

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)  
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Town REHOBOTH

Address 214 Chestnut Street

Historic Name site of Ingalls-Wheeler-Horton homestead

Use: Original residence

Present residence

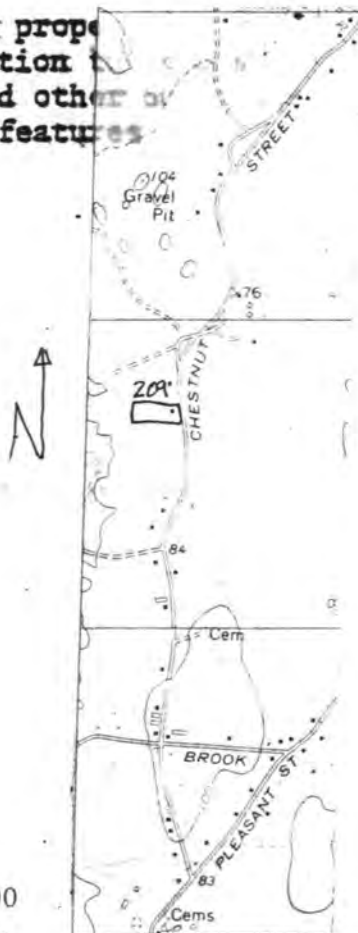
Ownership:  Private individual  
Private organization

Public

Original owner Simeon Horton

SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing proper location in relation to cross streets and other streets or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:

Date by 1895

Source tradition & architectural details

Style late Greek Revival with Italianate details

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings mid 20th century barn and she

Major alterations (with dates) none

Moved no Date

Approx. acreage 3.3

Setting 50' from road; gable flank to road; rural context

UTM: 19/313380/4631700

Recorded by V H Adams

Organization Rehoboth Historical Commission

Date May 1981

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

This house is a good example of simple 1½-story central entry five-room plan Late Greek Revival residential architecture in Rehoboth and is relatively unaltered. The main entrance under a heavy bracketed hood is through double doors each with a single arched glass panel etched in a floral motif. A straight staircase with turned newel and balusters, leads to the second story. The previous owners removed a wall between two rooms to the right of the entrance hall resulting in one long room the width of the house at the north end. A new wood floor was laid here at the same time and possibly two windows at the back of the house were also covered over. Otherwise, the house appears in its original condition, retaining interior heavy rolled mouldings and four panel doors with white procelain knobs. The front exterior door into the wainscoted kitchen ell also has etched arched panes (2), and a  
(Continued)

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

The former Ingalls-Wheeler-Horton homestead was located at this site. The earlier house was built about 1730 by Benjamin Ingalls and probably sat fifty to one hundred yards behind the current dwelling. Upon the death of Benjamin, his wife, Mercy Ingalls, married Captain Philip Wheeler, who had also been married previously. Mary Ingalls and Philip Wheeler, Jr., children of these earlier marriages, eventually married and occupied the homestead after their parents. Philip Wheeler, Jr., a captain of the local Rehoboth militia, was fatally injured during a training session in 1774. After his death, the homestead was surveyed and subdivided for the numerous children. Sylvanus Martin, a surveyor from nearby Seekonk, produced a sketch, dated December 21, 1774 (see attached sheet), which shows a large center chimney three-story house with hip roof and an addition to the north. A well, orchard, corn crib and haybarn are located between the house and the road. Two subsequent generations of the family resided in the house until the end of the 19th century when Lavinia (Wheeler) and Simeon Horton moved to the new house nearer the road built on or near the original barn foundation. By 1895, this new house appears under ownership of George L. Horton, with two outbuildings across the street (Everts and Richards 1895). The old homestead was allowed to decay, and was sketched in a dilapidated state by a local resident about 1900. It finally collapsed some time in the early 1900s. According to tradition, the house was never completely emptied of furnishings. Limited digging in the probable vicinity of the early house by the present owners has produced a variety of early 18th century ceramic sherds, including English salt-glazed stoneware, hand-painted pearlware, and glazed redwares. A foundation opposite the present house across Chestnut Street, is probably a barn associated with late 19th and 20th century occupants. On the basis of this evidence, archaeological potential appears quite good to contribute to the history of this early homestead site which has been continuously occupied for 250 years.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Snape, Sue Ellen, ed. In Old Rehoboth, 1979, pp.107-111.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Rehoboth	Form No: 209
Property Name: site of Ingalls- Wheeler-Horton homestead 214 Chestnut Street	

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Continued)

rear door has a single large oval clear pane. The kitchen ell is contemporary with the main part of the house as evidenced in the full basement and a staircase in the southwest corner of the main part of the house for access to the second story. Two gable dormers in front are original. There are four rooms upstairs, and a fifth over the ditchen which appears to retain original plaster walls, a dry sink and built-in shelves and drawers; the farm help slept here. As one of Rehoboth's most outstanding and best-preserved examples of one stage in the development of the spare, functional farm cottage, 214 Chestnut Street meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places individually.

