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FORM NO.

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

Photos

- 21:32 left-hand room
- 21:33 rear plate and corner post, right-hand rear chamber
- 21:36 facade and west side

Town Hamilton 009

Address 1028 Bay Road

Historic Name Austin Brown House

Use: Present Residence

Original Residence

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1725

Source Stylistic analysis

Style 1st Period core; colonial revival exterior

Architect Unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric Stucco

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) Wing to right before 1907; remodelled, restored, extended to left, roof raised 1915

Condition Good

Moved No Date N/A

Acreage 5.5 acres

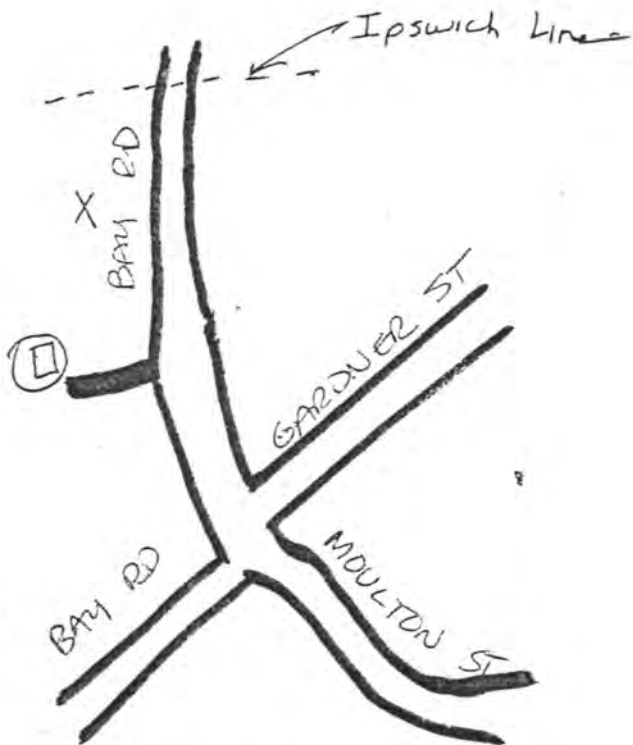
Setting Country estate set back from road with spacious lawn and plantings; new driveway with evidence of subdivision of estate

Recorded by Anne Grady

Organization Boston University

Date May 1986

Sketch Map:



UTM REFERENCE 19 / 348-440 / 4722-330

USGS QUADRANGLE Ipswich

SCALE 1:25,000

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

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SIGNIFICANCE

The Austin Brown House retains integrity of location, design, materials and workmanship in its late First Period frame, which embodies distinctive characteristics of form and construction eligible under Criterion C. The structure, representative of a larger group of late First Period buildings, adds to our knowledge of framing practices among Hamilton joiners.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The Austin Brown House is a 5 bay wide two room deep house, 2 1/2 stories in height with wings to the right and left. The house began as a double cell house. A lean-to was added in the 18th century. A photograph taken in 1898 shows the house clapboarded, with a two story lean-to and ell to the left. The ell to the right was added by 1907. In 1915, the house was again enlarged and stuccoed to create a Colonial Revival style country estate. At that time a new higher roof with ridge on the central axis and three dormer windows was built and porches were added to the left wings. There is a one story porch across the facade.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

First Period features, in the form of an exposed decorated oak frame, are visible in the left-hand room and in the right-hand and left-hand chambers. In the left-hand room, the 12 inch wide longitudinal summer beam has flat chamfers and tapered stops. In the right-hand and left-hand chambers, the 9 inch wide summer tie beams have flat chamfers and taper stops. Posts are deeply jowled, but unchamfered.

LATER SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

The left-hand room is decorated with a fireplace wall of Second Period raised-field paneling in which there is an oven door to the left of the firebox, an elaborately molded mantel shelf and a long overmantel panel.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

In the late 19th century the house was occupied by Austin Brown. The Hamilton Historical Society has a nearly complete set of diaries which Austin Brown kept between 1858 and c. 1900 while living in the house. In the early 20th century, the house, having followed a

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pattern of growth typical of First Period buildings with the addition of a second file of rooms to the rear and the building of a new, broader roof, was further transformed into a Colonial Revival country estate. Thus, it now embodies the distinctive features of early 20th century Colonial Revival architecture while incorporating an authentic colonial core.

REFERENCES

Austin Brown Diaries. Hamilton Historical Society.

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR  
State \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
Cover	Keeper <u>Beth J. Savage 3/9/90</u>
514 1. Abbot--Stinson House Substantive Review	Keeper <u>Beth J. Savage 3/9/90</u> Attest _____
2. Adams, Abraham, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melaine Byers 3/9/90</u> Attest _____
514 3. Adams--Clarke House Substantive Review	Keeper <u>Beth J. Savage 3/9/90</u> Attest _____
4. Beverly Grammar School Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melaine Byers 3/9/90</u> Attest _____
514 5. Blanchard--Upton House Substantive Review	Keeper <u>Beth J. Savage 3/9/90</u> Attest _____
6. Brown House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melaine Byers 3/9/90</u> Attest _____
514 7. Brown, Austin, House Substantive Review	Keeper <u>Beth J. Savage 3/9/90</u> Attest _____
514 8. Burnham, James, House Substantive Review	Keeper <u>Beth J. Savage 3/9/90</u> Attest _____
514 9. Carlton--Frie--Tucker House Substantive Review	Keeper <u>Beth J. Savage 3/9/90</u> Attest _____
10. Chase, Samuel, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melaine Byers 3/9/90</u> Attest _____

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90000222 Date Listed: 03/09/90

Brown, Austin, House 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.

