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FORM NO.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

103

PHOTOGRAPHS:

- 75:36 Front south facade
- 75:35 Left west Facde (street facade)

Town Belmont 017

Address 388 Pleasant Street

Historic Name Abraham Hill House

Use: Present Residence

Original Residence

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1725-1750

Source Visual analysis

Style First Period

Architect Unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings None

Major Alterations (with dates) Roof raised, 2nd jog added, ca. 1800. Carriage house attached, 19th c.

Condition Good

Moved No Date N/A

Acreage less than one acre

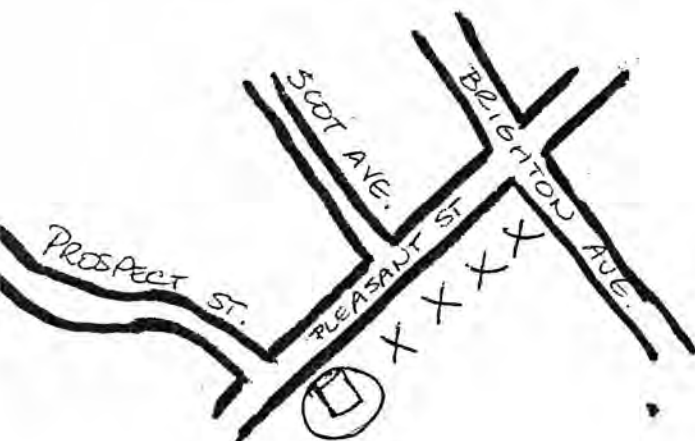
Setting Close to busy suburban street amid frame and brick houses of 19th and 20th century date - house sits sideways to street

Recorded by Anne Grady, Marie Carden

Organization Boston University

Date November 1985

Sketch Map:



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UTM REFERENCE 19 / 321-560 / 4696-560

USGS QUADRANGLE Lexington

SCALE 1:25,000

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: BELMONT	Form No: 103
Property Name: Abraham Hill House	

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

SIGNIFICANCE

The Abraham Hill House retains integrity of location, materials, workmanship, and design in its surviving transitional First Period quirk-beaded frame under Criterion C. Its conversion to a central hall plan in the 18th century typifies the adaptation of many central chimney buildings to conform to a new plan aesthetic.

More accurate dating of the house may yield important information under Criterion D on the use of principal rafter roofs without collar beams in Middlesex County.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The Abraham Hill House is a 2 1/2 story 2 room deep clapboarded house with a slightly asymmetrical 3 bay facade, Beverly jog, and a carriage house converted to living space attached to the left rear. The house may have begun as a c. 1725 one or two cell central chimney structure which was altered to a central hall plan by removing the chimney and adding twin interior chimney stacks rising from the rear roof slope between the large front and smaller rear rooms.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

The house exhibits very late transitional First Period features in the right hand rooms. The right hand first story room has an exposed and crudely finished chimney girt with a narrow chamfer, and three exposed posts with a narrow quirked bead. All other framing members are boxed. Three walls have horizontal feather edged sheathing up to the dado level. In the right hand chamber, all framing members except the summer tie are exposed and finished with a narrow quirked bead.

The attic reveals evidence that the roof was raised to cover the rear rooms. The original roof was comprised of principal rafters, bridle jointed at the ridge and placed about 4 feet apart. When the roof was raised, some of the rafters were left in place and longer rafters placed next to them.

LATER SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

The house retains some simple Federal finishes, including the rear staircase, as well as much 18th century plaster.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The house is important for its association with Abraham Hill, a prominent early Menotomy local official who held such positions as constable, surveyor of highways, and fence viewer.

REFERENCES

Belmont, Massachusetts: The Architecture and Development of the Town of Homes. Belmont Historic District Commission, 1984.

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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

91. Bullard, Isaac, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper Melrose Byers 3/9/90

Attest _____

92. Foster, Samuel, House

Substantive Review

Keeper Beth L. Savage 3/9/90

Attest _____

93. Gardner, Addington, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper Melrose Byers 3/9/90

Attest _____

94. Green House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper Melrose Byers 3/9/90

Attest _____

95. Hammond House

Substantive Review

Keeper Beth L. Savage 3/9/90

Attest _____

Entered in the
National Register

96. Hapgood House

Keeper Melrose Byers 3/9/90

Attest _____

97. Hill, Abraham, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper Melrose Byers 3/9/90

Attest _____

98. Hill, Deacon Samuel, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper Melrose Byers 3/9/90

Attest _____

99. Hopstill Bent Tavern

Substantive Review

Keeper Beth L. Savage 3/9/90

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100. Hosmer, Joseph, House

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National Register

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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: Hill, Abraham, House

MULTIPLE NAME: First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

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: 90000164

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
___ 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 _____



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BELMONT, MA
 ABRAHAM HILL HOUSE
 388 PLEASANT ST.
7 middlesex County' = 180'

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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