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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME



HISTORIC

Old Fort House

AND/OR COMMON

Wing Fort House (preferred)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Spring Hill Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

East Sandwich

VICINITY OF

12th

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

Barnstable

CODE

001

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☒ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Wing Family of America, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER

Wing Fort House, Spring Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

East Sandwich

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts 02537

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Barnstable

STATE

Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1972

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

—EXCELLENT
☒GOOD
—FAIR

—DETERIORATED
—RUINS
—UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

—UNALTERED
☒ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ORIGINAL SITE
—MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Wing Fort House is situated on a narrow country lane near the Cape Cod Bay in Sandwich. The surrounding land is open and fairly flat, with marshes behind the house leading out to the dunes on the beach. The setting around the house has probably not changed very much since the house was built; because of the marshes there has not been any modern development within sight of the building.

The house itself is two stories high, four bays wide, and has a center chimney. The exterior walls and the roof are shingled, and the windows all have 12/12 sash. The main door is located in the second bay from the left and another door leads into the main part of the house from a low one story shed off the west gable end.

The building was originally a one and a half story, one over one room so-called "fort", built shortly before 1641. The size of the original structure was more than doubled with the addition of another one over one house, moved to the site and joined to the original building. According to Abbott Lowell Cummings, this most likely occurred in the mid-eighteenth century, although the moved building was probably constructed c. 1700. When the houses were joined, each lost its original chimney and a new one, of irregular shape to accommodate the different dimensions of the two buildings, was constructed. At the time the houses were joined the interior was modernized with eighteenth century paneling, a kitchen was added to the back to solve the problem of the different depths of the buildings, and a new roof was constructed over both the houses. The new paneling in the Old Fort Room, instead of replacing the seventeenth century vertical paneling, was built out a few inches over the older wall surface. One of the panels in the dado of the new wall has been hinged so that when it is opened one can look inside the space between the two wall surfaces, and see the heavy exposed girts and posts, complete with chamfered edges and whitewash. It can also be seen that the vertical joints of the seventeenth century sheathing have been joined with a bold spline molding, a rare decorative feature.

The 1700 house, in addition to its mid-eighteenth century alterations, contains some exposed carved and chamfered corner posts, girts, and summer beams attesting to its early construction date. In the attic further evidence of the eighteenth century alteration is clear. The rafters of the original story and a half "fort" are visible at one gable end, and the lean-to pitch of the 1700 house can be seen at the other end.

The house today looks very much as it did just before the Revolutionary War. There were no further major alterations after the houses were joined, although the house has been very well maintained. Modern conveniences including heating, plumbing and electricity were added to the building in this century without detracting from the atmosphere of the house. The building is now used as a museum and as a meeting place for the Wing Family of America, Inc.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE
☐ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE
☒ 1600-1699	☒ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER
☐ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☒ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		☐ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1641 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wing Fort House, which incorporates one of the oldest structures extant in New England, is a significant architectural and historic landmark on Cape Cod. The house gains additional significance from the fact that it has been owned by the same family since 1641, and as such presents an accurate record of how succeeding generations of a New England family lived.

The first members of the Wing family to come to the new world were Deborah Wing and her four sons, who came to Boston in 1632. Deborah's husband, the Reverend John Wing, had been a prominent clergyman in London but had fled to Germany and then to Holland when he disagreed with the teachings of the Church of England. After he died his widow and four sons moved to Boston to seek what they thought would be an atmosphere of religious freedom, and settled in Saugus. In 1637 Deborah and her sons John, David and Stephen moved to Sandwich with the "ten men of Saugus" who had received a grant from the Crown to the section of Cape Cod which lay south of the Plymouth Colony. Stephen, carrying on his father's dissenting beliefs, became a founding member of the first Friends Meeting in America which was established in Spring Hill in 1658. He suffered great persecution at the hands of the Plymouth government because of his beliefs, but was nevertheless a respected citizen of Sandwich.

Stephen was the Wing who, in 1641, bought the original one room fort which is still incorporated in the present house. The house has remained in the possession of the Wing family since that date. The furnishings and interior wall coverings have reflected the different periods the house has been lived in but the building still retains its eighteenth century aspect.

The house was acquired by the Wing Family of America Inc. in 1942 from the members of the family who had been living there. The Wing Family Inc. was incorporated in 1902 as a non-profit association for the purpose of collecting and publishing the family history, holding family reunions and creating a Family Memorial Hall for historical and literary archives. The Wing Fort House is now open to the public as a museum.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Wing, George W., "The Wing Family of America", The Owl, 1973-74 issue (Wing Family publ.)
Cummings, Abbott Lowell, "The Stephen Wing House", The Owl, 1956 issue

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 9 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A 19 378160 4622940
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
C

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
D

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Christine Boulding, Assistant Survey Director

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

February 13, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

294 Washington Street

TELEPHONE

617-727-8470

CITY OR TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts 02108

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Elizabeth Reed Amador

TITLE

Executive Director, Mass. Historical Commission

DATE

2/17/76

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting

John L. ...

