

STATE:
Rhode Island

COUNTY:
Providence County

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ENTRY DATE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
(NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS)
(Type all entries complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
Eleazer Arnold House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Eleazer Arnold House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
State Route 123 near junction with State Route 126

CITY OR TOWN:
Lincoln

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
1st.

STATE:
Rhode Island

CODE: **44**

COUNTY:
Providence County

CODE: **007**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
The Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities

STREET AND NUMBER:
141 Cambridge Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Boston

STATE:
Massachusetts

CODE:
25

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Lincoln Town Hall 501

STREET AND NUMBER:
100 Old River Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Lincoln

STATE:
Rhode Island

CODE:
44

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Building Survey (3 photos, 1937)

DATE OF SURVEY: **1937**

Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Division of Prints and Photographs

STREET AND NUMBER:
Library of Congress/Annex

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
D.C.

CODE:
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

As originally built, the Eleazer Arnold House had a clapboarded front wall two stories high, a high peaked front gable, and a long rear roof over the kitchen lean-to. The chimneys of the hall and kitchen combined to form a stone end wall of great width and height. The chimney top, built in a cross form with applied pilasters suggests brick Jacobean stacks and is one of the most elaborate in New England. Tiny diamond paned casement windows lighted the main section of the house but larger sash windows are used in the lean-to section.

The fireplace in the living-hall is 10 feet, 8 inches wide and 5 feet, 3 inches high. Its great oak mantel tree is over 12 feet long and together with the heavy ceiling timbers illustrates the massive construction of a seventeenth century house.

In the eighteenth century the original structure was enlarged by raising the roof over the rear to two full stories. A two-room deep, two-story frame section with a separate chimney at the east end and a one-story lean-to across the rear were also added. This is the section with the sash windows which had come into use by this time. The original high peaked front gable was also removed during this period.

During the reconstruction the rotted wood of the sills, the south and east walls, clapboards, studs, windows, doors, and some framing timbers had to be removed along with later fill in the hall fireplace. Most of the original frame was left as well as the chimney masonry, eighteenth-century brick chimney stack, and the second story addition of the eighteenth-century with its windows.

New floorboards were added along with the second floor sheathing. Outside boarding was placed diagonally to give stability to the leaning stone end while modern building paper was added to prevent wet rot. Old hand wrought nails were used for the new clapboards and casement windows. A new staircase was also constructed in the southeast corner following the original holes in the masonry. The wide off center gable, although clearly indicated by the original beams in the attic, was omitted.

BOUNDARY

Located on a small plot of ground on State Route 123 near its junction with State Route 126, the boundary is drawn to include only the Eleazer Arnold House, beginning at the southeast corner where the posts between the lot on the east and the Arnold property meet Route 123, then west along Route 123 to the hedges and posts which mark the western boundary then north along these hedges to a point in line with the house to the northwest, then following along the wall of this house, first east and then north to the end of the wall, then continuing east along a row of posts until they intersect the

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1687

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Eleazer Arnold House, Lincoln, Rhode Island was built in 1687 and survives today as a fine example of a stone-ender house. Rhode Island, unlike Massachusetts and Connecticut, had a plentiful supply of building stone and lime for mortar. This resulted in a local form of domestic structure termed a "stone-ender", created from the method of enlargement. Starting with a one-room house with an end fireplace, the first addition was commonly a rear lean-to instead of another room at the opposite side of the chimney. Its fireplace was built beside that of the hall, and the combined chimneys of the two were so wide that they virtually covered the whole end of the house. The Arnold House is one of the finest existing examples of such a stone ender.

The house remained in the possession of the Arnold family until it was acquired by the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities. It has undergone restoration and is opened as a house museum.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Cummings, Abbott Lowell, "The Restoration of the Eleazer Arnold House" Antiques, November, 1960.
 Downing, Antoinette F., Early Homes of Rhode Island, Richmond, Va., 1937.
 Morrison, Hugh, Early American Architecture, New York, 1952.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .5

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Patricia Heintzelman, Architectural Historian, Landmark Review Project, original form done by Charles Snell, 1967

ORGANIZATION: Historic Sites Survey DATE: 1/22/75

STREET AND NUMBER: 1100 L. Street, N.W.

CITY OR TOWN: Washington, STATE: D.C. CODE: 11

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

(NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS)

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

(NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS)

Landmark Nov 24 1968

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

(NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS) Boundary Commission

Date _____

ATTEST: _____

Chief, _____

Arch. Serv. _____

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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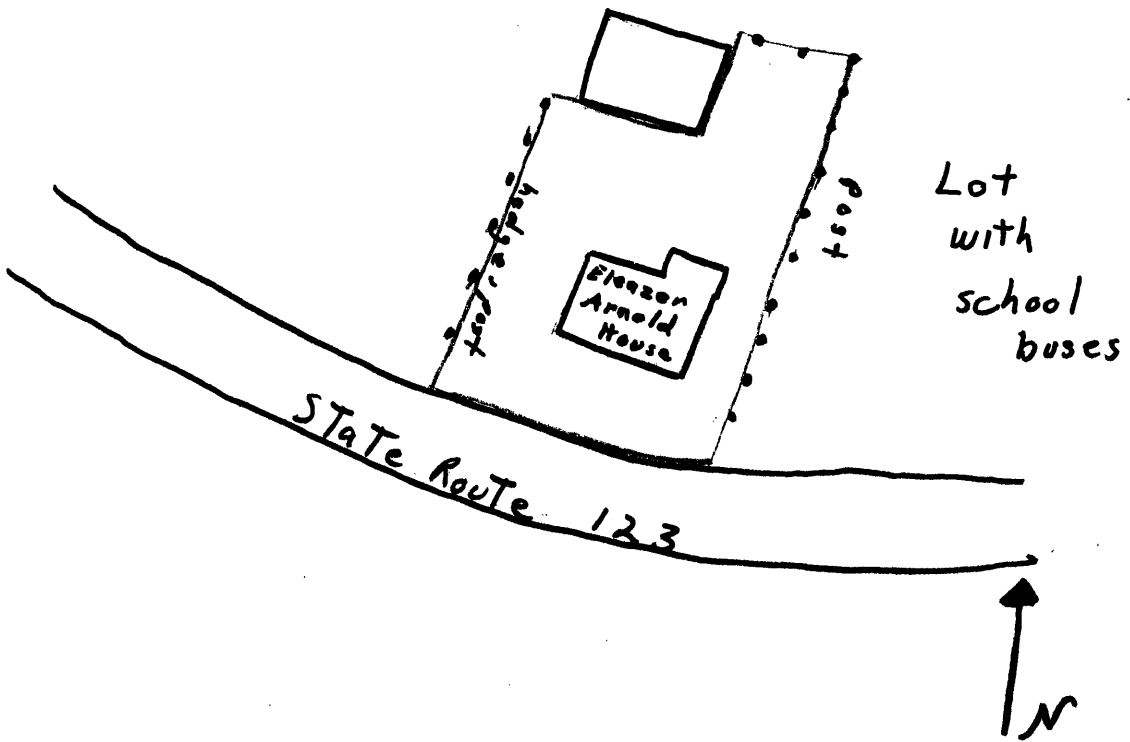
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7. Description second page

posts of the eastern boundary at the northeast corner, then south along these posts to the point of beginning, as shown on the sketch map.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:
sketch map

SCALE: unscaled

DATE: October 1974

4. REQUIREMENTS

- TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
 2. North arrow.
 3. Latitude and longitude reference.