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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

photos

33:11 Exterior view

33:15 Detail, longitudinal beam southwest chamber

33:18 southwest room

Town Wayland

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Address 204 Old Connecticut Path

Historic Name Noves-Parris House

aka Cedar Croft

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1690

Source visual, probate records

Style First Period Core/Second Period

Architect Vernacular exterior

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboards

Outbuildings Late 18th c. sm. barn

Major Alterations (with dates) roof

raised: late 18th c. rear ell: 1939

Condition good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage part of 157 acre parcel

Setting Rural, amid open fields, not

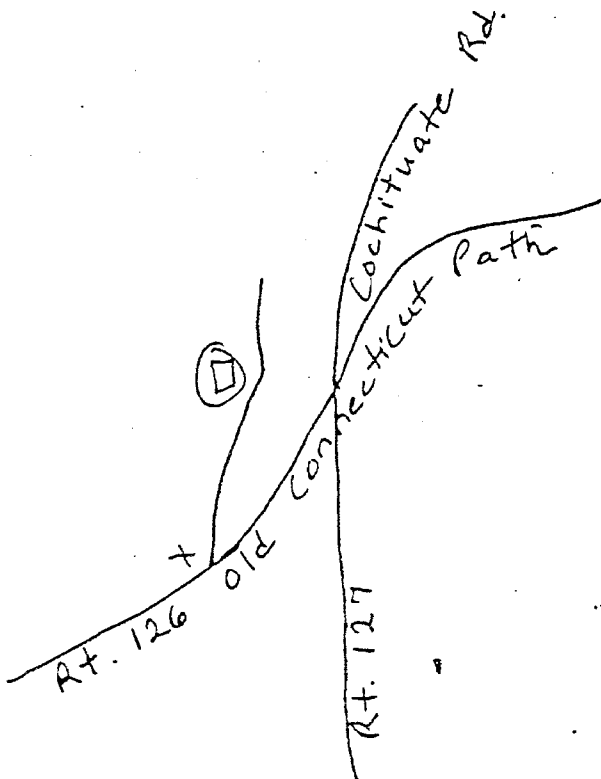
far from the Sudbury River

Recorded by Anne Grady

Organization B.U

Date May 1986

Sketch Map:



REFERENCE 19 / 305-450 / 4690-990

ES QUADRANGLE Natick (now Framingham)

SCALE 1:25,000

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: WAYLAND	Form No: 111
Property Name: Noyes-Parris House	

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

SIGNIFICANCE

The Noyes-Parris House, or "Cedar Croft," (as it is referred in the will of Peter Noyes, the builder of the house), retains integrity of location, materials, design, workmanship and setting in its First Period frame which embodies distinctive characteristics of form and construction under Criterion C. The single cell plan of the original house is representative of a large number of First Period buildings. While the longitudinal summer beam on the second floor is a relatively rare framing practice.

The all-principal-rafter roof is a framing system found in a number of late First Period buildings in Middlesex county (cf. the Hopestill-Bent Tavern in Wayland and the John Mason House in Lexington). In the case of the Noyes-Parris house, the roof may date from the period of the construction of the second cell after the First Period.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The house is five bays wide, two rooms deep, and 2 1/2 stories in height. It probably began as a single cell structure composed of the left hand front rooms and chimney bay, and later extended by the addition of a rear leanto and a second cell to the right of the chimney bay. Ca. 1790, the house was enlarged to a full two stories and the roof rebuilt with ridge on the center axis. The exterior reflects the late Second Period updating of the house: clapboard finish, symmetrically placed sash windows with simple enframements and a plain doorway. There is a central chimney.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

Surviving First Period evidence is found in the left hand front room and chamber. In the left room, the longitudinal summer beam has an inch wide flat chamfer and taper stops. The end girt is similarly finished. Joist spacing is 22 inches on centers. Whitewash remains on the underside of the ceiling boards. The ceiling was apparently never covered with lathe and plaster, but received a tin covering sometime in the late 19th century, which was removed in 1938.

In the left front chamber, there is an unusual longitudinal summer beam decorated with 1 1/4 inch flat chamfers and taper stops on either side of the joint with the summer beam posts. Plates also have flat chamfers.

