

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

JAN 24 1990

FORM NO.

57

PHOTOGRAPHS:

- 63:29 Front and left facades
- 62:20 Undecorated summer beam into end girt in first-floor right room
- 62:22 Newel post in front vestibule

Town BOXFORD

Address 6 Lawrence Road

Historic Name John Boardman House

Use: Present residence

Original residence

DESCRIPTION

Date 1740 - 50

Source A. L. Cummings

Style First Period

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) rear lean-to

18th century: ell and garage - 1956

Condition good

Moved yes Date 1956 - Earle Newton

Acreage 2.2 acres

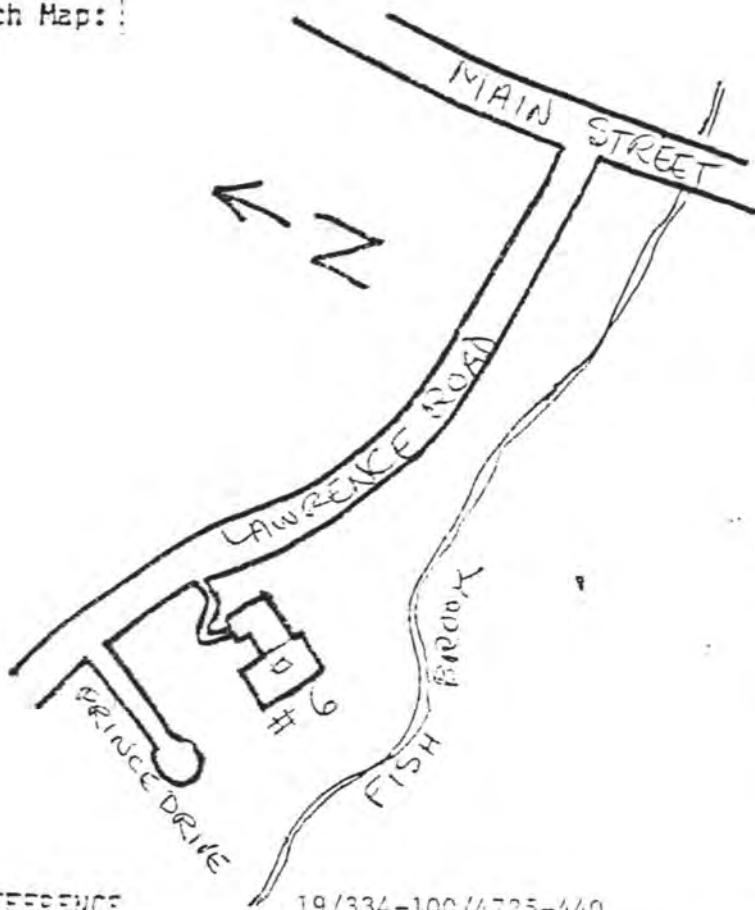
Setting rural residential, some newer
20th c. construction on road - house set
back giving secluded appearance

Recorded by James Kyriakos

Organization Boston University

Date November 1985

Sketch Map:



TM REFERENCE 19/334-100/4725-440

DES QUADRANGLE South Groveland (now Lawrence) Organization Boston University

SCALE 1:25,000

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

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Property Name: John Boardman House	

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

SIGNIFICANCE

The John Boardman House retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship and association. It has late examples of First Period framing and transitional decoration, which qualifies it under Criterion C. It has a direct association with the Boardman family of Saugus, and its First Period character is seen as directly related to the house of John's grandfather, William Boardman. The building was restored by the well-known mid-20th-century restorer, Earl Newton, with the guidance of Abbott Lowell Cummings. In the process of restoration, the site yielded important information on the slow transition from First to Second Period architecture in rural Massachusetts, and its potential to yield still further information qualifies it under Criterion D.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The house is a classic 18th-century "saltbox", originally located in Saugus, Mass., near the 17th-century William Boardman House. It was moved in 1956, and a long one-story gable-roofed addition was built connecting to the right hand rear corner at that time. The brick central chimney, an exact copy of the original, is new. The clapboarded five-bay, two-story, center-entrance facade has one window at both floors on the left side, a window over the front door, and two windows on the wider right side. The gable-ends have single windows at each story in the main rooms of the house, and asymmetrical fenestration in the leanto, which was added about 1800. There are three evenly spaced windows across the rear leanto wall.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

The John Boardman House is a transitional house with extensive First Period features, built in Saugus ca. 1740 in a style looking back to the home of William Boardman, John's grandfather. It began as a double-cell central-chimney house of lobby entrance plan without leanto. The right (east) room has all its framing exposed, with no chamfering on the summer, but a flat chamfer on the chimney girt, a vertically-sheathed mid-18th-century fireplace wall of feather-edged boards, and a fireplace based on the original with square jambs and a beehive oven at the left corner, (like those of the 17th century, but of reduced width.) The staircase in the entry hall has a late First Period style original closed string, triple-run staircase without balusters, and a turned newel post.

In the chamber above the east room the tie beam is exposed, and possibly reused, with a narrow flat chamfer ending in a lamb's tongue stop. The left (west) chamber was originally unfinished; there is whitewash residue on the studs and wall fill; the room was built without a fireplace. The roof was replaced before the building was moved.

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SIGNIFICANT LATER FEATURES

The lower room on the left (west) side is finished in Second Period style, with feather-edged sheathing like that in the east room. Finish in the leanto suggests a ca. 1800 date.

