 1/2 inches on centers in the right-hand room suggests a contemporary, if not earlier frame. The presence of a cellar under just the left-hand room might also suggest that that side of the house was the original single cell structure.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The Lambert House is a five bay wide, 2 1/2 story, two room deep structure with additions to the rear and both sides. It is impossible to tell whether the house began as a single or double cell structure from visible evidence for the frame is completely boxed on the left-hand side. Some time in the 18th century rear rooms possibly in the form of a lean-to were added to the house. By the mid 19th century, the house had become a full two room deep, two story house covered by a raised roof with ridge on the center axis. The clapboarded exterior has symmetrically placed sash windows and a mid 19th century entrance porch.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

First period framing is visible only in the right hand front room and chamber, but several pieces of evidence described below suggest that the left hand rooms were built at the same time or even earlier.

In the right-hand room, 19 feet square, there is an exposed longitudinal oak summer beam 13 1/2 inches wide with 1 1/2 inch wide flat chamfers and lamb's tongue stops at the fireplace wall. Joist spacing is 19 1/2 inches on centers. The fireplace wall has been partly opened up to reveal the remains of a fireplace lintel 4 1/2 feet above the floor. In the right-hand chamber, the oak summer tie beam has flat chamfers and lamb's tongue stops. Vertical feather edged sheathing trims the fireplace wall south of the fireplace.

The chimney bay is an ample 8' 3" wide, while the left-hand room is, like the right-hand room, 19 feet square. The longitudinal summer beam there has a 14 1/2 inch wide box so that the beam underneath must be comparable in size to the summer beam in the right-hand room. Joist spacing in the ceiling of the left-hand room is 17 1/2 inches on centers.

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Roof framing was entirely replaced when the new, broader roof was constructed. The chimney was rebuilt angling back from the attic floor to exit at the ridge of the roof. There is a cellar under just the left hand front room and the rear rooms of the house. The chimney foundation is a broad brick arch.

LATER SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

The house retains a fine early Second Period staircase with turned balusters and drops. The left-hand room and chamber exhibit carefully crafted cornice moldings with cyma profile and similar crown moldings along the boxed beams. Both rooms have mantelpieces in the Greek Revival style.

A niche north of the fireplace in the right-hand room is surmounted by a relief which looks like the death's head of an early gravestone. The feature probably dates from the early 20th century restoration of the house. If further investigation should determine that the death's head is part of the original chimney construction, the feature would be a highly significant use of First Period religious imagery.

A 19th century barn is attached to the left wing of the house.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The Lambert house was built by Thomas Lambert, Jr., who took his bride there in 1699. The house remained in the hands of the Lambert family until 1977. Mrs. Chiney Lambert, owner in the early 20th century, was instrumental in the purchase and restoration of the Platts Bradstreet house by the Rowley Historical Society.

REFERENCES

Jewett, History of Rowley, Rowley. p. 197.

1/24/90

United States Department of the Interior  
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

51. Johnson, Capt. Timothy **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Arlene Byers 3/9/90

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

52. Kimball, Solomon, House **Substantive Review** Keeper Beth J. Savage 3/9/90

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53. Lake, Stanley, House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Arlene Byers 3/9/90

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54. Lambert, Thomas, House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Arlene Byers 3/9/90

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55. Larch Farm **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Arlene Byers 3/9/90

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56. Livermore, William, House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Arlene Byers 3/9/90

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57. Low, Thomas, House **Substantive Review** Keeper Beth J. Savage 3/9/90

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58. March, Samuel, House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Arlene Byers 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 NAME: Lambert, Thomas, 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: 90000256

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

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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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  
 clarity  
 applicable criteria  
 justification of areas checked  
 relating significance to the resource  
 context  
 relationship of integrity to significance  
 justification of exception  
 other

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps       USGS maps       photographs       presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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



