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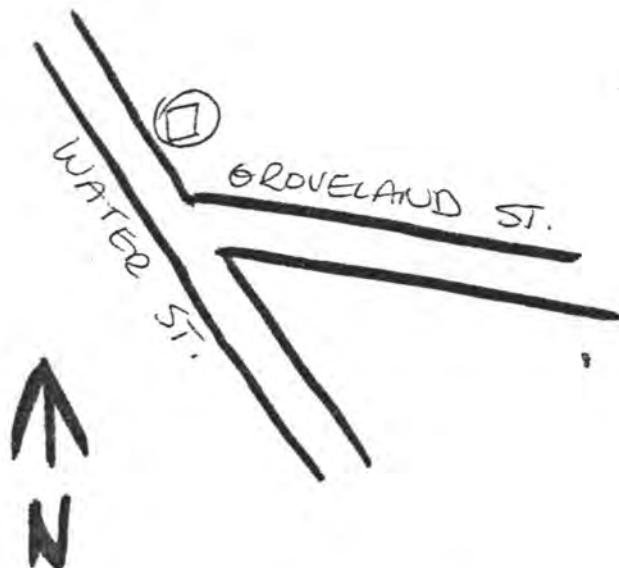
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Photos

18:2 attic
18:5 stairs, second floor
18:8 left-hand room
18:9 fireplace, left-hand room
18:17 detail, brickwork, northeast corner
18:18 view of north facade

Sketch Map:

Town Haverhill 009Address 8 Groveland StreetHistoric Name Hazen-Spiller HouseUse: Present ResidenceOriginal Residence

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1724Source local historyStyle First Period/TransitionalArchitect UnknownExterior Wall Fabric BrickOutbuildings Garage - 20th c.Major Alterations (with dates) Rear elladded by Wallace Nutting, ca. 1915Condition GoodMoved No Date N/AAcreage less than one acreSetting Suburban street on a highbank overlooking the MerrimacRiver surrounded by early 20th c.housesRecorded by Anne GradyOrganization Boston UniversityDate June 1986TM REFERENCE 19 / 331-160 / 4737-180MGS QUADRANGLE HaverhillSCALE 1:25,000

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

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SIGNIFICANCE

The Hazen Spiller House retains integrity of location, materials, workmanship and design in its brick construction and exposed frame. Built c. 1724 by Richard Hazen Jr., the house does not have a decorated frame and has lost over the years or in the modern restoration any identifiable First Period finishes. However, notes made by antiquarian William Wallace Taylor, who owned the house from 1911 to 1915 before selling it to Nutting, indicate that the beams were originally exposed. Taylor said that the beams found underneath two later ceilings, "all show the marks and color of exposure to the air for a number of years before there was any ceiling put on." [1] Exposure of the structural frame even if undecorated is an expression of First Period architectural practices and justifies consideration of the Hazen Spiller as a First Period building.

The Hazen-Spiller house fulfills Criterion C in its significant contribution to our knowledge of First Period building practices. It is a rare surviving example of First Period brick masonry construction, and one of only three in the present survey. The building is also significant as one of two through-hall-plan houses in the survey. (The fact that the other example of a through hall plan is also a brick house suggests that plan may have been chosen because brick construction facilitated the building of end wall chimneys, rather than for reasons of style.)

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The Hazen-Spiller house is a double-cell structure, 7 bays wide, one room deep, 2 1/2 stories in height, with a through-hall plan, and interior chimneys at each end. The walls are brick, laid up in English bond with three rows of stretchers per row of headers. Although some of the bricks are darkened, they form no particular chromatic pattern. Corbelled brick string courses and segmental arches of stretcher bricks over the windows adorn the walls. Wallace Nutting, who restored the house in 1915, installed casement diamond-paned, leaded-glass windows with transom bars two thirds of the way up the window. Windows are double easements except in the end bays where single casements are used. Nutting added a double-leafed door formed of vertical boards on the interior and studded with nails in a diamond pattern. (Evidence showed that the original door had been double-leafed.) Nutting also built the one story brick rear ell in 1915. The rear part of the ell straddles the property line of an abutting lot, on which one outbuilding, a 20th-century garage, is located.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

First Period features in the form of oak ceiling framing originally exposed, although undecorated, and a fireplace with rear corner ovens, are seen in the first floor rooms. An occasional beam is exposed in the second floor rooms.

