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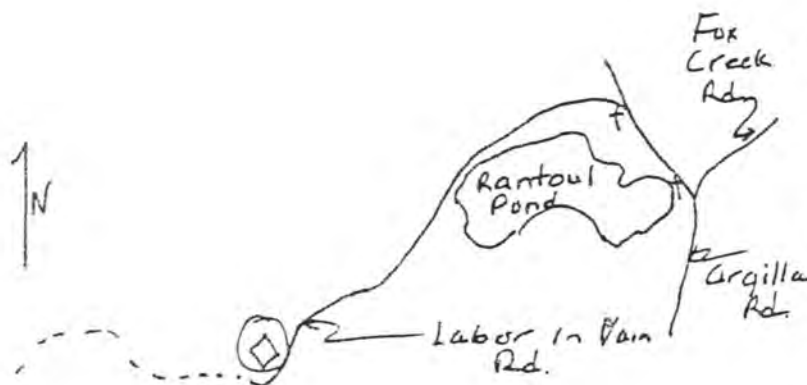
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Photos

- 21:1 left-hand chamber
- 21:2 right-hand chamber
- 21:3 right-hand room
- 21:5 staircase
- 21:7 exterior

Sketch Map:

Town Ipswich

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Address Labor in Vain RoadHistoric Name House on Labor-in-Vain RoadBelosellsky HouseUse: Present ResidenceOriginal Residence

DESCRIPTION

Date post-1720Source A.L. Cummings' stylistic anal.Style 1st Period core, 2nd Period.Architect UnknownExterior Wall Fabric ClapboardsOutbuildings None

Major Alterations (with dates) Side ell.
ca. 1810; lean-to dormer raised, ca.
1900; rear wings added, early 20th c.

Condition ExcellentMoved No Date N/AAcreage part of 557 acre estate

Setting isolated, rural, overlooking
salt marsh - private road

Recorded by Anne GradyOrganization Boston UniversityDate June 1986

TM REFERENCE 19 / 352-020 / 4726-410

SGS QUADRANGLE IpswichSCALE 1:25,000

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:
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Property Name: Belosellski House
Labor-in-Vain House

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

SIGNIFICANCE

The house on Labor-in-Vain Road retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship and setting in its late First Period frame, and transitional finish which embody distinctive characteristics of form and construction eligible under Criterion C. The combination of a chamfered frame with early Second Period style turned balusters on the staircase provides insight into the gradual process of assimilation of Second Period style, Renaissance-inspired decorative features by rural craftsmen. When studied in comparison to the Smith House nearby at 142 Argilla Road (also surveyed) of similar date and with nearly identical staircase trim, this house is likely to yield important information about carpentry practices in Ipswich in the transitional period; thus it is eligible for Criterion D, as well.

The decoration of the chimney post with a stop at the floor end of the chamfer as well as at the ceiling end is a rare variant of frame embellishment noted in only 3 or 4 buildings in the survey area.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The main body of the "Belosellski" House on Labor-in-Vain Road is 5 bays wide, one room deep and 2 1/2 stories high with a rear lean-to which may be integral. The house was extended by an ell to the left rear c. 1810 and by a full lean-to dormer in the late 19th or early 20th century. A second ell of 2 stories and a screened porch were added to the rear, very likely in conjunction with use of the building in the 20th century as the club house for the Labor-in-Vain country club.

The clapboarded exterior has simple late Second Period Vernacular trim. Symmetrically placed sash windows have molded enframements. The central doorway has pilasters and an entablature with broad frieze. A central chimney pierces the roof.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

First Period features, in the form of an exposed, decorated frame, are seen in the right-hand room and chamber.

In the right-hand room, the longitudinal summer beam, the chimney girt, the front (south east) corner post and the chimney posts have inch-wide flat chamfers and lamb's tongue stops. The chimney post has the added embellishment of a taper stop near the floor. An interesting, possibly original feature of this room is the open grill work transom above the door to the lobby. Square dowels set on a diagonal form the grill.

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In the right-hand chamber, all the framing is exposed and has inch-wide flat chamfers and lamb's tongue stops. Rising braces are exposed in the rear wall of this room, but whether their presence indicates plank frame construction is unknown.

In the lobby the staircase is embellished with a handrail molded on both sides and with possibly original turned balusters, of early Second Period style profile. The balusters are similar in profile to those found in the Smith house nearby at 142 Argilla Road.

In the attic, a principal rafter/common purlin roof made with oak timbers is visible.