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Lambert, Thomas, Haze

1st Period Buildings & E. May, TN

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Lambert, Thomas, House

1st Period Houses, of E. May, TR

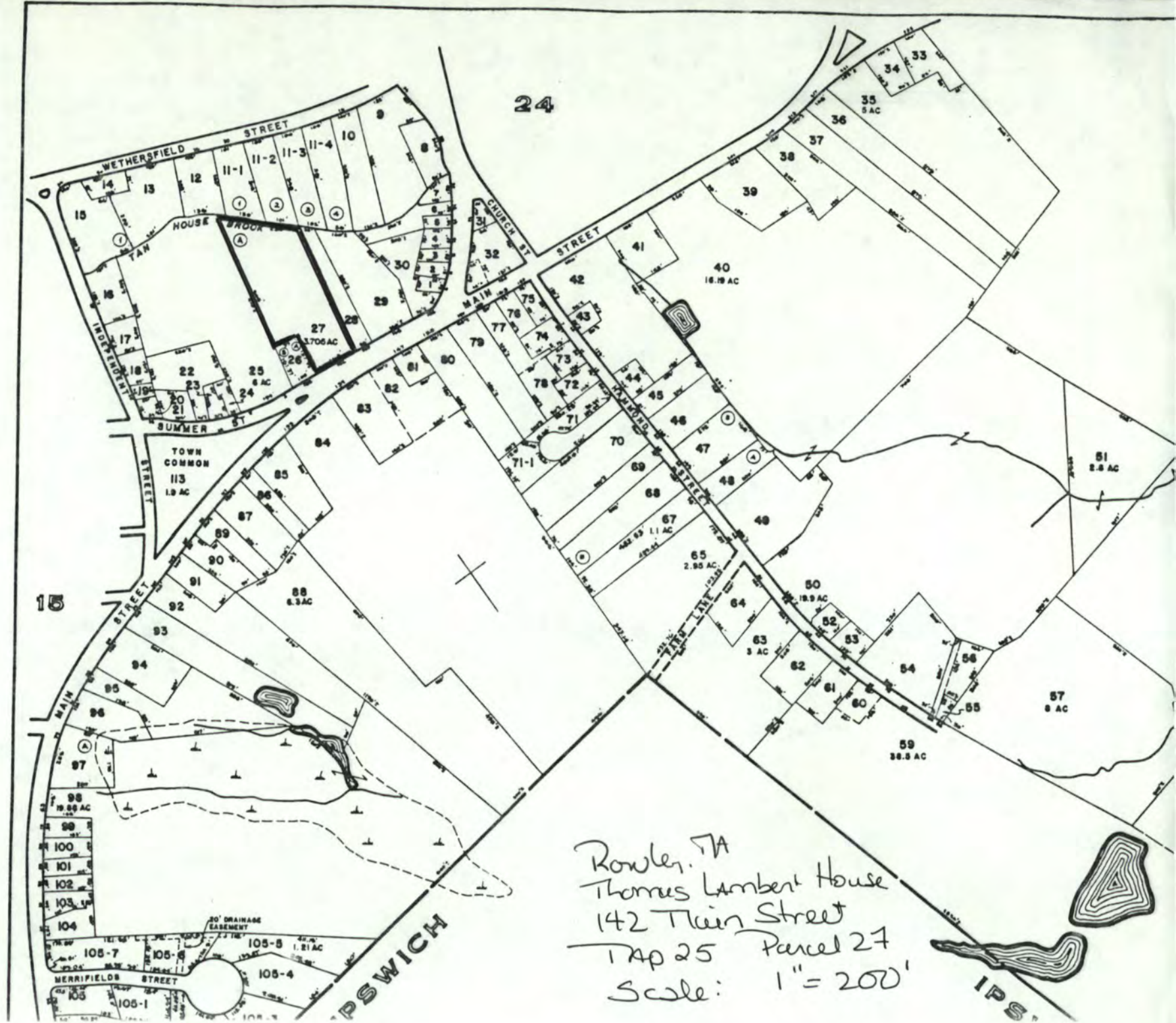
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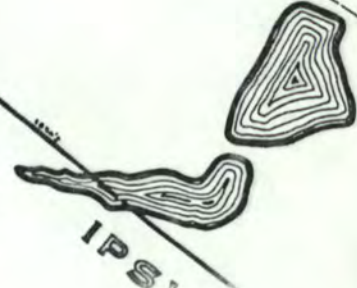
Lambert Thomas House

1st Period Houses of E. May, TR

22:17



Rowley, MA  
 Thomas Lambert House  
 142 Main Street  
 Tap 25 Parcel 27  
 Scale: 1" = 200'



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000281