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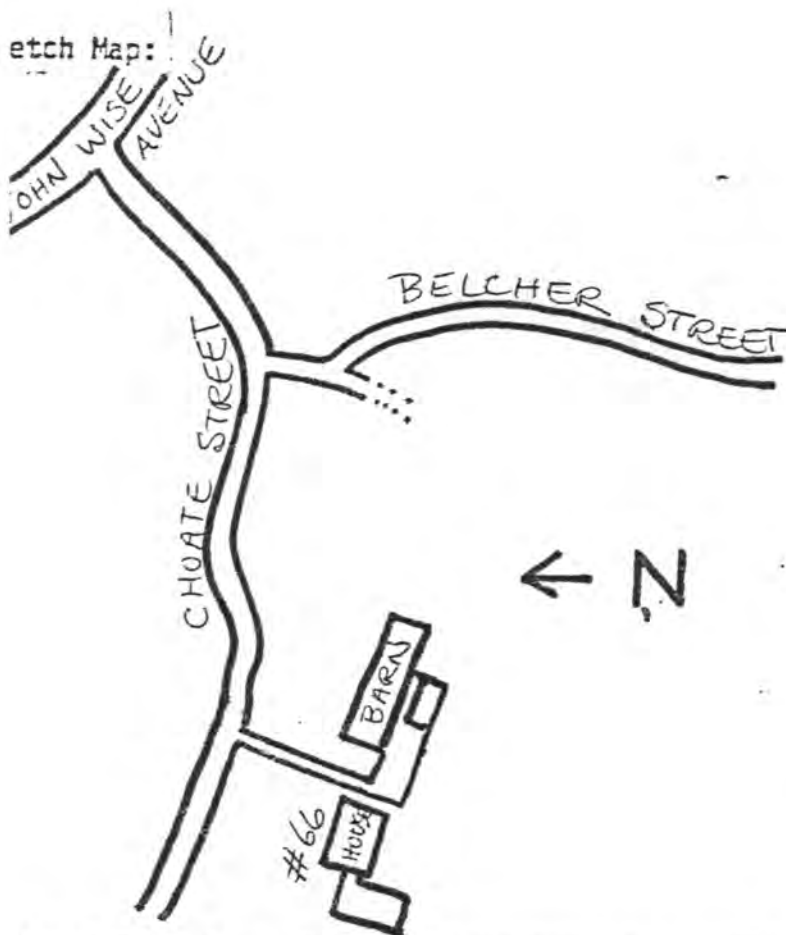
FORM NO.

18

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
10 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

PHOTOGRAPHS:

- 57:34 Front and left facades
57:33 Rear and left facades
57:18 Summer beam in east first-floor room
57:24 Cornice molding still in situ on plate cut to receive planks
57:27 East end wall in attic showing exposed planking
57:32 George Giddings First-Period Barn "1702"
57:36 George Giddings Farmstead; relationship (35A) of house to barn

Town ESSEX009Address 66 Choate StreetHistoric Name George Giddings House & BarnUse: Present residenceOriginal residence

DESCRIPTION

Date 1690sSource visual analysisStyle First Period / Second PeriodArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric clapboardsOutbuildings Barn - pre 1702; non-contributi19th century shed-roofed chicken house

Major Alterations (with dates) reorientation of house 1750-1800; large rear leanto with two large gabled dormers and large two-story gable addition with hyphen - modern 20th century

Condition goodMoved no Date n/aAcreage 1.69 acres

Setting rural setting of hours farm with acres of post and rail fencing - house set back from road surrounded by open fields

Recorded by James KyprianosOrganization Boston UniversityDate December 1985REFERENCE 19 / 351-890 / 4722-920 = house UTMQUADRANGLE IpswichSCALE 1:25,00019 / 351-910 / 4722-950 = barn UTM

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

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SIGNIFICANCE

The Giddings House and Barn retain integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. In their design and construction they embody both unique characteristics and distinctive patterns of First Period building practices which make both structures eligible for the National Register under Criterion C. Both have yielded and may continue to yield important information for the understanding of seventeenth century vernacular architecture and rural agricultural life, and may be further eligible under Criterion D.