LATER SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

The house retains Second Period trim on the fireplace walls in the right-hand room and left-hand chamber, including panelled cupboard doors in the downstairs room and raised-field panelling and a bold bolection-molded fireplace surround in the upstairs room.

Trim in the Federal style including mantel pieces is found in the right-hand chamber and the c. 1810 wing to the left.

Following a frequent pattern in early 20th century restorations, the right-hand room in this house was thrown open to the lean-to to form a larger living room. New finishes in the lean-to part of the room drew upon historic features of the house: a bolection molding at the fireplace, small overmantel panels and boxed beams finished flat chamfers and lamb's tongue stops.

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The House on Labor-in -Vain Road is situated near the middle of the nearly 600 acre estate. It is separated from other buildings on the estate visually and physically. The line of convenience drawn around the house follows the gravel road that passes the house on the south and west sides. The 150' square includes the house, surrounding garden and yard and a small fence defining the space immediately around the house.

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

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

41. Hastings--Morse House

Entered in the
National Register

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42. Hazen--Kimball--Aldrich House

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43. Hazen--Spiller House

Substantive Review

Keeper

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44. Henfield House

Entered in the
National Register

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45. Herrick, Ella Proctor, House

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National Register

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46. Hopkinson, George, House

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National Register

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47. House at 922 Dale Street

Substantive Review

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48. House on Labor-in-Vain Road

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National Register

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49. Howe Barn

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50. Humphreys, Sir John, House

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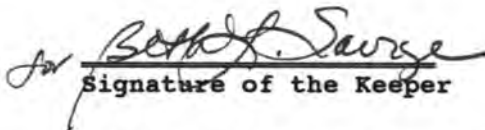
SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90000234 Date Listed: 03/09/90

House on Labor-in-Vain Road Essex MA
Property Name County State

First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.


Signature of the Keeper

03/09/90
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Geographical Data: VBD

The handwritten scale on the sketch map supersedes the typed or printed one: the handwritten scale is the appropriate scale for the reduced map.

The acreage is <1.

This information has been confirmed with Ann Tait, MASHPO, by telephone.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: House on Labor-in-Vain Road

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: 90000234

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: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 3/9/90 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept C&D
REVIEWER Savage
DISCIPLINE Architectural History
DATE 3/9/90

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N 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 _____



house on Labor in Union
Ipswich, MA

1st Period Buildings of E. Ma, TR

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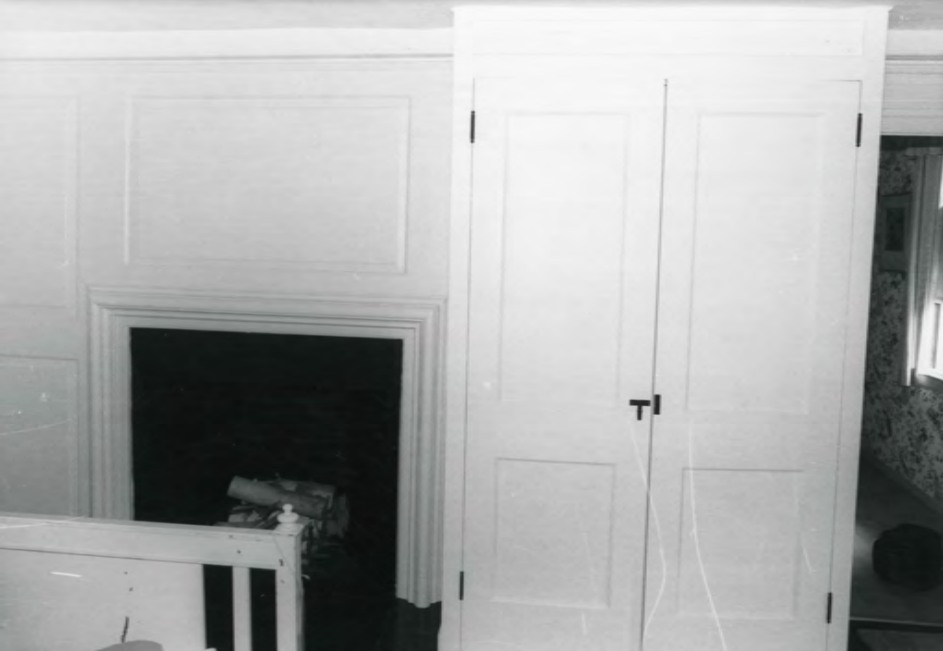
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Labor in Usin Rd

