

JAN 24 1990 FORM NO. 230

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 100 BOYLSTON STREET  
 BOSTON, MA 02116

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Town Ipswich 009Address 403 Linebrook RoadHistoric Name Howe BarnUse: Present Residence / vacantOriginal Barn

## DESCRIPTION

Date first half of 18th centurySource Howe family historyStyle First Period / Colonial RevivalArchitect UnknownExterior Wall Fabric ShinglesOutbuildings NoneMajor Alterations (with dates) Conversionfrom barn to house, ca. 1948Condition Good

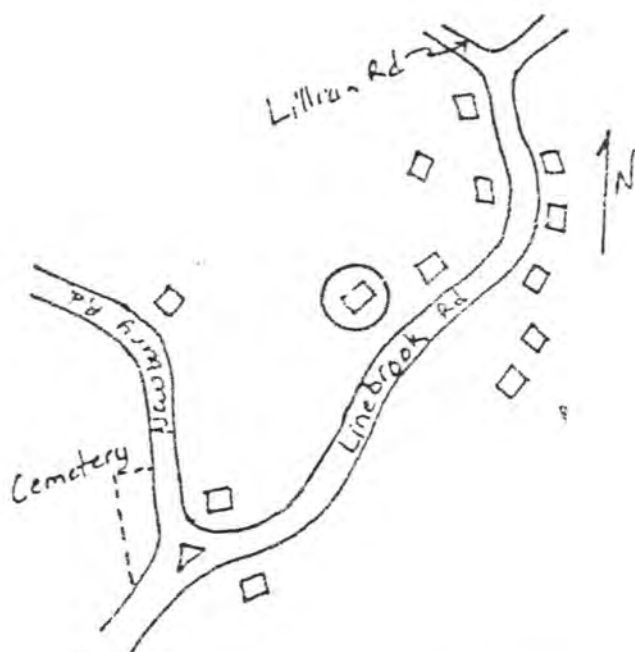
from nearby  
 Moved on same Date 1853  
property

Acreage 2.12 acres

Setting Semi-rural with meadow and  
woodlands to the rear

Recorded by Anne GradyOrganization Boston UniversityDate June 1986

Sketch Map:



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REFERENCE 19 / 341-420 / 4726-580S QUADRANGLE Georgetown (now Ipswich)E 1:25,000

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: IPSWICH	Form No: 35
Property Name: Howe Barn	

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

SIGNIFICANCE

The Abraham Howe barn retains integrity of materials, design and workmanship in its First Period Frame which embodies distinctive characteristics of form and construction eligible under Criterion C.

The Howe barn is a rare surviving example of a First Period barn frame, and is one of four such structures known to be extant in Essex County. Considering the preservation rate of redundant barns, the Howe barn may owe its survival to its conversion to a house. The building adds to our limited knowledge of the form and framing characteristics of First Period agricultural buildings. Construction characteristics of this barn, including angle of roof, placement of pins, treatment and size of stock and workmanship are, according to Robert St. George, nearly identical to those of the Stanley-Lake barn nearby in Topsfield. This link may allow identification of regional variations in framing practises. Similarities in construction between the two barn frames tend to corroborate the early 18th century construction date attributed to the Howe barn in local histories.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The Abraham Howe barn was converted to a residence in 1948. The four bay long, two and one half story high, two rooms deep structure incorporates the oak frame of an early 18th century barn. Now embellished with Colonial Revival finishes, the shingled building maintains the profile of the original barn. A one story porch is the only addition.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

The original frame is visible in the attic and in a few places in the living areas below where timbers were left exposed in 1948. The barn consisted of five bents, the construction of which was apparently varied according to function. The entry bay is noticeably wider than the other bays. The roof framing is of principal rafters, purlins, and slightly cambered tie beams. There are diagonal struts between the tie beams and rafters in the four southwestern most bents. In the northeastern most bent (marked number one with carpenters' markings), there is a collar beam instead of struts.

There is a very narrow flat chamfer on some of the beams exposed on the second floor.

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LATER SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

The current owners have incorporated into the house a fine Colonial Revival staircase with turned balusters salvaged from "Four Acres," designed by Boston architects Chapman and Frazer, and built in 1903 in Bar Harbor, Maine and demolished in 1953. [1]

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The house is associated with Howe family, prominent early settlers of Linebrook. Abraham Howe, who built a house on the property in 1711 and according to tradition built the barn shortly thereafter, was a weaver, slaughterer, carpenter, and recorder of evidence for his neighbors. [2] The Howe homestead was first settled in 1650. One reference states that the Abraham Howe barn incorporates the timbers of the original barn on the property. [3]

REFERENCES

1. Personal Communication from Alice Savage.
  2. Abraham Howe Account Book. Ipswich Historical Society.
  3. Martin Van Buren Perley, "James Howe of Ipswich and Some of His Descendants," Essex Institute Historical Collections 54:35.
- Thomas Franklin Waters, Ipswich in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, Vol. 2. (Ipswich: Ipswich Historical Society, 1917).