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In the left-hand (west) room, the transverse summer beam, 8 1/2 inches wide is unchamfered. Joist spacing is 22 1/2 inches on centers. The south, east, and north walls of the room appear to retain early plaster. The fireplace is 4 feet, 10 inches high by 7 feet, 9 inches wide. Notes for Nutting's architect, Henry Charles Dean, indicate that the oven in the left-hand corner is original, having survived later remodelings of the firebox. The oven in the right-hand corner was rebuilt in 1915 to match left-hand one. Although the ovens are in the side walls, their openings are set on an angle in the corner, supported by corbelled bricks below. The bulbous exterior forms of these beehive ovens may be seen in the closets flanking the fireplace. An historic photograph shows the left-hand beehive before the restoration partially intact. The restored ovens are based at least in part, then, on the original form.

In the right-hand room, the chimney girt is exposed, but unchamfered. The summer beam is boxed and the ceiling plastered. Joist spacing deduced from nail evidence is 22 1/2 inches on centers. The walls retain areas of original plaster. The fireplace, presumably restored in 1915 based on evidence found is 4 feet 8 inches high by 6 feet 10 inches wide. There is a smoke panel with stepped sides, similar to that in the west fireplace.

In the central stair hall, the early, perhaps original square newel post and hand rail molded on both sides survive, while the balusters are a restoration feature.

In the upstairs rooms, chimney girts and rear plate are partially exposed, but unchamfered. The fireplace opening, presumably restored from existing evidence, are nearly square at 47 inches high and 48 inches wide and have straight sides. Areas of original plaster survive upstairs also.

In the attic there are six sets of principal rafters, bridle jointed at the ridge, three purlins per slope and one at the ridge. Chimney foundations in the cellar are brick arches set against fieldstone foundation walls.

LATER SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

Nutting installed vertical board sheathing with a narrow bead on the fireplace walls in each room. Fireplaces are slightly recessed and have simple mantel shelves. Nutting exposed the summer beam and joists in the left-hand room and applied plaster between the joists. The wooden finishes Nutting created are not based on First Period precedent. They are significant for the part they play in Nuttings' widely distributed photographs of historic interiors, providing a background for the antiques Nutting depicted. The wooden finishes

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are also significant as an integral part of Nutting's concept for this particular house in his chain of historic houses.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The house is associated with the early 20th century antiquarian and restoration movements, and with the influential Rev. Wallace Nutting. Nutting sought to enhance appreciation of Early American houses and antiques first through his photographs sold individually and published in books and then through the chain of historic houses he operated between 1915 and 1918. The west room and east chamber of the Hazen Spiller House are pictured in Nutting's Furniture Treasury. Nutting purchased and restored the Ironworks House in Saugus, the Cutter-Bartlett House in Newburyport and the Wentworth-Gardner House in Portsmouth, New Hampshire in addition to the Hazen Spiller House. Nutting's rather ambitious objective for the houses was "To show the entire development of American domestic architecture and furnishing, from the settlement to the decline of taste, as the eighteenth century went out," [2] as he stated in the guidebook, Chain of Picture Houses.

Nutting's restoration of the Hazen-Spiller house can not be considered historically accurate, and in fact, resulted in the removal of many early early if not original finishes from the house. However, Nutting should be recognized for his role in developing American appreciation of Colonial architecture and antiques in the early 20th century.