In the attic, the remaining rafters of an earlier, all principal rafter roof are left in place on the front slope of the current broader roof. There were fourteen rafters in all. Those at the outer walls and chimney bay are hewn. The intermediate rafters of slighter dimensions were saw-mill sawn. These rafters were bridle jointed at the ridge.

The original part of the cellar under just the left hand front room has First Period framing, while the later parts are framed with hewn logs.

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LATER SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

The left-hand chamber retains a fine fireplace wall of Second Period raised-field panels. The paneling was never painted, but was covered with lath and plaster at some point. Trim in the rest of the house, particularly in the front rooms and stair hall, is transitional between the Second and Third periods in style.

A small barn to the north of the house was probably built at the time the house was enlarged to a full 2 stories c. 1790. Roof construction, particularly in the five sided ridge pole configuration, is similar in both structures.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The building is associated with Peter Noyes, a leader in the settlement (who built the house), and with the Reverend Samuel Parris of Salem Village, (later called Danvers), a prominent figure in the Salem Witch Trials of 1692. Parris, who married the daughter of Peter Noyes, became part owner of the house in the early 1700's and is thought to have visited the house frequently. Between 1733 and 1796, the house belonged to Parris' descendants.

REFERENCES

Forbes, Harriette M. "Some Seventeenth-Century House of Middlesex County, Massachusetts," Old-Time New England, no. 29, (January 1939), pp. 95-97.

Hudson, Alfred S. The Annals of Sudbury, Wayland, and Maynard, 1891, (J. S. Draper appendix: "Location of Homesteads" appendix, p. 120.

Middlesex County Deeds.

Middlesex County Probate - Will of Peter Noyes, 1692. (House called Cedar Croft.)

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Noyes-Parris House is located near the middle of the large 157 acre parcel. Its immediate setting is defined by a line of convenience of approximately 100' square that includes the barn that is immediately adjacent to the house.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

2/24/90

National Register of Historic Places
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR
State _____

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

*Rest
list*

101. Jaquith, Abraham, House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper *Delores Byers* 3/14/91

Attest _____
Keeper *Delores Byers* 3/9/90

102. Mason, John, House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper *Delores Byers* 3/9/90

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Keeper *Delores Byers* 3/9/90

103. Meeting House of the Second Parish in Woburn **Entered in the National Register** Keeper *Delores Byers* 3/9/90

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Keeper *Betty J. Savage* 3/9/90

104. Noyes--Parris House **Substantive Review** Keeper *Betty J. Savage* 3/9/90

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Keeper *Delores Byers* 3/9/90

105. Page, Christopher, House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper *Delores Byers* 3/9/90

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106. Putnam, Rev. Daniel, House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper *Delores Byers* 3/9/90

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107. Robbins, George, House **Substantive Review** Keeper *Betty J. Savage* 3/9/90

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90000187 Date Listed: 03/09/90

Noyes--Parris House Middlesex MA
Property Name County State

First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Beth G. Savage
Signature of the Keeper

03/09/90
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Geographical Data: Acreage

The correct acreage is <1.

This information has been confirmed with Ann Tait, MASHPO, by telephone.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Noyes--Parris 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: 90000187

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: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 3/9/90 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept C
REVIEWER Swase
DISCIPLINE Architectural History
DATE 3/9/90

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
___ UTMs ___ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___ sketch maps ___ USGS maps ___ photographs ___ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Wayland, MA
Noyes - Parnis House
204 Old Conn. Path
Extension
1985

33:11

1st Period Building of E. Ma, TR



Weyland, T/A
Noyes - Parsons House
204 Old Com. Path
Southwest room
1985

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1st Period Buildings of E. Ma, T.R.



