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FORM NO.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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37:11 rear exterior facing NE

37:13 front facades facing NW

37: 9 1st floor summer with
quirk bead

Town AndoverAddress 96 Central St.Historic Name William Foster HouseUse: Present ResidenceOriginal Residence

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1720Source Visual analysisStyle First Period/Architect UnknownExterior Wall Fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings 19th c. barn,
early 20th c. garage/vagon shed

Major Alterations (with dates) 1790-1800:
2-story central chimney house added to
north; 1750 one story added to SW cor
ner; 19th/20th c.: 2-story ell; reno-
vated 1965

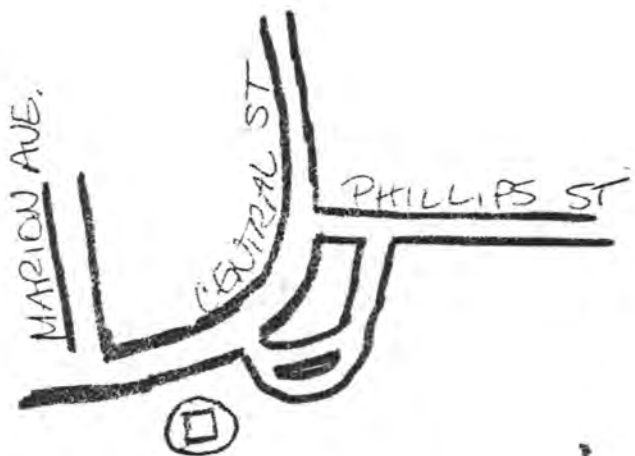
Condition Good, but clapboards sand-
blasted prior to repainting
(1986)

Moved No Date N/AAcreage 5 acres

Setting Agricultural setting in an
otherwise suburban location - set
back from street within remaining
5 acres of the farm

Recorded by Richard CandeeOrganization Boston UniversityDate May 1986

Sketch Map:



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UTM REFERENCE 19 / 324-020 / 4723-660USGS QUADRANGLE LawrenceSCALE 1:25,000

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

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Property Name: Foster Homestead

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

SIGNIFICANCE

The William Foster House retains integrity of location, design, materials, and workmanship in its surviving transitional First Period frame under criterion C. The quirk beading on all exposed timbers is typical of transitional houses of the 1720's. The transverse summer beam is an unusual feature, and its relationship to the one cell plan is worthy of further study. Investigation under the boxing on the southwest addition may lead to further information important under Criterion D.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

A complex house of three major periods, the Foster House contains a two story First Period core of three bays with irregular fenestration on the east side, now without the chimney at the south end. About 1750 there was a one room, two story addition of a reused frame made with a roof at right angles to the southwest corner; this addition includes a chimney bay and modern lobby entrance between this and the original chimney core. To its north was added a larger two story central chimney house, (c.1790-1800,) with a one story lobby entrance. A two story gabled ell, with a modern one story gabled lobby, forms a northwest wing and gives the house a modified U-plan. The house and barn complex are set back from Central Street within the remaining five acres of the original farm, and retain an agricultural setting in an otherwise suburban location. The house was renovated in 1965, and in 1986 was repainted after exterior sandblasting to remove old paint from the clapboards.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

The only remaining First Period evidence is the frame of the core structure, traditionally dated c. 1660 but with deeds back to 1635. The frame is quirk-beaded on all exposed timbers, and thus must be dated to the early 18th century (perhaps c. 1720). There are three bays in this section, divided on both floors by an exposed quirk-beaded tie beam. Thus the first floor summer beam is transverse although it appears as longitudinal in relation to the later fireplace. The present modern kitchen probably occupies what was once the original chimney bay, although all framing on the first floor in this bay is covered by modern work. On the second story west wall and north end the corner post and girt are quirked in the room above the present kitchen where they attach to the c. 1790-1800 addition. The shared chimney block between the original core and the southwest addition, (itself an older but completely boxed frame,) must have replaced the original chimney stack about 1750. This chimney has been completely rebuilt.

LATER SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

The interior of the north addition is a good example of Federal work throughout, with a staircase next to the central chimney, mantels and Federal doors. The frame of the southwest addition needs more research to determine if there is any First Period evidence between the boxings.

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HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The house is associated with significant trends in the history of American education. For 22 years, William Foster Jr. kept a school for about 25 boys who did not wish to attend Phillips Academy or who wished to qualify for that school. The late 18th century additions were made to add more dormitory space. In 1975 there still remained some of the boys' names scratched in the windows.

1/24/90

United States Department of the Interior
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR
State _____

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Foster, Stephen, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

for Delores Byrum 3/9/90

Attest _____

22. Foster, William, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Beth L. Savage 3/9/90

Attest _____

23. Fowler, Rea Putnam, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

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24. French--Andrews House

Entered in the
National Register

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25. Friend, James, House

Substantive Review

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26. Frye, Samuel, House

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27. Fuller, Joseph, House

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28. Fuller, Lieut. Thomas, House

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National Register

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29. Giddings, George, House and Barn

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National Register

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30. Giddings--Burnham House

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90000191 Date Listed: 03/09/90

Foster, William, 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 L. Savage
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 Foster, William, 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: 90000191

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 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 _____



96 Central Street
Andover, MA

37:13

Foster House

Get Wood Box. Looked at 1/12

1985



96 Central Street, Andover, MA

Foster House

1st Period Buildings of E. Ma, TR

1985

37:11



96 Central Street
Andover, MA

Foster House

1st Period Bedding E. Me, TR

1985

37:09



ANDOVER, MA
FOSTER HOMESTEAD
96 CENTRAL ST.

Parcel 75-17

1" = 275'

SCALE 1" = 100'

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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