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National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR
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Nomination/Type of Review

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43. Hazen--Spiller House

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47. House at 922 Dale Street

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48. House on Labor-in-Vain Road

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49. Howe Barn

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50. Humphreys, Sir John, House

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Hazen--Spiller 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:

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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

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ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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

CLASSIFICATION

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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)

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___ context
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___ justification of exception
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BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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___ sketch maps ___ USGS maps ___ photographs ___ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

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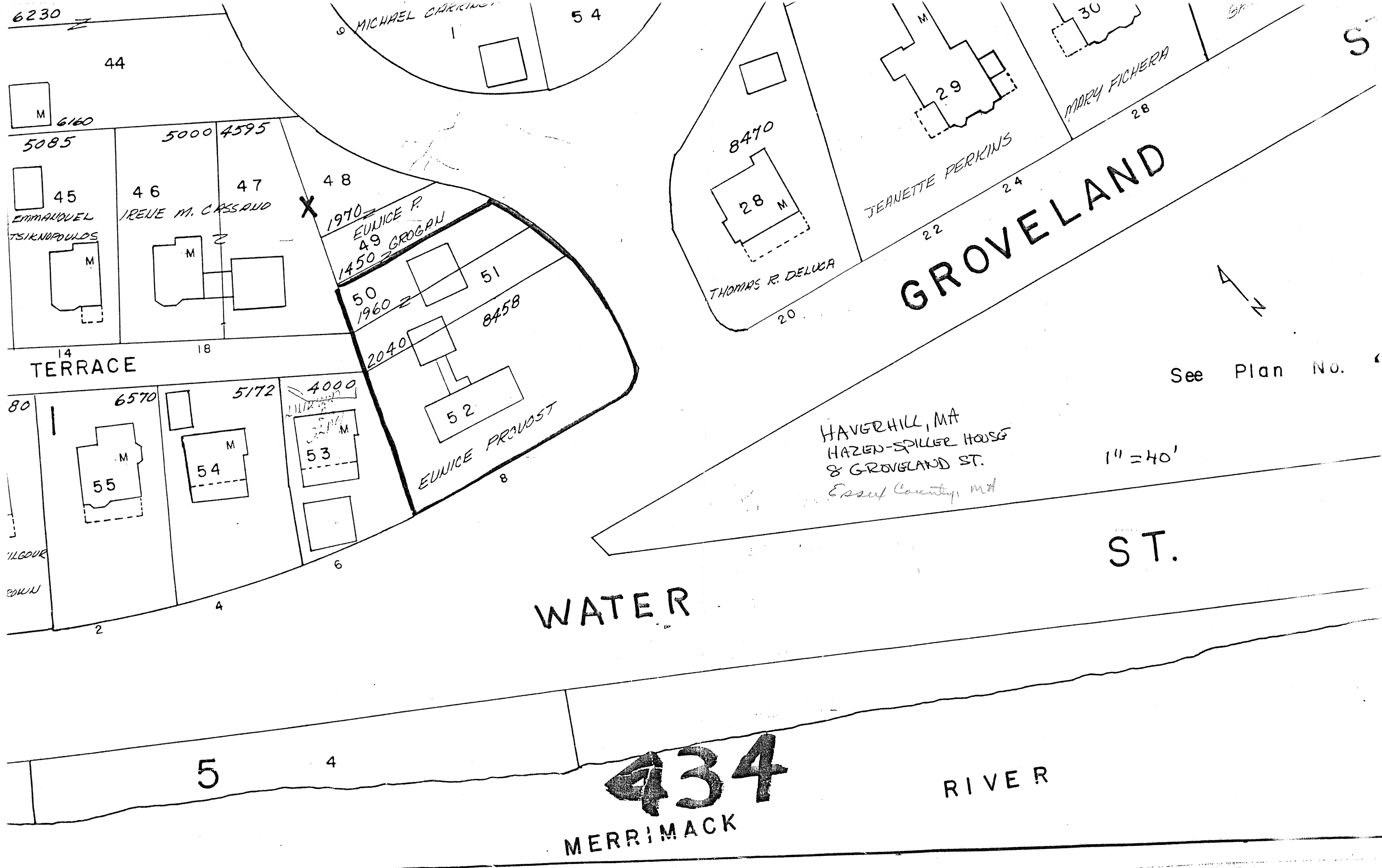
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THOMAS R. DELUCA

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HAZEN-SPILLER HOUSE
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Essex County, MA

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RIVER

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