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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
100 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Photos

- 39:16 exterior
- 39:19 W. 2nd floor chamber
- 39:22 W. 1st floor kitchen fireplace and wall

Town Middleton 009

Address 4 Gregory Street

Historic Name Deacon Edward Putnam, Jr. House

Use: Present Residence

Original Residence

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1705-1718

Source Watkins' Middleton History, visual analysis

Style First Period

Architect Unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings Barn, ca. 19th c., attached to house by extension of leanto

Major Alterations (with dates) Gabled porch entry added ca. 1800; restoration ca. 1963 (leanto also added then)

Condition Good

Moved No Date N/A

Acreage 2.63 acres

Setting Former farmland now subdivided in front for modern residential development. Fenced along Gregory St. and behind house and barns, with broad lawn mature plantings in front.

Recorded by Richard Candee

Organization Boston University

Date May 1986

Sketch Map:



REFERENCE 19 / 336-510 / 4717-500

QUADRANGLE Salem

Scale 1:25,000

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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SIGNIFICANCE

The Edward Putnam Jr. House, despite the modern additions and over-restoration of the chimney top, retains its integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. It meets Criterion C in its plank frame, transverse first story binding beams, and restored chimney evidence which embody distinctive characteristics of uncommon patterns of First Period domestic construction while its original plan may be interpreted as a single cell with first floor end leanto kitchen.

SETTING

Farm land in front subdivided for modern residential development. Fenced along Gregory Street and behind house and barns, with broad lawn and mature plantings in front.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

Until modern restoration and additions, the Putnam House was a one-room deep central chimney house of two stories and attic, with a single window at each story on the eastern half of the south facade, two on the western half of the facade, and a single window above the added (c. 1800) one story gabled porch entry. Each end wall has a single central window at each story and the attic. Until recently the brick chimney was capped by a narrow stack protruding at the ridge; during remodeling in 1963 a rear flue was added for a new leanto and the chimney topped off with a new decorative brick pilaster on the front and heavy banding about the top.

The 1963 leanto is broken by a two story gabled projecting bay behind the chimney, and is joined to a run of 19th century barns by a one story extension of the leanto from the west end.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

The Edward Putnam, Jr. House was begun c. 1705 with the construction of the eastern end of the present house, including the chimney bay, of plank frame. During restoration of the west chamber, mortises for the corner braces of the original end wall were discovered, as was the end of the original plate and west plank wall that was later reused as the interior east wall of that chamber. The earlier rooms are narrower with boxed transverse summer (binding) beams on the first floor and boxed transverse tie beam above. These are framed into tow story posts, originally with plain bevel chamfers terminating at the second story shoulder which was later cut flat and boxed. The large parlor eastern fireplace on the first floor has rounded jambs and a smoke panel.

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The western addition is also First Period, with transverse binding summer below and tie above; the first story frame is boxed as are the supporting posts, but the second story tie is decorated with a narrow bevel and plain taper stop and supports 11 butt-cogged joists 22" on centers. In this kitchen chamber all the plates, girts, and posts have similar late narrow chamfers and the posts flare at the second story. There is no fireplace in the second floor west chamber, although the west kitchen fireplace below is 10 1/2 feet between the square jambs and contains a smoke shelf and rear brick over. This suggests that if the chimney stack is original, the house may have had an end leanto that was replaced by the western two and one half story additions (ca.1718).

The attic is composed of principal rafters with purlins now hidden by interior finish. The cellar supports a joisted flooring system (23" on center on the east; 23-24" on the west).

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

It is believed that the earliest core of the circa 17005 house was built by Edward Putnam, Jr.'s father. Putnam's father, a prominent deacon in the Salem Village church, deeded both his sons the land and houses they occupied in 1718, perhaps the date of the addition to the house as he and his first wife had ten children. The father and his namesake son were instrumental in founding the early ironworks in Middleton on Prout Pong Brook.

REFERENCES

1. Lura Woodside Watkins, Middleton, Massachusetts, A Cultural History, (Salem: Essex Institute, 1970), pp. 187-192, with photograph prior to restorations, p. 188.

