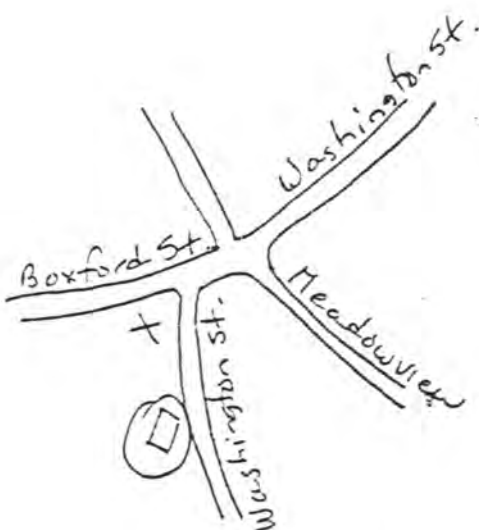


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BOSTON, MA 02116

Photos

- 35:2 attic looking east toward older section, showing junction with newer roof
- 35:4 detail, attic, original section
- 35:7 right-hand front room, fireplace wall
- 35:12 right-hand rear room, rear wall
- 35:19 right-hand front chamber, summer tie into front (south) wall
- 35:22 south facade

Sketch Map:

Town Topsfield 009Address 129 Washington StreetHistoric Name Capt. Joseph Gould HouseUse: Present ResidenceOriginal Residence

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1710Source A.L. Cumminges/visual analysis
First Period core/Second PeriodStyle vernacular exteriorArchitect UnknownExterior Wall Fabric ClapboardsOutbuildings Late 19th c. barn. 20th c. shed
new late 20th c. livestock barnMajor Alterations (with dates) 3 baysadded to west. early 18th c.Condition GoodMoved No Date N/AAcreage 2.03 acresSetting Suburban residential street,amid houses of mixed constructiondate - near main intersection ofWashington and Boxford Streets.Recorded by Anne GradyOrganization Boston UniversityDate May 1986UTM REFERENCE Z E N
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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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SIGNIFICANCE

The Gould house retains integrity of location, design, materials and workmanship in its two First Period frames, which embody distinctive characteristics of design and construction under Criterion C. The building is apparently the unique example among structures surveyed of a two room deep, two story plan house dating from the First Period. Although First Period buildings were frequently altered in the Second Period to achieve this by then common plan, the Gould house is the only known First Period building in the survey area to be built on this plan from the start.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The Capt. Joseph Gould house is six bays long, two rooms deep, and two and one half stories high. The original, pre-1700 house consisted of the three easternmost bays and was from the beginning 2 rooms deep and 2 1/2 stories in height, the unique example in the study of this plan type built in the First Period. With the addition of the three western most bays in the early 18th century, the clapboarded house achieved its present extent except for the mid 20th century screened porch on the west rear. Exterior trim is simple; windows are irregularly spaced, though for the most part vertically aligned. Two chimneys pierce the ridge of the roof. The eave on the facade is boarded on a diagonal, supposedly to protect a plaster cove underneath.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

Framing with First Period characteristics is visible in the rear rooms and stairhalls of the older and newer portions of the house, and in the chambers of the older part. Framing is doubled at the junction between the pre and post 1700 portions of the house. Summer beams are transverse throughout the house. In plan, the rear rooms of the house are two thirds as deep as the front rooms.

In the rear room the the older (east) part of the house, the exposed transverse beams exhibit flat chamfers, 1 1/4 inches wide, and lamb's tongue or triangular stops. The chamfer on the central west beam stops 6' 8" from the rear wall, perhaps indicating the site of an earlier feature such as a partition wall. Story posts at the rear wall are elaborately molded with a deep quarter round and two fillets. In the stair hall, which is fitted into half of the middle bay of the older part of the house, the post has a flat chamfer and supports a beam with flat chamfer and lamb's tongue stop.

Upstairs in the earlier part of the house, summer tie beams have flat chamfers and lamb's tongue stops at the outer walls and on either side of the partition wall. Joist spacing in the floor of the east chamber is 25" on centers.

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Downstairs in the newer part of the house posts and beams in the lobby and rear room have very narrow flat chamfers and triangular or taper stops. Upstairs in the newer part of the house beams are unchamfered.

Roof construction in both parts of the house is similar. The symmetrical gable roof is framed with principal rafters, 5 purlins per slope and collar beams. The collar beams in the pre 1700 side of the house are finished with a narrow flat chamfer. Several original clapboards remain at peak of the roof between the older and newer sections of the roof.

LATER SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

In the newer, west part of the house, there is an interesting staircase. A single lower run divides into two upper runs to provide access to the front and rear of the house. The lower run is furnished with balustrade of turned balusters, late Second Period style in profile. The older, east portion retains simple Federal style trim on the staircase and in the front, east room. A nineteenth century barn adds to the setting.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A c. 1700 barn formerly on the property was dismantled and stored by the Topsfield Historical Society in 1983. The existence in storage of part of the barn built at approximately the same date as the oldest part of the house may yield important information if a comparative study of the two structures is undertaken. The barn was originally nine bays long, although only four bays, measuring in all 28 by 40 feet, survived at the time the structure was dismantled. The frame was of red oak.[2]

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National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
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Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName _____
State _____

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Giddings, Lient., Samuel House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Determined Eligible
3/9/90

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest

32. Goodale, Isaac, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

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33. Gott House

Entered in the
National Register

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34. Gould, Capt. Joseph, House