Ipswich

right room

1st Period Buildings of E. Ma, TR



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Labor in Vein Rd
Ipswich

Left chamber fireplace

1st period ~~of~~ Buildings of E. Ma, TR



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Labor in Jam Rd
Ipworth

Stain

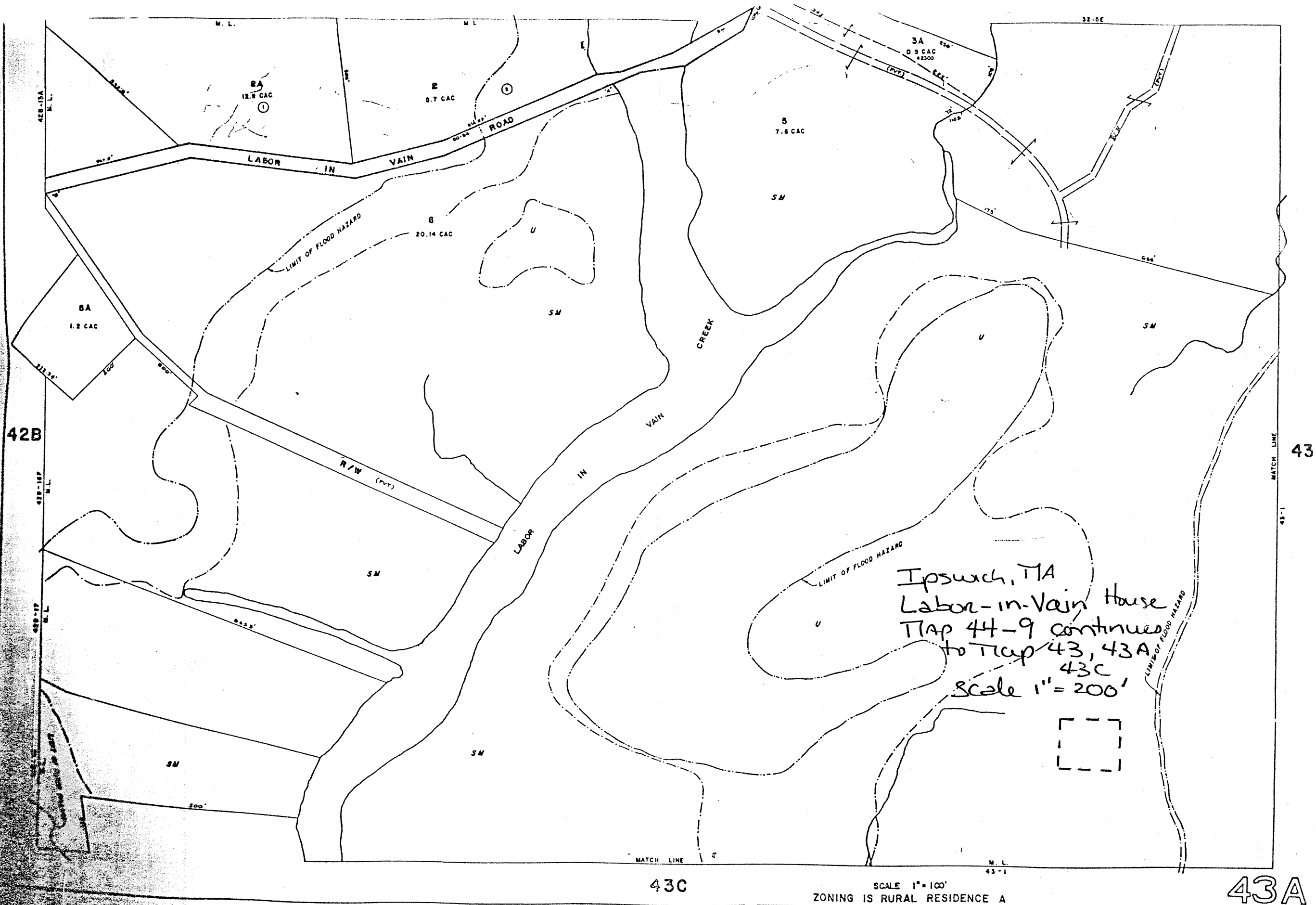
1st Period Buildings of E. Mo, TR



Labor in Vain Rd
Ipswich

1st Paved Buildings of P. Ma, TR

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SCALE 1" = 100'
ZONING IS RURAL RESIDENCE A

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000281