SETTING

The buildings are situated in a rural setting surrounded by 350 acres of farmland, which has been subdivided for tax implications and conservation restrictions. House now faces north and is surrounded by a modern agricultural landscape with a contributing barn (see below) and a nineteenth century non-contributing shed-roofed chicken house.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The late seventeenth century George Giddings House began as a two-story, gable roofed, single cell house later enlarged to a double cell with central chimney and lobby entrance. The original roof was replaced during the eighteenth century, before the removal of the central chimney. In the early nineteenth century the original south-facing orientation was changed with the insertion of a rear central door as the main entrance and two new chimneys along the new front(north) wall. Over the past twenty years the house has been privately renovated under two owners. There is a modern rear lean-to addition with two large gabled dormers and irregular rear facade fenestration, as well as a two-story gabled roof addition at right angles to the original main block, set back toward the rear and connected with an inset two-story hyphen.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

The present north front facade has a framed overhang between the two floors, and the gables a similar overhang at the attic floor level. During the restoration, it was discovered that the house had a plaster cove cornice, its framing, and a unique survival of molded finish were exposed inside the present house. The plaster shows evidence for the 2" plank walling which sheathed the frame of the house, as well as a 4.5" quarter round molding to its face.

The east room on the first floor has a 17" summer beam with quarter-round chamfers, flat 2" collar, and 2.5" lamb's tongue stops. The joists are 22" on center. On the south wall lath and plaster was

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applied to the vertical plank wall, with 2" studs for the window (now missing). The west room is Second Period, but its framing is exposed.

The upper chambers both have paired double summers, each only about 7" wide, with narrow flat chamfers like the plate and girts. In the attic the roof is later, but there is evidence of a gable window 15.5" wide and 37.5" high cut in the planks.

THE GIDDINGS BARN is equally significant as the house, the barn is six bays in length, of with one is a later addition at the east end. The central bay of the original five bays held the entrance door and a threshing floor in the middle. The roof is significant as it has angled struts, like those of the Stanley-Lake barn, that may have evolved from the earlier building tradition in East Anglia of purlin posts. The barn has been dated to before 1718 and is one of only a handful of examples of First Period barns yet identified.

REFERENCES

Cummings, Framed Houses of Massachusetts Bay, 1625-1725, pp.91-92, 127.

Cummings, "Massachusetts and Its First Period House", p.140.

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1/24/90

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

21. Foster, Stephen, House

Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper

Delores Byrum 3/9/90

Attest _____

sub 22. Foster, William, House

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~~National Register~~ *for* Keeper

Beth L. Savage 3/9/90

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23. Fowler, Rea Putnam, House

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24. French--Andrews House

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sub 25. Friend, James, House

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26. Frye, Samuel, House

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28. Fuller, Lieut. Thomas, House

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~~29. Giddings, George, House and Barn~~

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30. Giddings--Burnham 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 NAME: Giddings, George, House and 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: 90000206

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 _____



66 Choate Street, Essex

First Period Building of E. Ma. MRA

ESSEX, MA

George Giddings House + Barn

66 Choate Street

front + left facades

1985

57:34



ESSEX, MA

George Giddings House - Barn

66 Chantz St

Barn

1985

First Period Building of Boston Massachusetts

MRA

57:32



ESSEX, MA

George Giddings House + Barn

66 Choate St.

rear + left facades

1985

Dist. Period Buildings of E. Ma. MHA

57:33



ESSEX, MA

George Giddings House + Barn
66 Choate Street
house + barn
1985

1st Period Buildings of E. Ma. MRA

35A
(57:36)



ESSEX, MA

George Giddings House + Barn

66 Choate Street

Cornice molding

1985

1st Period Buildings of E. Ma MRA

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ESSEX, MA

George Giddings House - Barn
66 Choate Street

East end wall in attic
1985

1st Period Building of E. M. M. A.

