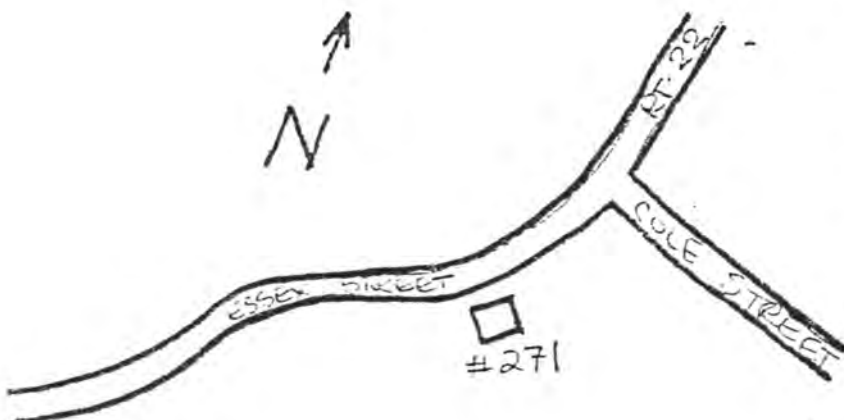


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PHOTOGRAPHS:

- 40:12 Front and right facades (corner of first-phase)
- 40:13 front molded chimney post, chimney girt, front girt, front sill, horizontal brace (?), of first-floor (right) first-phase room
- 40:14 transverse summer into front story post of of first-floor (right) first-phase room
- 40:23 original right rear principle rafter in situ.

Sketch Map:

Town BEVERLY 009Address 271 Essex StreetHistoric Name William Livermore HouseUse: Present residenceOriginal residence

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1700Source visual analysisStyle First PeriodArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric clapboardOutbuildings barn - 19th c. withgambrel roof

Major Alterations (with dates) enlarged to double-cell c. 1725-30; rear rooms and roof added in 18th century (?)

Condition goodMoved no Date n/aAcreage less than one acre

Setting suburban residential street with 19th and 20th c. construction and some institutional properties

TM REFERENCE 19 / 347-220 / 4714-160

ES QUADRANGLE Marblehead North (now Salem)SCALE 1:25,000Recorded by James KyprianosOrganization Boston UniversityDate May 1986

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

BEVERLY

Form No:

6

Property Name: William
Livermore House

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SIGNIFICANCE

The William Livermore house retains integrity of location, design, materials, and workmanship in the frame of its original First-Period, single-cell core under Criterion C. The transverse summer beam is an unusual framing feature deserving of further study in connection with the original single cell plan of the house under Criterion D. The growth of the First-Period, single-cell structure into a full double-pile house during the Second Period is typical of the fate of many early houses, which were enlarged rather than rebuilt.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The William Livermore house is a two-and-a-half story, five-bay, central chimney, clapboarded structure, two-cells deep, with small, gabled entrance vestibules on the front and right facades. The house began as a late First-Period two-and-a-half story, single-cell house to the right of the chimney. A single-cell, two-and-a-half story addition to the left of the chimney early in the Second-Period produced a two-room, central chimney plan. The house was later doubled in size with the addition of a rear file of rooms and a new roof. Consequently, the central chimney stack protrudes through the front slope of the new roof. Recent re-clapboarding revealed that the original single-cell end of the house is sheathed in vertical boards, while the new addition has horizontal sheathing. The outline of the 30 degree pitch of the original roof was clearly visible where the old and new sheathing met.

MAJOR FIRST-PERIOD FEATURES

The right front rooms of the house exhibit good late First Period features which suggest a circa 1700 construction date rather than the 1671 date based on deed research. Further research will be necessary to confirm the construction date. The 16' x 18' first-floor room to the right, 6'3" in height, has an exposed and chamfered pine frame. The transverse summer beam and the chimney girt have bevel chamfers with lamb's tongue stops. The end girt and jowled posts have bevel chamfers with taper stops, while the front and rear girts have bevel chamfers which run to the edge of the beam. The partially exposed oak joists are 23" apart, confirming a late First Period date. The sills are partially exposed. A strange 7.5" wide horizontal flat pine board is nailed on the three outer walls 2' 4" up from the sills. These two unusual features plus the vertical exterior wall sheathing may suggest plank-frame construction; the strange horizontal board substituting for angled braces. The very wide fireplace has a recessed smoke panel. Simple vertical feather-edged sheathing covers the fireplace wall, with a later molded cornice applied under the edge of the chimney girt.

The 6'3" high, right chamber has thicker, later plastered walls, through which the flared heads of the posts protrude. The exposed summer tie beam has bevel chamfers with lamb's tongue stops. All other framing members are covered.

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The original rear rafter of the one-cell deep house is still visible in the end wall of the present right-hand attic room. There were two purlins per slope, with a roof pitch of 30 degrees. The rear rafter at the left end wall of the second-phase is similarly visible.

LATER SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

The second-phase rooms to the left, stairway, and the first-phase right chamber exhibit good early second period details, suggesting a circa 1725-30 construction date for the addition. The lobby exhibits a good early second period stairway, with turned balusters and molded rails. The first-floor newell post is turned with a block top. The 16' x 18' first-floor, second-phase room has a fine paneled fireplace wall, boxed framing members, and the impression of a small original window in the plaster of the present rear interior wall. The left and right chambers both have simple early Second-Period fireplace walls with vertical feather-edged sheathing and two horizontal raised field panels over the fireplace.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The house is associated with the Livermore Whittredge Sr. and Jr., who were members of the Committee of Correspondence and active privateers during the Revolutionary.

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Thematic GroupName First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR
State _____

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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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 Livermore, 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: 90000197

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 _____



271 Essex Street, Beverly
Front & rear facades
1985

Livermore, William H. H. H.
1st Period Buildings of E. M. Co. TR



Beverly, MA
William Livermore to
271 Essex Street
front molded chimney
post, chimney girt, front
girt, front sill etc
1985

1st Annual Biddis of E. Mass, TR



Beverly, MA
William Livermore House
271 Essex Street
transverse summer into
front story part of 1st
floor
1985

1st Period Building of E. No. 7R



BEVERLY, MA
William Livermore House
271 Essex Street

original right rear principal rafter
1985

1 Potted Buildings of R. May, TR

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