*Beth J. Sawyer*  
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.

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: Brown, Austin, 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: 90000222

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 Savage  
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 \_\_\_\_\_



938 Bay Road.

Hamilton, MA

Austin Brown House  
facade west side 21:36  
1985

1st Period Buildings of E. Ma., TR



Hamilton, MA  
Austin Brown House  
1028 Bay Road  
left hand room  
1985 21

1st Period Buildings of E. Mass., TR

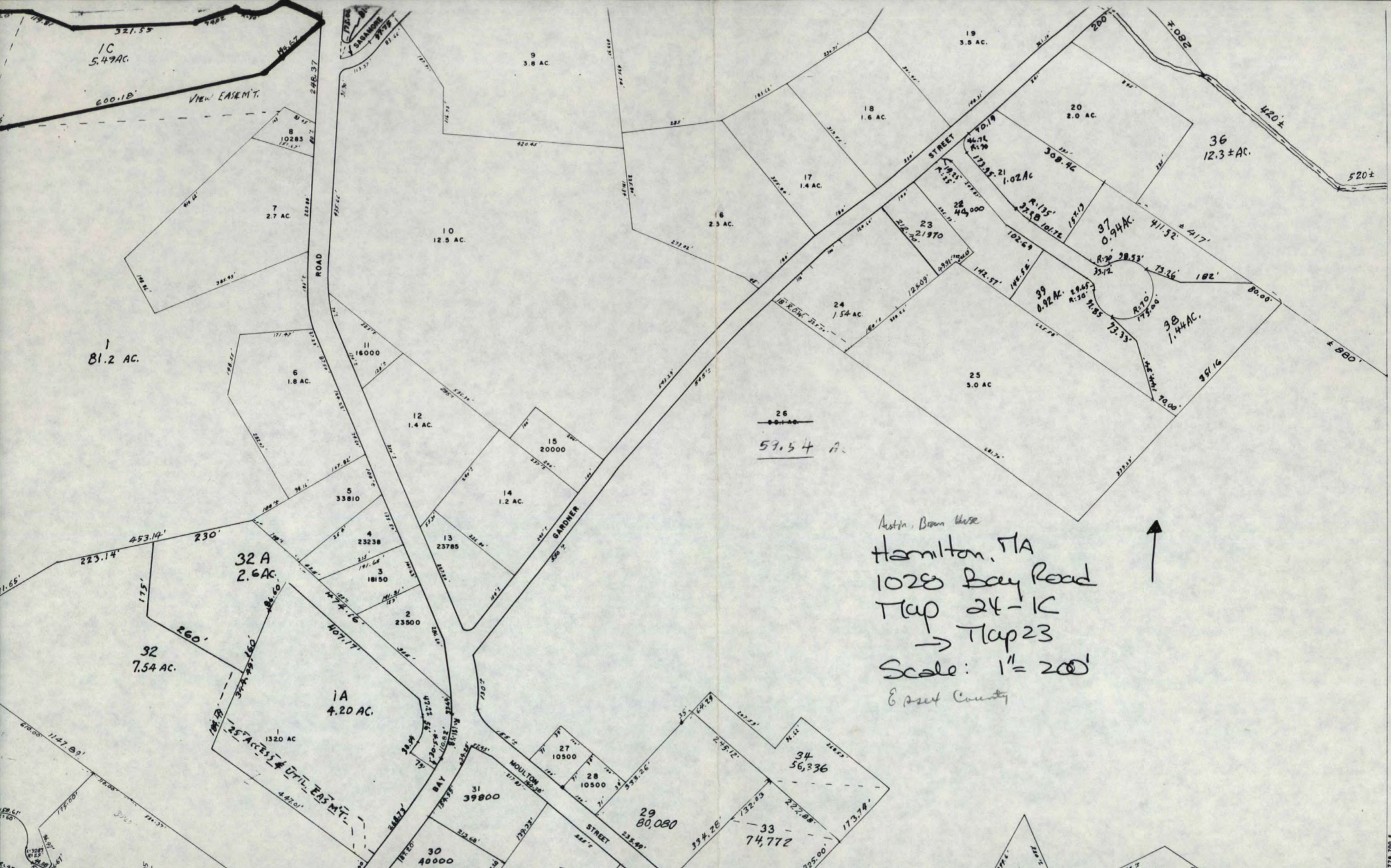


Hamilton, TX  
1028 Bay Road  
Austin Brown House  
facade + west side  
1985

1st Period Buildings of F. May, TX

21:36





Austin, Brown & Wise  
 Hamilton, MA  
 1028 Bay Road  
 Map 24-1C  
 → Map 23  
 Scale: 1" = 200'  
 Essex County

HAMILTON

COL-EAST INC.  
 BOSTON & PITTSFIELD  
 REV 1976 DEC.

10 JAN '85  
 9 SEP '85  
 24 MAR '86 Lots 29, 33 & 36  
 30 JUL '86 Lot 1 DIVIDED  
 20 AUG '87 Lot 10 ADDED  
 16 FEB '87 Lot NO 56  
 CHANGED TO NO. 34  
 22 MAR 1989 - LOTS 32 & 1A AREAS REDUCED  
 NEW LOT 32A SHOWN.  
 24 MAY '87 LOTS 21 & 22  
 REVISED LOTS 27, 28  
 & 39 ADDED.

SCALE 1 INCH = 200 FEET

15	16	17
23	24	25
31	32	33

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000281