REFERENCES

Cummings, Framed Houses of Massachusetts Bay, 1625-1725, pp. 169, 171, 207-9.

John Cole, "The John Boardman House," typescript structures report, May 19, 1977.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Boardman, John, House
NAME:

MULTIPLE First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Essex

DATE RECEIVED: 1/24/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/10/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000361

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

Entered in the
National Register

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 9 March 1990 DATE

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
☐ UTM's ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



6 Lawrence Lane
John Boardman House
Boxford, MA

1st Floor Buildings to E. Main, TR

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Boxford
John Boardman House
6 Lawrence Lane
Front & Left facades
1985



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John Boardman
Boxford

1st Period Buildings in E. Ma., TR

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John Boardman H.
6 Lawrence Rd
Newell post
1985-



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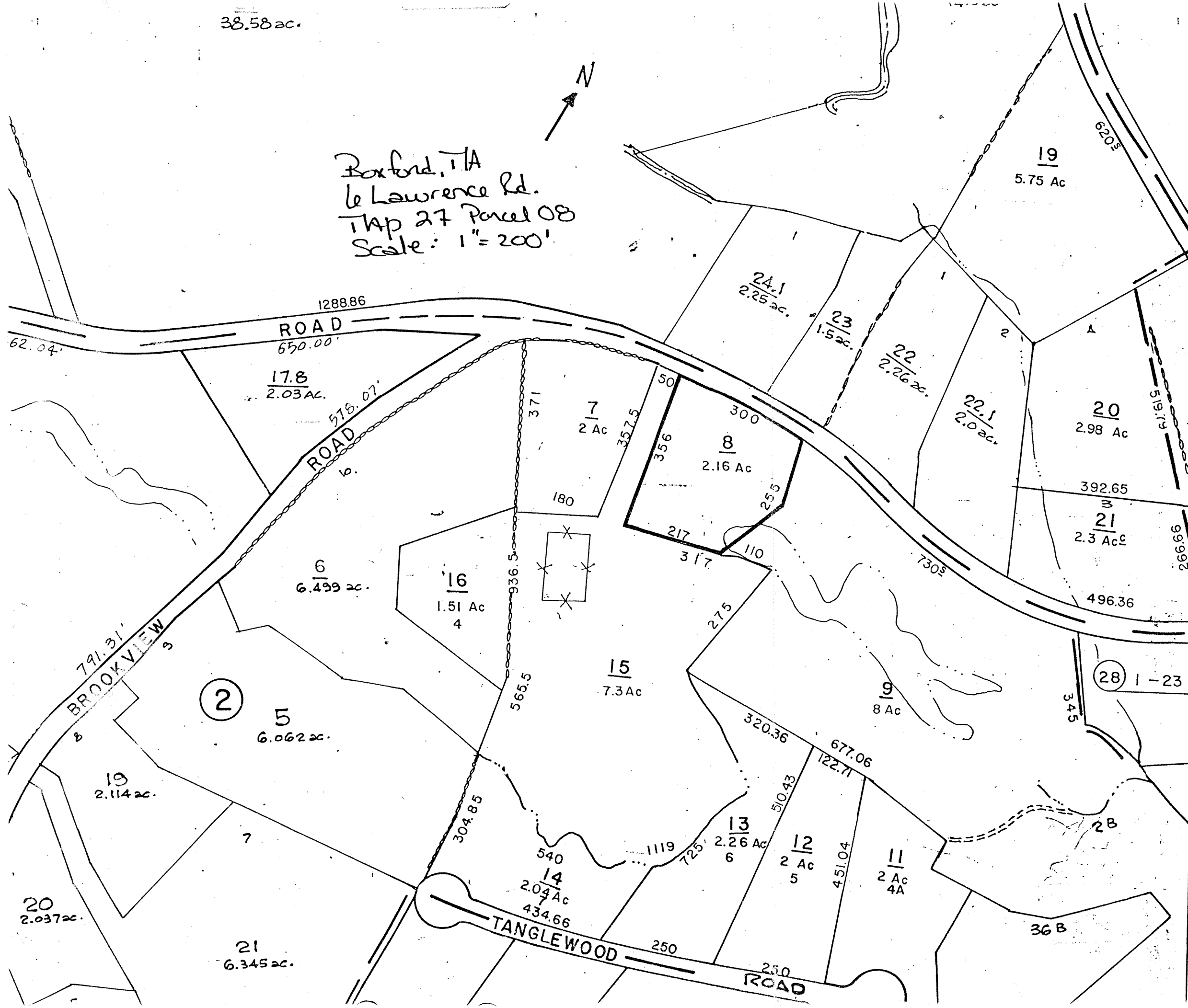
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Boxford
John Beardman Ho
6 Lawrence Road
Undecorated summer beam
1985

1st Period Bookings in E. May, TR

38.58 ac.

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Le Lawrence Rd.
Twp 27 Parcel 08
Scale: 1" = 200'



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LEGEND

TAX MAP BLOCK LIMIT	---
TAX MAP BLOCK NO.	②
PARCEL NO.	3
TOWN LINE	----
SCHOOL	+
POND	○
CHURCH	+
CEMETERY	⊞
CREEK	~~~~~
TRANSMISSION LINE	—○—○—○—
FENCE	—X—X—

SCALE 1:200
DATE OF PHOTOGRAPHY MAY, 1972
DATE COMPILED UPDATED as of 12/76

STEWART MAPPING SERVICES, INC.

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000281