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

- 41. Hastings--Morse House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper *Delores Byrum* 3/14/90  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 42. Hazen--Kimball--Aldrich House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper *Delores Byrum* 3/9/90  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 43. Hazen--Spiller House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper *Delores Byrum* 3/9/90  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 44. Henfield House **Substantive Review** Keeper *Del.* \_\_\_\_\_  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 45. Herrick, Ella Proctor, House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper *Delores Byrum* 3/9/90  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 46. Hopkinson, George, House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper *Delores Byrum* 3/9/90  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 47. House at 922 Dale Street **Entered in the National Register** Keeper *Delores Byrum* 3/9/90  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 48. House on Labor-in-Vain Road **Substantive Review** Keeper *Betty J. Savage* 3/9/90  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 49. Howe Barn **Entered in the National Register** Keeper *Delores Byrum* 3/9/90  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 50. Humphreys, Sir John, House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper *Delores Byrum* 3/9/90  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Howe Barn

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: 90000230

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    3/9/96 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 \_\_\_\_\_



Howe Barn  
403 Linebrook  
Ipswich, MA  
1986

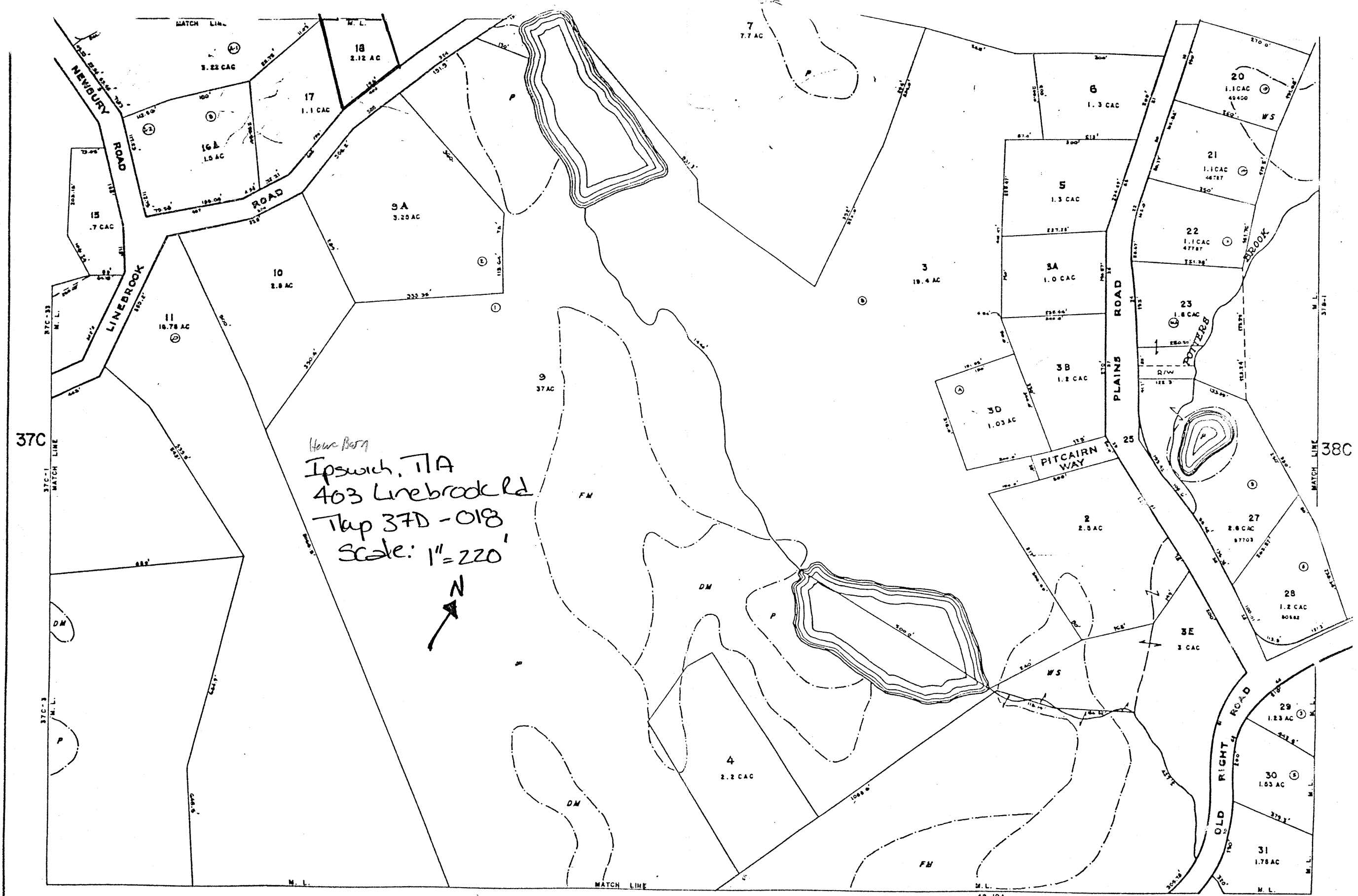
1st Period Buildings of the Mass, TR

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*How Barn*  
Ipswich, IA  
403 Linebrook Rd  
Tap 37D-018  
Scale: 1"=220'



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ZONING IS RURAL RESIDENCE A

37D

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000281