DATE

4/3/76

ATTEST:

DATE

6-2-76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

RBR for WJM 6-2-76

Property

Wing
Old Fort House

State

Mass.

Working Number

2.24.76.2591

Barnstable

TECHNICAL

Photos

2

Maps

2

CONTROL

cm

OK 3.9.76

HISTORIAN

Accept

E. Smith

5-21-76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept

WPCole

5.26.76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept

Cole

6-1-76

BRANCH CHIEF

Heer

KEEPER

Hung

6.2.76

National Register Write-up

Send-back

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JUN 3 1976

Federal Register Entry

7-6-76

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Sandwich

VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Barnstable

STATE

MA

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT

David Wing Nilsson

DATE OF PHOTO

1975

NEGATIVE FILED AT

123 Main Street, Sandwich, MA

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

looking northeast at south facade and west elevation

PHOTO NO.

1 of 2



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looking west at east elevation

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Sandwich

____ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Barnstable

STATE

MA

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

U.S.G.S., Sandwich Mass. quadrangle

SCALE

1:24,000

DATE

1972

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES

Sandwich, Wing Fort House
UTM reference:
19/378160/4622940



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CITY, TOWN Sandwich

____ VICINITY OF

COUNTY Barnstable

STATE

MA

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE sketch map

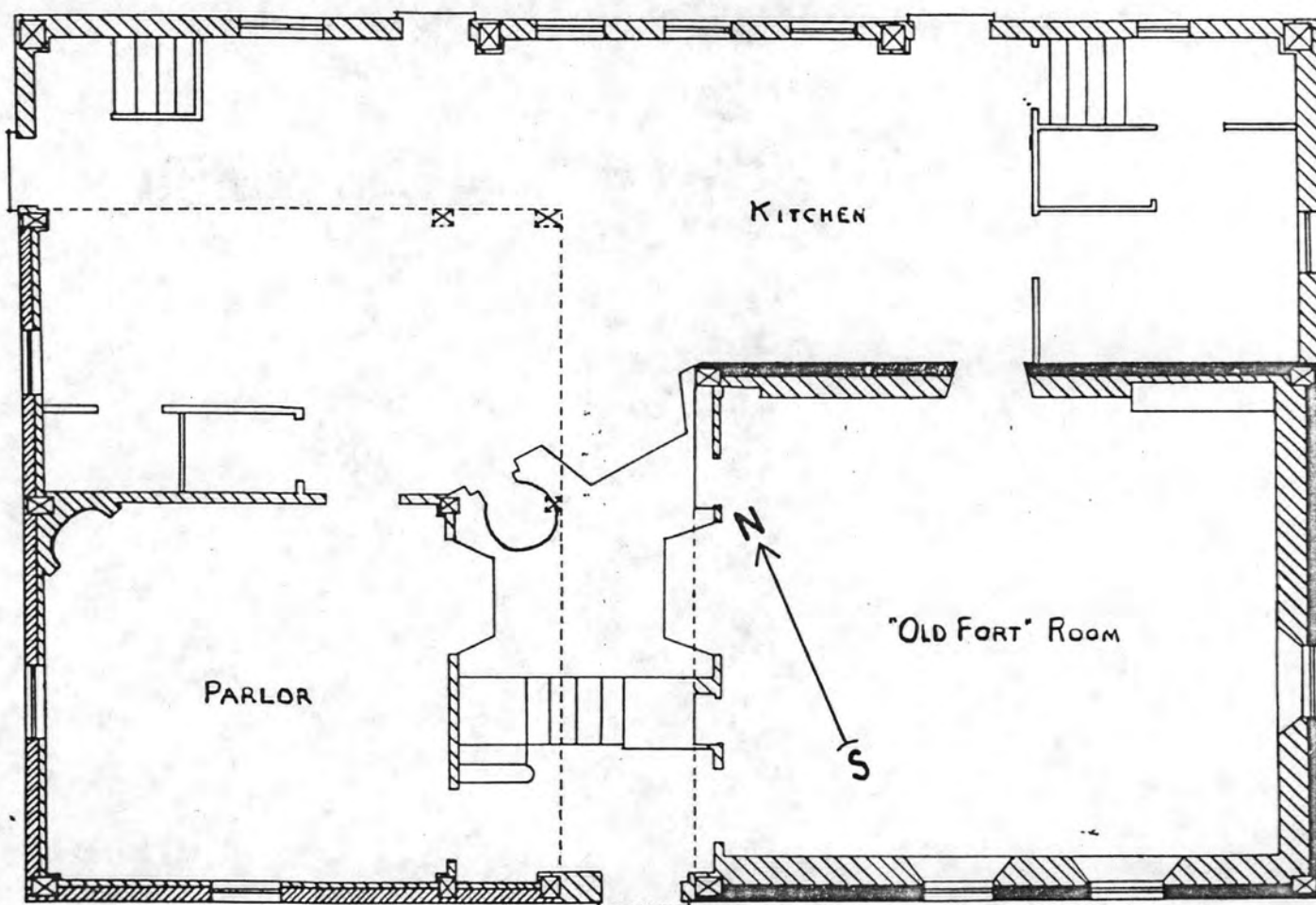
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DATE 1957