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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

~~71. Putnam, Deacon Edward, Jr., House~~
Entered in the
National Register

f Keeper Melrose Byers 3/9/90

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72. Putnam, James, Jr., House Entered in the
National Register

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73. Ross Tavern ~~Substantive Review~~

J Keeper Betty L. Searge 3/9/90

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79. Tufts, Rev. John, House Entered in the
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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: Putnam, Deacon Edward, Jr., 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: 90000243

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
___ 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 _____



Dea. Edward Putnam Jr House

4 Gregory St

Middleton, MA

1st Pond Buildings of E. Ma., TR

J. Facade

39:16



Dea. Edward Putnam's House

4 Gregory St,
Middleton, MA

W. 2nd floor chamber
toward front wall

1st Period Buildings of E. May Tr

39:19



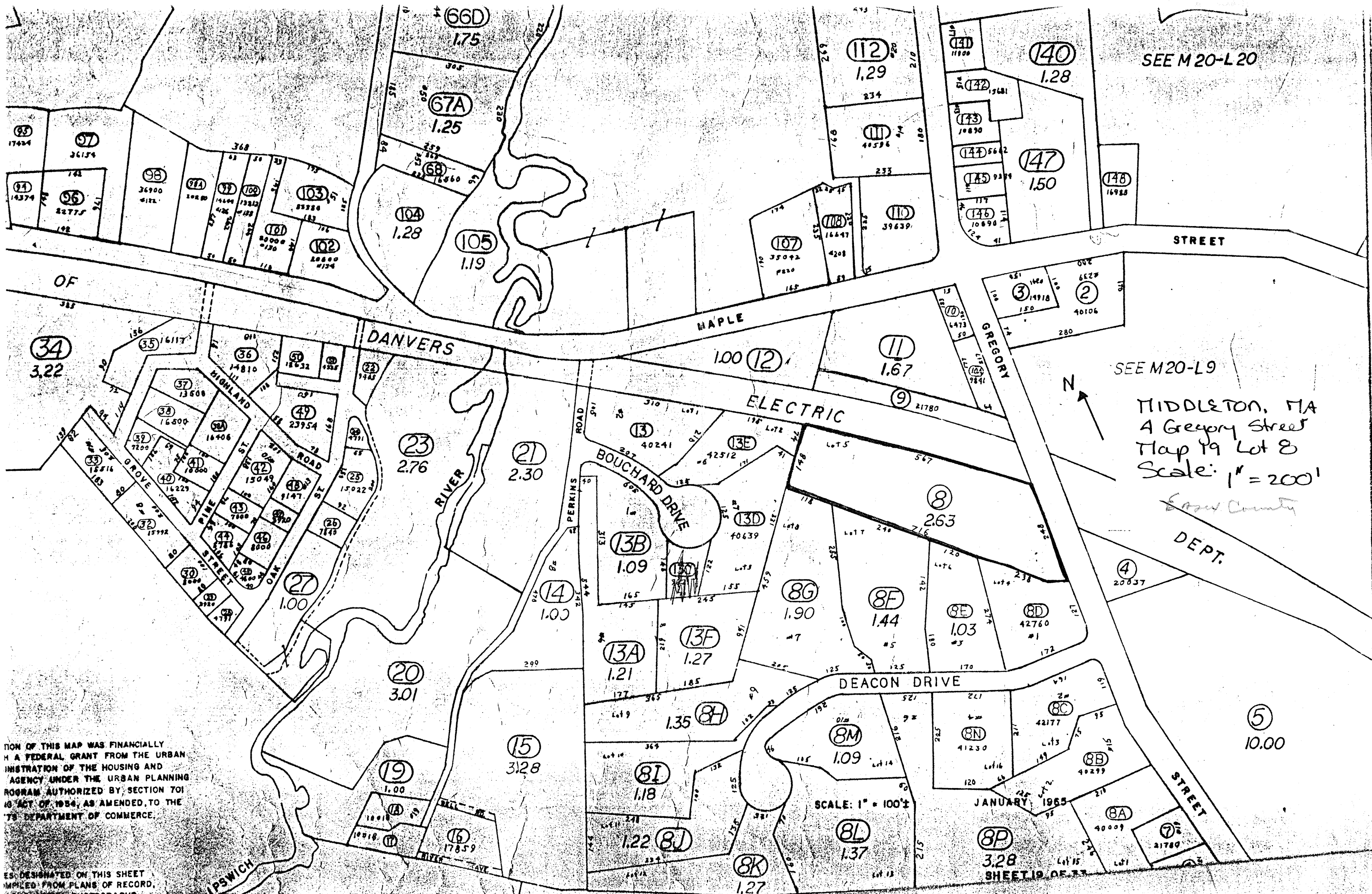
Dea. Edward Putnam, Jr.

4 Gregory St.
Middleton, MA

W. 1st floor kitchen

1st Period Buildings of E. Me., TR

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MIDDLETON, MA
 A Gregory Street
 Map 19 Lot 8
 Scale: 1" = 200'

Essex County

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SCALE: 1" = 100'

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Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

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