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35. Gould, Zaccheus, House

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36. Hardy, Joseph, House

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37. Harraden, Edward, House

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38. Harris Farm

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Substantive Review

Keeper

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39. Hart House

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40. Haskett, William, House

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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 Gould, Capt. Joseph, House
NAME:

MULTIPLE First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR
NAME:

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: 90000259

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

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

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Signed _____ Date _____



129 Washington Street, 35:22
Topsfield, MA

Capt. Joseph Gould House
South facade
1985

1st Period Buildings of E. May, TR



Topsfield, MA

35:12

Capt Joseph Gould House

129 Washington St

14th hand / ear room

1985

1st Period Buildings of E. Ma., TR



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Capt Joseph Gould House
129 Washington St
at the
1985

1st Period Buildings of E. May, TR



Topfield, TA

35:4

Cap. + Joseph Gould House
129 Washington Street
detail: attic
1985

1st Period Buildings of E. May, TR



35:7

Topfield, MA

Capt Joseph Gould House
129 Washington Street
right hand front room
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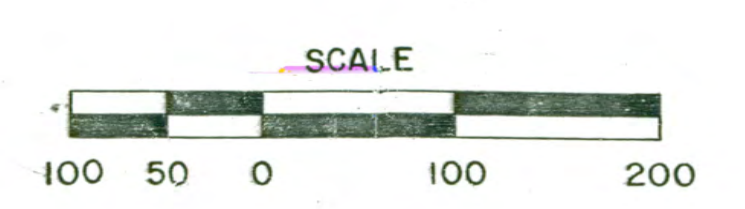
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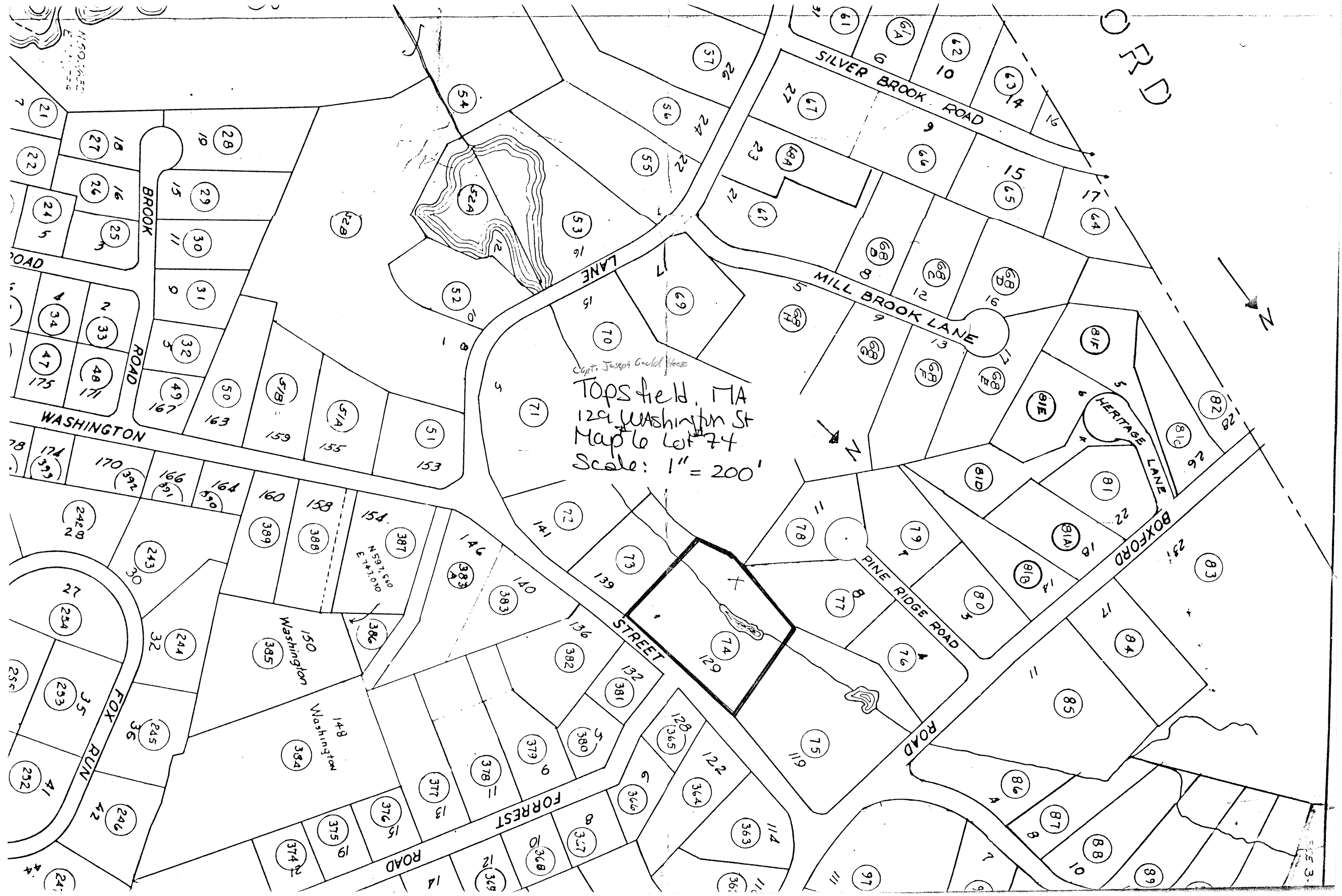
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