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ORIGINAL HOUSE
 LATER HOUSE MOVED & ADDED
 MID 18TH CENT. CONSTRUCTION

Sandwich, Wing Fort House
First floor plan



PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered JUN 3 1976

Name

Location

Wing Fort House

East Sandwich
Barnstable County

Woodland, Newton Highland,
Newton Centre Railroad
Stations

Newton
Middlesex County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Gerry E. Studds
Hon. Robert F. Drinan

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon
Executive Director, Massachusetts
Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

cc: Regional Director,
North Atlantic Region

PR:MMott:cam:6/3/76

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

76000227
Wing Fort House

Sandwich (Barnstable), MA

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Re-evaluation of construction date due to dendrochronology

The results of dendrochronology testing of the Wing Fort House (aka Wing House) were inconclusive. A total of 21 samples were taken by Michael Burrey from eighteen timbers on August 30 and 31, 2007. All timbers sampled were oak and appeared to be primary first-use timbers or timbers that might have been re-used from an early phase of construction. Sampling locations included sills, girts, posts, principal rafters, joists, purlins, and posts. None of the samples correlated with existing reference chronologies, and there are no reference chronologies from southeastern Massachusetts. The lack of dating was also due to the nature of the samples, many of which had multiple narrow rings and some had too few rings. In the future, when reference chronology data is available for southeastern Massachusetts, precise dating of the samples from the Wing House timbers may be possible.

The full results of the analysis are presented in: Miles, D.W.H., Anne Grady, and M. J. Worthington. "The Tree Ring Dating of the Wing House, 69 Spring Hill Road, Sandwich, Massachusetts." Oxford Dendrochronology Laboratory. October 2007. Summary data can be found on the Oxford Dendrochronology Laboratory website www.dendrochronology.com. The full report is on file at the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

A note on dendrochronology dating

In recent years tree-ring chronologies have been developed for eastern Massachusetts and adjacent regions, and a number of buildings or parts of buildings have been evaluated and given new construction dates due to tree-ring dating, or dendrochronology. The principle behind tree-ring dating is a simple one: the seasonal variations in climate produce variations in growth which are reflected in the varying width of the annual rings of the tree. The rings in timbers from historical houses are compared with previously dated ring sequences from old-growth trees and from timber from structures with well-established dates to allow precise dates to be ascribed to each ring. Computer comparisons quantify how good the match is between the two. A dendrochronologist then analyzes the results and establishes the date the tree was felled. Some caution must be used in interpreting these dates to determine the construction date of a building. Sometimes timbers from the same construction phase of the same building have been felled one, two or more years apart. However, it was common practice to build timber-framed structures with green or unseasoned timber, and it is likely that construction was completed within twelve or eighteen months from the felling date.

(end)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY Wing Fort House
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Barnstable

DATE RECEIVED: 4/28/11 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/13/11
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 76000227

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 ___DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Additional Documentation Approved

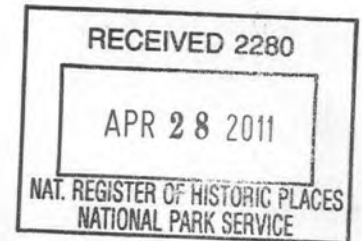
RECOM./CRITERIA Accept

REVIEWER Edgar Beall DISCIPLINE History

TELEPHONE _____ DATE 6.13.11

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

April 19, 2011 William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Mr. J. Paul Loether
National Park Service
National Register of Historic Places
1201 Eye Street NW, 8th floor
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Loether:

Enclosed please find supplementary information for 34 properties previously listed on the National Register of Historic Places, reflecting recent scholarship regarding their dates of construction, based upon dendrochronological techniques.