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ESSEX, MA

George Giddings House. Burn

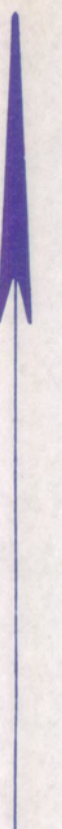
66 Chaote Street

Summer beam in east 1st floor
room

1985

1st Period Buildings of E. Ma. MET

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REVISED 31 DEC. 1981
 TOWN LINE RE-PLOTTED.
 REV. 16 MAR. 1983
 13 FEB. '84
 2 APR. '86 Lot 15A DIMENSIONED
 REV. 2ND. 1986
 Lot 10 Subdivided
 into 6 MORE LOTS

Essex TIA
 George Giddings House & Barn
 160 Choate Street
 TAP 16 Lot 12
 Scale 1"=200'

LEGEND

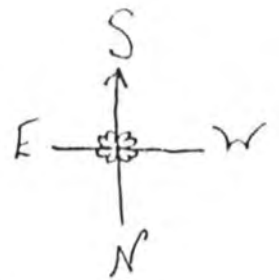
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- ADJACENT MAPS 2
- MATCH LINE - - - - -

PROPERTY MAP
 TOWN OF ESSEX
 ESSEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS
 PREPARED BY
 JAMES W. SEWALL COMPANY OLD TOWN, MAINE
 SCALE 1 INCH = 200 ± FEET JAN 1 1968

REVISED 30 MAR. 1981 - LOTS 1, 2 & 3A DIMENSIONED TO CORNER N. E.C. PLANS
 JUN '81 WETLANDS LINE ADDED.

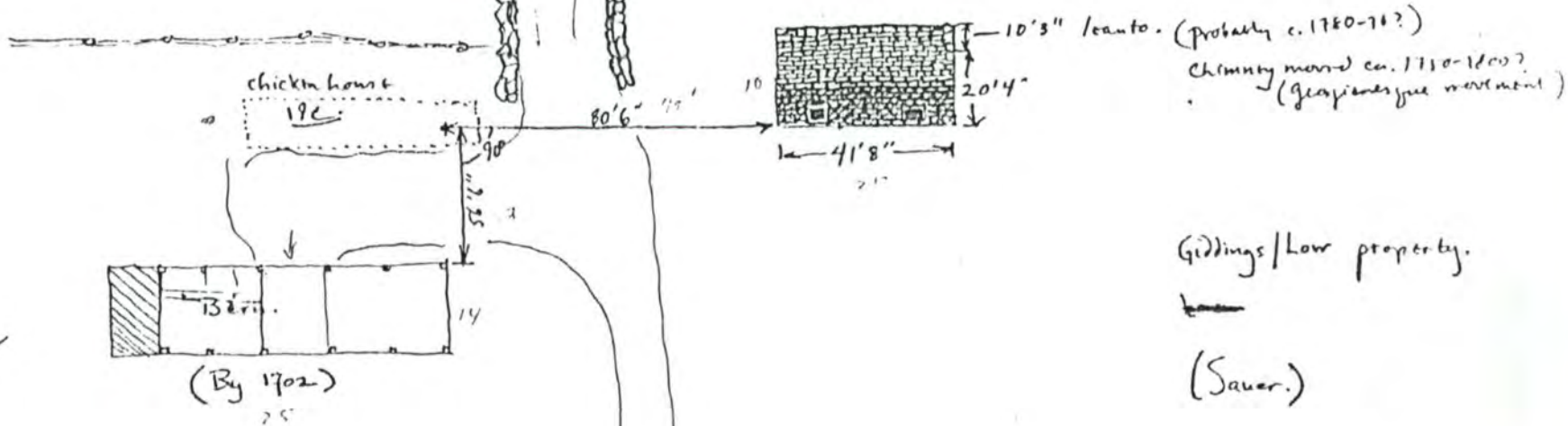
Essex, MA
66 Chostz Street
George Giddings House

Bottom Lands to River.



pasturage

Start walls. shown photo-order from Sauer.



Giddings/Low property.

(Sauer.)

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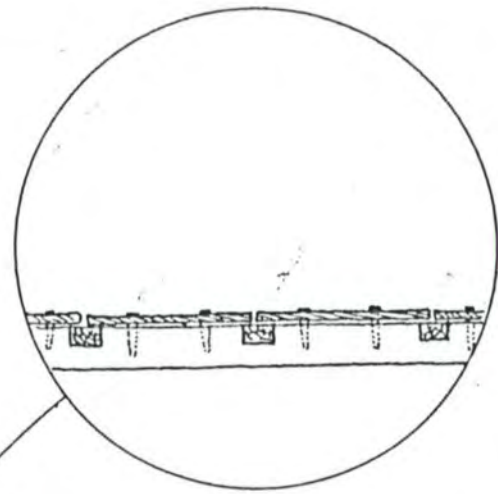
Ipswich ←