Wayland, MA

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Noyes-Parris House

204 Old Conn. Path

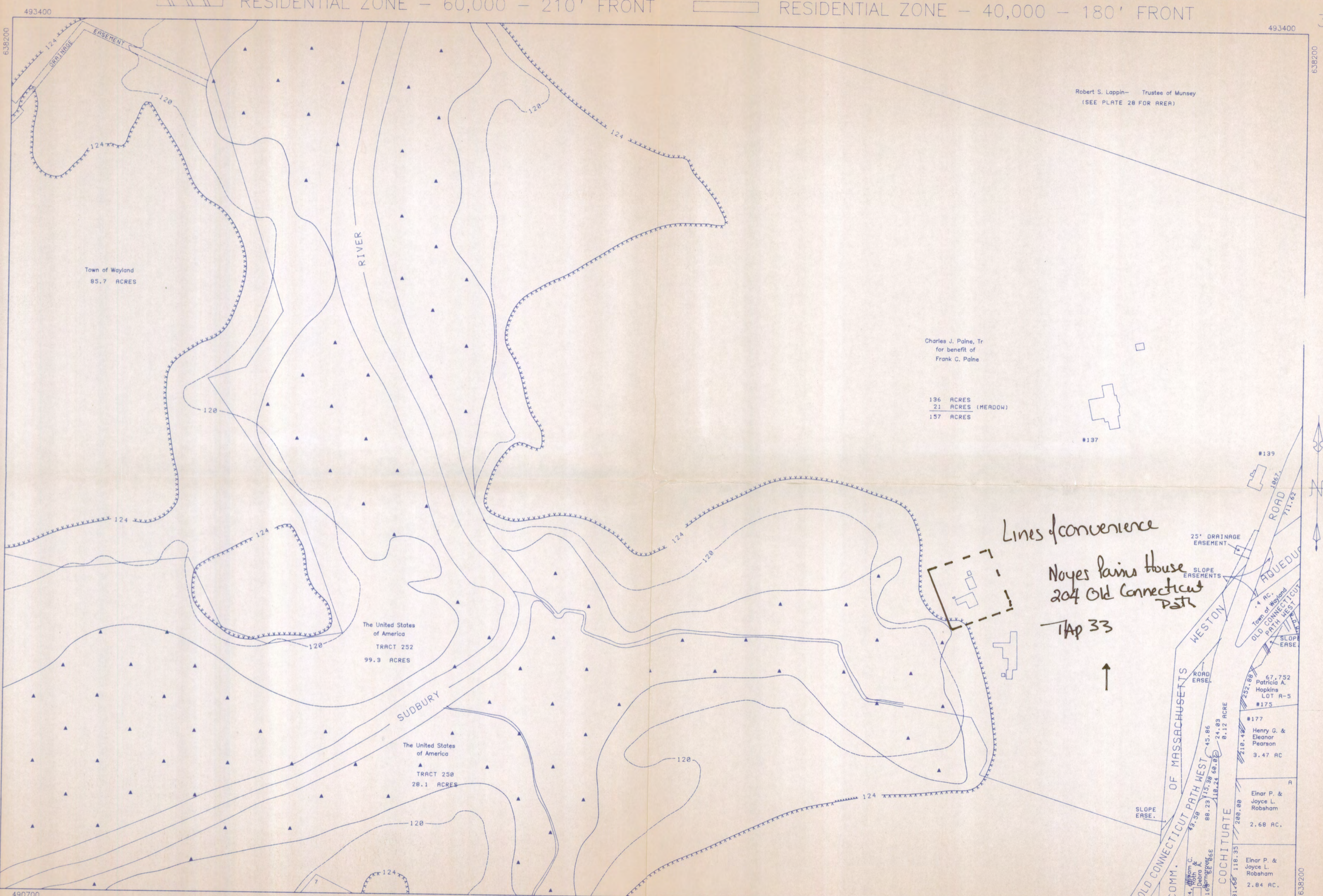
Detail: longitudinal beam

1985

1st Period Building of E. Ma, TR

RESIDENTIAL ZONE - 60,000 - 210' FRONT

RESIDENTIAL ZONE - 40,000 - 180' FRONT



Robert S. Loppin - Trustee of Munsey
(SEE PLATE 28 FOR AREA)

Charles J. Paine, Tr
for benefit of
Frank C. Paine

136 ACRES
21 ACRES (MEADOW)
157 ACRES

Lines of convenience
Noyes Paine House
204 Old Connecticut Path
TAP 33

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000281