These properties include:

Boston (Suffolk County):

James Blake House (NRIND, 5/1/74)
Pierce House (NRIND, 4/26/74)

Cambridge (Middlesex County):

Cooper-Frost-Austin House (NRIND 9/22/72)

Dedham (Norfolk County):

Fairbanks House (NRIND, NHL, 10/15/66)

Deerfield (Franklin County):

All properties are located within the Old Deerfield Village HD (NRDIS, NHL 10/15/66)

Allen House (MHC # 20)
John Ashley House (MHC #31)
Eldad Bardwell House (MHC #23)
Bull-Williams House (MHC #47)
Childs House (MHC #53)
Frary House (MHC #13)
Eliezer Hawks House (MHC #58)
Hinsdell-Williams House (MHC # 24)
Jonathan Hoit House (MHC # 9)

Little Brown House (MHC #79)
Moors House (MHC #39)
Nims House (MHC #12)
Russell House (MHC #49)
Saxton House (MHC #48)
Severance House (MHC #19)
John Sheldon – Hawks House (MHC #32)
Stebbins House (MHC # 36)
John Williams House (MHC # 50)

Essex (Essex County):

Cogswell's Grant (NRIND 4/19/90)

Gloucester (Essex County):

White-Ellery House (NRIND, NRTRA 3/9/90)
[First Period Buildings of Eastern MA, TRA]

Ipswich (Essex County):

Paine-Dodge House (NRIND, NRTRA, 3/9/90)
First Period Buildings of Eastern MA, TRA

Merchant-Choate House (NRDIS, NRMRA, 9/17/80)
[High Street HD]

Lexington (Middlesex County):

Hancock – Clarke House (NRIND. NHL, 7/17/71)

Millville (Worcester County):

Chestnut Hill Meeting House (NRIND 11/13/84)

Newbury (Essex County):

Tristram Coffin House (NRIND, NRDIS, 5/24/76)
[Newbury HD]

Salem (Essex County):

Eleazer Gedney House (NRDIS, 10/1/74)
[Gedney and Cox Houses HD]

Pickering House (NRDIS 8/28/73)
[Chestnut Street HD]

Sandwich (Barnstable County):

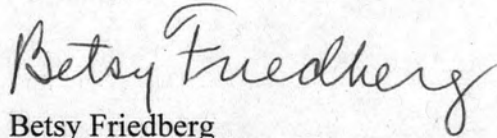
Wing Fort House (NRIND 6/3/76)

Winthrop (Suffolk County):

Deane Winthrop House (NRIND, NRTRA 3/9/90)
[First Period Buildings of Eastern MA, TRA]

Please add the enclosed continuation sheets to the existing National Register nomination files.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Betsy Friedberg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Enclosures

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 5-21-76
 Reviewer INITIALS: ESS
 NR DOE
 JUN 3 1976

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Wing Fort House
 OTHER NAMES: Old Fort House Sec.

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER: Spring Hill Road Rdo
 CITY, TOWN: East Sandwich
 STATE: Massachusetts
 VICINITY OF: 12th
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Barnstable
 COUNTY: code 001

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST
 SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR: Substantially intact-1
 unknown - 4
 not applicable - 7
 EXTERIOR: Substantially intact-2
 unknown - 5
 not applicable - 8
 ENVIRONS: Substantially intact-3
 unknown - 6
 Not applicable-9
 Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0
 CONDITION - EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR
 DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED
 Unexcavated
 UNALTERED
 ALTERED
 Reconstructed
 Excavated
 ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED
 Unknown
 ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown
 historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
 IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
 IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- Residence-House

now- Museum

SIGNIFICANCE:

ARCHAEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC CONSERVATION LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE RELIGION entertainment
 ARCHAEOLOGY-HISTORIC ECONOMICS LAW/Gov't/politics SCIENCE health
 AGRICULTURE EDUCATION LITERATURE SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN recreation
 ARCHITECTURE ENGINEERING MILITARY settlement
 ART MUSIC PHILOSOPHY socio/cultural
 COMMERCE EXPLORATION POLITICS/GOVERNMENT urban & commun
 COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY OTHER (SPECIFY) planning
 INVENTION

Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO
 Not for ADP incorporates one of oldest extant structures in Mass.

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role
&
appropriate date)

personal

events

The Wing Family has owned this house continuously since 1641.

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century):

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: 1750

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S): 1641 - Present

✓ 1641; 1700; 1750

(c. 1700 house added to orig. c. 1750, doubling size)

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre) 9

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

2 1/2 stories, four bay wide, rectangular shaped, shingled structure with gabled shingled roof and center chimney.

Frame, shingled; 2 1/2 ~~story~~ stories, rectangular with side 1-story shed, gabled roof, central chimney, front center entrance; original 1 1/2-story ^{structure} enlarged by addition of similar c. 1700 house; ~~18th c.~~ enlarged structure remodeled, ~~18th c.~~ mid-18th c.

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

The Wing House incorporates one of the oldest structures extant in New England; it has been owned continuously by the same family since 1641 to its construction.

Museum