→ Essex & Gloucester

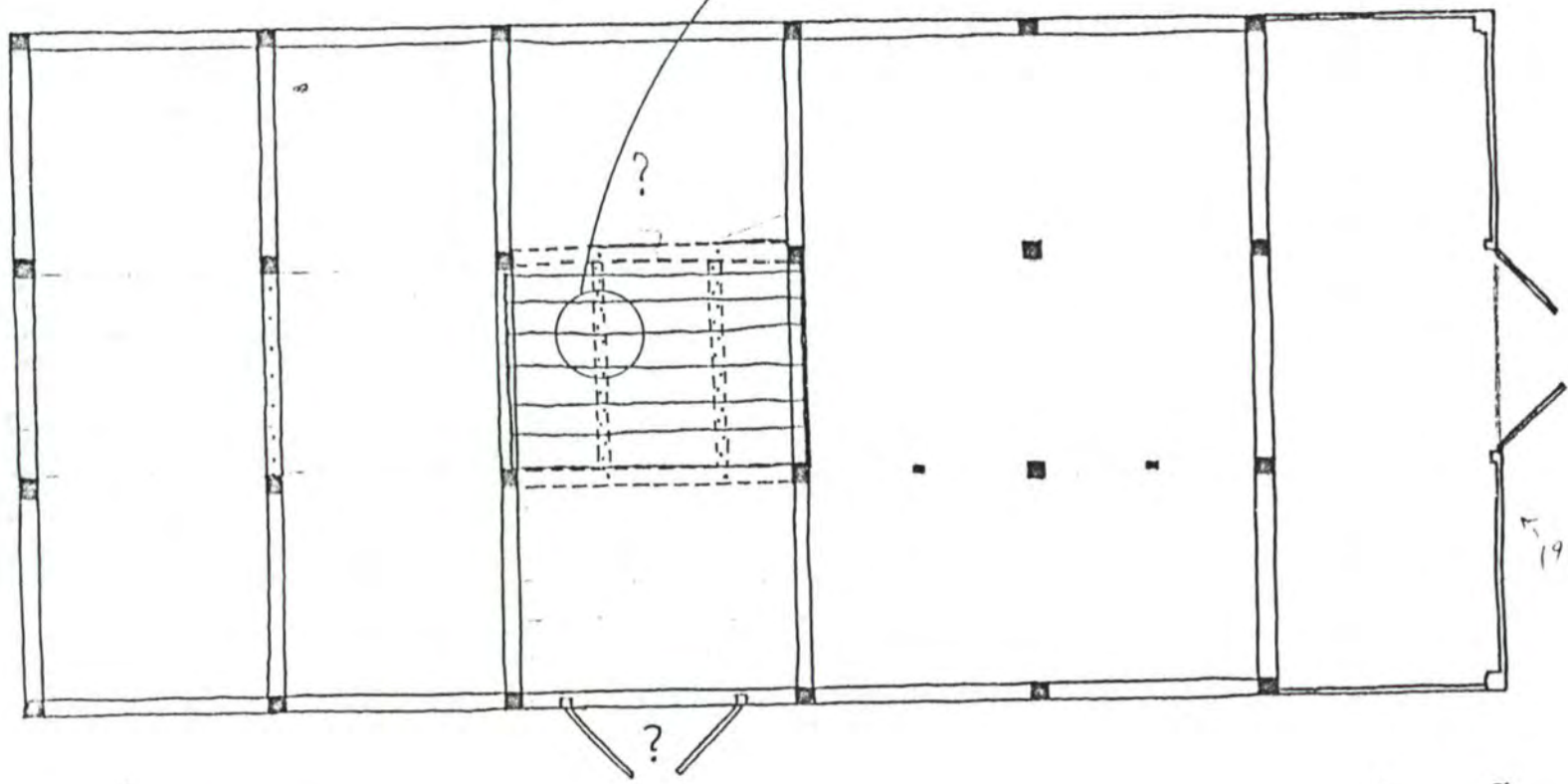
Chostz Road

Old Road from Ipswich to Chelms.

Essex, MA
66 Choate Street
George Giddings House/Barn

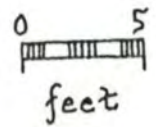


detail of inset joists
under threshing floor



19c. addition here

Giddings-Low Barn
Ipswich (Chebacco), Mass.



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

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