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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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Photos

- 9:15 attic floor - tie between two houses
- 9:16 1st floor, right-hand room, showing front plate with lamb's tongue stop, bevel chamfer
- 9:18 exterior

Town North Andover

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Address 547 Osgood StreetHistoric Name Col. John Osgood HouseUse: Present Residence (rental)Original Residence

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1720Source Visual analysisStyle Transitional First PeriodArchitect NoneExterior Wall Fabric ClapboardOutbuildings late 19th c. barn/shed

Major Alterations (with dates) Early 20th c.: house reoriented from south to west when road altered; chimney stack probably replaced then.

Condition Good

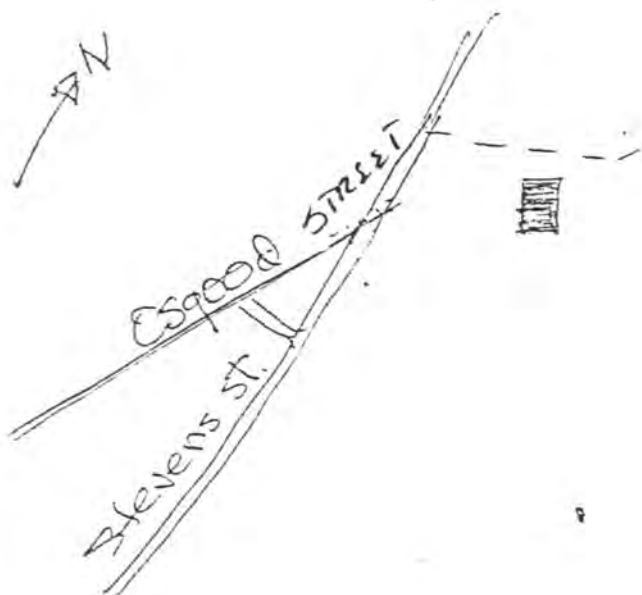
Moved Yes early 20th c.: re-sited 90% on orig. site

Acreage part of 10.29 acre parcelSetting Set back from rural road on open

fields of a large horse farm - Numerous 19th c. barns and outbuildings behind house

Recorded by Nora Pat SmallOrganization Boston UniversityDate July 1985

Sketch Map:



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UTM REFERENCE 19 / 327-030 / 4729-540USGS QUADRANGLE South Groveland (now Lawrence)SCALE 1:25,000

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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SIGNIFICANCE

The Col. John Osgood House retains integrity of design, materials, and workmanship in its late First Period/transitional frame, making it eligible under Criterion C. The double-dove-tailed binding timbers that join the two sections of the house at attic level are extremely unusual solutions to the common Massachusetts problem of how to connect two frame houses. Although the house has been moved, it has only been turned 90 degrees on its original site, essentially leaving it with integrity of location.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The Col. John Osgood House is a 2 1/2 story, five bay central chimney clapboarded structure with integral rear lean-to. The left side of the house was originally a one cell 2 1/2 story building. Another one cell, 2 1/2 story First Period building was attached to the right of the chimney. The present facade has a gabled one story porch entrance and three dormer windows in the roof. A 20th century screened porch projects from the right end of the house; part of the adjoining end of the lean-to has been removed to make a patio. The house was turned early in the 20th century to face west.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

The left side of the house seems to be original to the site, as its frame contains the chimney. Nevertheless, its framing members, including transverse summer beams on both floors, are all boxed. Only the right side of the house now displays late First Period details; thus either both buildings were constructed almost simultaneously and then joined, or the right hand section was built first and added to the newer Second Period house constructed, perhaps, with the addition in mind.

The first floor right hand room has an exposed quirk-beaded transverse summer beam supported by story posts. The front plate has a beveled chamfer with taper stops to either side of the story post, and small lamb's tongue stop at the south end. The rear plate has a beveled chamfer with no stops; the end post is quirk-beaded.

Although the chimney is centrally located, the first and second floor plans have long central halls created by running two chimney stacks up the inner walls of the main rooms to arch together in the attic to form the center chimney. As the house was reoriented early in the 20th century, this unusual chimney stack probably dates from modernizations undertaken at that time. In the unlikely event that the present stack

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is a copy of an old configuration, it would represent an extremely unusual adaptation of First Period exterior aesthetics to Second Period interior planning.

The second floor right hand room has a transverse summer beam, flared end posts, story posts, and plates with quirk beading. In the attic, the rafters visibly extend over the integral lean-to. The end tie beams of the two houses are joined together by means of two short double-dove-tailed binding timbers, (see photo,) a very unusual technique for joining houses in Massachusetts Bay.

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Col. John Osgood House is situated at the southwest corner of the 10.29 acre parcel, northeast of Osgood Street. A line of convenience to include approximately one acre has been drawn around the house and one 19th century barn and includes approximately 200 feet of frontage on Osgood Street.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational 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

51661. Newman--Fiske--Dodge House

~~Substantive Review~~Keeper Beth L. Savage 3/9/90
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National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byrum 3/9/90
Attest _____

51663. Old Farm

Substantive Review

Keeper Beth L. Savage 3/9/90
Attest _____

64. Old Garrison House

Substantive Review

Keeper _____ R
Attest _____

65. Osborne, Prince, House

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National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byrum 3/9/90
Attest _____

66. Osgood, Col. John, House

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51667. Paine--Dodge House

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68. Patch, Emeline, House

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69. Perkins, John, 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 Osgood, Col. 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: 2/07/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/23/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/10/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000250

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
REVIEWER Swal
DISCIPLINE Architectural History
DATE 3/9/90

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 _____



Col. John Osgood House
547 Osgood Rd,
No. Andover, MA

1st Period Buildings of E. Ma, TR

attic floor
connector for two
houses

1985

9:15



9:16

Col. John Osgood House
547 Osgood Rd.
No. Andover, MA

1st floor, right room
plate with bevel
‡ Lambstonie stop

1st Period Buildings of E. Ma, TR

1985



Col. John Osgood House
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No. Andover, MA

9:18

1985

1st Period Buildings of E. Ma, TR

SEE PLAT

A,
1

Mary F. Charles
45.0 A
37.623 ac

SAMUEL STEVENS ROGERS
1928-170
1985

B

B

4

186
GEORGE W. JR.
DEANNA M. CUSLER
2089-220
1985

17
"EDGEWOOD FARM"
A

TRUSTEES OF TOWN OF
ABRIST STEVENS
HARRIS
1337-227
1971

4.A
2.142 ac

4 21
MICHAEL L.
Kettenbach
2400-330
1986
3.142 ac
1.02 ac

15,313 207
3 20 2 19

18
1.23 ac

5 NANCY S. MELIA
1928-151
1985

Susan N.
Baer
David J.
Silberman
2669-95
1988
1.302 ac

6
10000 1.50 ac

13.45 ac

7
THE TRUSTEES OF
1980

"Old Ironies"

(Parcel #2)

505
Lot #1
TRUSTEES
RESERVATION
1980

BATTLE PLACE
ARTHUR S. IRELE
GONZALES

SEE PLAT NO. 100

SEE PLAT NO. 101

SEE PLAT NO. 102

SCALE ~ 200 FEET = 1 INCH

OSGOOD ST.

OSGOOD ST.

STEVENS

THE TRUSTEES OF
RESERVATIONS
1927-405
1975

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000281