

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

- 3 : 14 Exterior
3 : 38 transverse beam E room 1st floor
3 : 30 rear plate with stud mortices

Town Peabody 009

Address 348 Lowell Street

Historic Name John Proctor House

Use: Present Residence

Original Residence

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1700

Source deeds, documents, observation

Style First Period

Architect Unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric Shingle

Outbuildings 20th c. house on same lot.

Major Alterations (with dates) porch added,

1850: garage, 20th c.

Condition Fair; very little remaining
evidence

Moved No Date N/A

Acreage less than one acre

Setting House is very close to busy street

hidden by large fence. Neighborhood is

residential with one acre house lots and

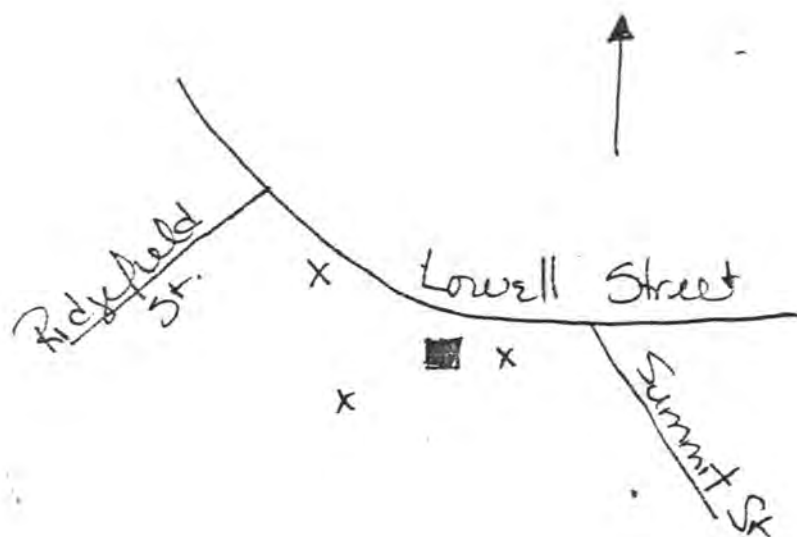
mixed 20th c. dates of construction.

Recorded by Katherine H. Hax

Organization Boston University

Date December 13, 1985

Sketch Map:



UTM REFERENCE 19 / 339-480 / 4710-650

USGS QUADRANGLE Salem

SCALE 1:25,000

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: PEABODY	Form No: 80
Property Name: Proctor House	

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

SIGNIFICANCE

The Proctor House retains integrity of location, materials, and workmanship in the survival of its late First Period frame under criterion C. Its present floor plan is representative of the growth patterns of early houses, with additions made during the First and Second Periods as the occupants' needs increased. Because of the amount of hidden frame elements in what is probably the oldest part of the house, the west first story front room, future study is likely to yield further significant information about its construction, thus qualifying it under Criterion D, as well.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The Proctor House is a five bay, 2 1/2 story shingled structure two cells deep. An 18th century two story wing wraps around the right rear corner, and has a gabled roof perpendicular to the main ridge. A tall central chimney pierces the front slope of the roof. A second tall, thin chimney projects from the rear gable-end of the wing. A one story late 19th century porch wraps around the main facade from the central projecting lobby entrance east until it meets the rear wing. The house probably evolved from a single cell structure (now the front west room), to which the east room was added during the First Period. The rear additions probably date to the 18th century. There is a semi-attached 20th century garage on the west side.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

Although similar late First Period features appear in both front rooms, a brick addition to the east side of the chimney seems to indicate that the west end may be slightly earlier. The first floor west room retains the only unrestored fireplace in the house, with a large unfinished lintel and a narrow smoke panel in the rear. All other details of this room are hidden. The east first floor room has a longitudinal summer beam with beveled chamfer and almost triangular lamb's tongue stops. The original rear girt (now between the front and back rooms) has a similar chamfer and stops, and exhibits empty stud mortises from an original rear wall. The second floor west room has a transverse summer beam with beveled chamfers. The original chimney stack, with additions to the east and rear, is visible in the attic. The stack's location in the front slope of the roof indicates that the roof configuration is not original, and probably dates from the 18th century addition to the rear.

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HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The house has a long association with the Proctor family, residents in the area since 1648. The building is traditionally dated to the 1650's, when John Proctor, who was hung during the Salem witch trials in 1692, rented the property from Emmanuel Downing. Nevertheless, the characteristically late chamfers and stops suggest that the present structure was built by Thorndike Proctor, John's son, when he bought the property from Charles Downing ca. 1700. The house remained in the Proctor family until 1851, when it was bought by the Roome family. The property was known as the Roome Farm until it was sold in the 1940's.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

1/24/90

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR
State _____

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

61. Newman--Fiske--Dodge House

~~Substantive Review~~Keeper Beth L. Savage 3/9/90

Attest _____

62. ~~W~~oyes, James, HouseEntered in the
National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byers 3/9/90

Attest _____

63. Old Farm

Substantive Review

Keeper Beth L. Savage 3/9/90

Attest _____

64. Old Garrison House

Substantive Review

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65. Osborne, Prince, House

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66. Osgood, Col. John, House

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67. Paine--Dodge House

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68. Patch, Emeline, House

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69. Perkins, John, House

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Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Proctor, John, House

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: 90000253

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

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Proctor House
348 Lowell St
Peabody, MA

1st Period Buildings in E. May Tr

EXTERIOR

3.14

1985



Proctor House
348 Lowell St.
Peabody MA

Summer
E. room

Let Powell Buildings on F. Ma, TR

1985-

2:28



Proctor House
348 Lowell St.
Peabody, MA

1st Period Buildings
in E. Mass., TR

E. room
rear plate with
chamfer evidence and
stud mortises.

1985-



PEABODY

SCALE 1 INCH = 60 FEET

49	50	51
60	61	62

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000281