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# United States Department of the Interior National Park Service National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Rehoboth Multiple Resource Area  
State Massachusetts

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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|--|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| 21. Goff Farm  | Substantive Review                  | Keeper     | <u>Anna M. Doyle 6/6/83</u> |
|  | Entered in the<br>National Register | Attest     | _____                       |
| 22. Goff Homestead                                   |                                     | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u> |
|  |                                     | Attest     | _____                       |
| 23. Hornbine Baptist Church                          | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u> |
|  |                                     | Attest     | _____                       |
| 24. Hornbine School                                  | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u> |
|  |                                     | Attest     | _____                       |
| 25. Horton, Welcome, Farm                            | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u> |
|  |                                     | Attest     | _____                       |
| 26. House at 197 Hornbine Road                       | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u> |
|  |                                     | Attest     | _____                       |
| 27. House at 30 Kelton Street                        | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u> |
|  |                                     | Attest     | _____                       |
| 28. <u>Ingalls-Wheeler-Horton<br/>Homestead Site</u> | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u> |
|  |                                     | Attest     | _____                       |
| 29. Kingsley House                                   | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u> |
|  |                                     | Attest     | _____                       |
| 30. Knapp, Seth, Jr., House                          | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/6/83</u> |
|  |                                     | Attest     | _____                       |



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## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Area 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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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## 13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202 272 - 3504

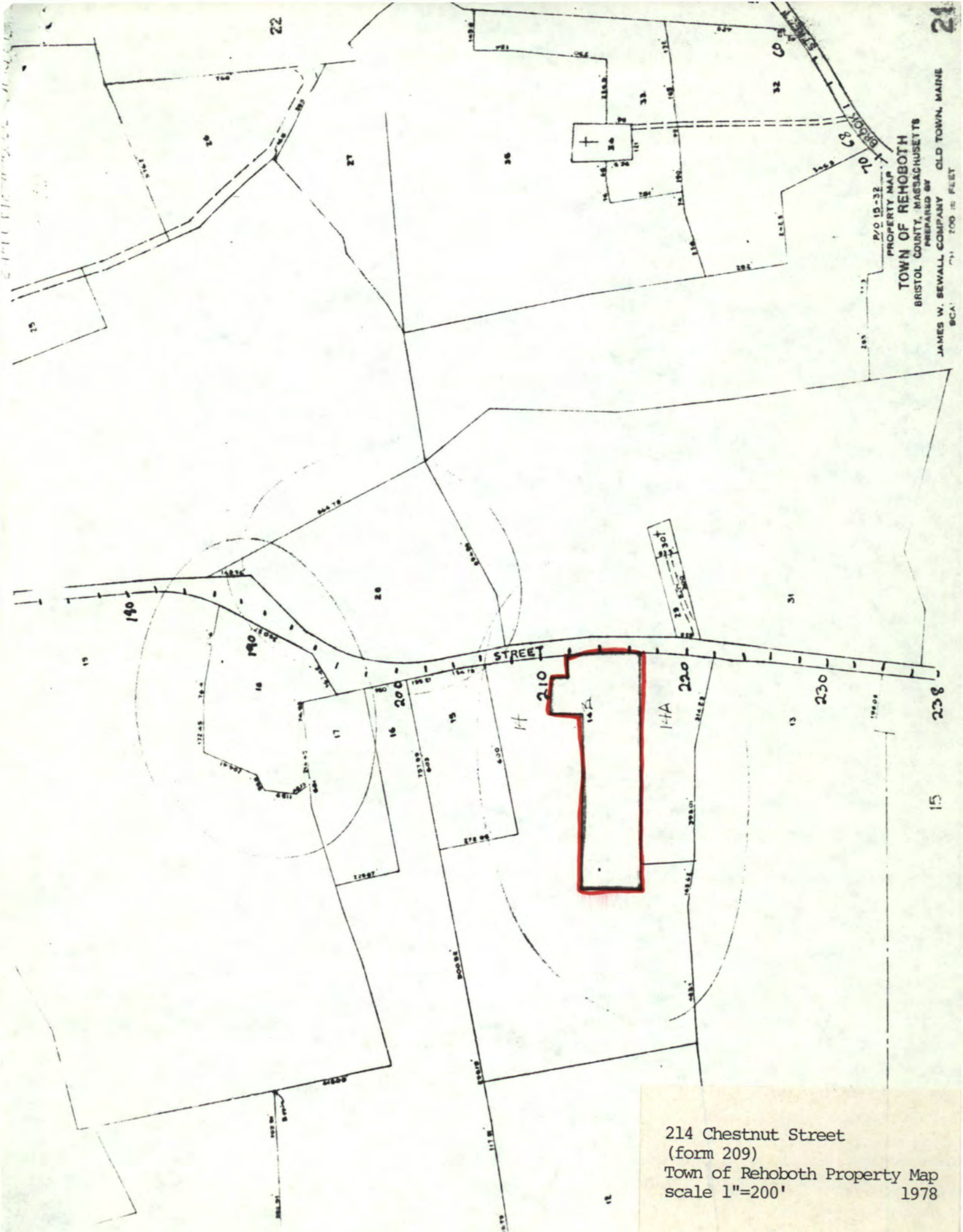
Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



#209 Ingalls - Wheeler Herkes Herestead  
Site

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Rehoboth MA, Ma



214 Chestnut Street  
 (form 209)  
 Town of Rehoboth Property Map  
 scale 1"=200' 1978

PROPERTY MAP  
 TOWN OF REHOBOTH  
 BRISTOL COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS  
 PREPARED BY  
 JAMES W. SEWALL, COMPANY OLD TOWN, MAINE  
 SCA. 1" = 200' FEET

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000292



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**MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY**  
Secretary of State

June 21, 1983

Ms. Carol Shull  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
Dept. of Interior  
18th and C Streets, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20240

ATTN: Dolores Byers

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed you will find the inventory for the Wheeler-Ingalls House (Rehoboth MRA), Bristol County, Massachusetts which was returned on June 6, 1983 for technical corrections. The UTM references have been added to the front of the form.

If you have any further questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

*Candace Jenkins*

Candace Jenkins  
Director, Preservation Planning  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

CJ/kw  
enclosure

