

United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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ref no 80000645

1. Name

historic PLATTS-BRADSTREET HOUSE

and/or common SAME

2. Location

street & number Main Street — not for publication

city, town Rowley — vicinity of congressional district sixth

state Massachusetts code 025 county Essex code 009

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
☐ district	☐ public	☐ occupied	☐ agriculture
☒ building(s)	☒ private	☒ unoccupied	☒ museum
☐ structure	☐ both	☐ work in progress	☐ commercial
☐ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	☐ educational
☐ object	☐ in process	☐ yes: restricted	☐ entertainment
	☐ being considered	☒ yes: unrestricted	☐ government
		☐ no	☐ industrial
			☐ military
			☐ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Rowely Historical Society, Inc.

street & number c/o George Bradstreet, Pres.

Main Street

city, town Rowley, — vicinity of state MA

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Essex South Registry of Deeds - Record Book 2401 Page 384

street & number 32 Federal Street

city, town Salem, state MA

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ nodate 1976 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission

city, town Boston state MA

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 Platts -Bradstreet House is located on Main Street (Route 1A) in Rowley just beyond the town green area. It stands on a small lot along with a barn, a shoe shop and a long raised structure. The house consists of a 2½ story main section with two story rear ell, both of timber frame construction and covered with clapboards on the facade and shingles on the other elevations. The main house is rectangular in plan with a central chimney rising in front of the roof ridge. The facade (west) is asymmetrical consisting of a center entry flanked by two windows on each side at the first story and five windows across the second story. The entry contains a paneled door set within a simple architrave frame. The windows contain 12/8 double hung sash set in projecting frames; first story windows have molded caps while the heads of second story windows are set in the base of the cornice.

The south elevation is symmetrical, containing two windows at each of the three stories. These windows are identical to the facade windows. The two story ell which extends from this elevation contains an entry and a window at the first story and two windows at the second story. The north elevation is identical to the south with the exception of the ell. The east elevation is largely obscured by the ell.

The shoe shop is a small one story rectangular plan building which is covered by clapboards and enclosed by a pitched roof. It contains an entry and window on its north elevation and windows on its other elevations. The barn is a two story rectangular plan building which is covered with a combination of shingles and weatherboarding and is enclosed by a pitched roof. A fourth structure which is a long rectangle enclosed by a pitched roof and raised off the ground on eight posts also stands on the property.

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/
☐ 1700–1799	☐ art	☐ engineering	☐ music	☐ humanitarian
☐ 1800–1899	☐ commerce	☒ exploration/settlement	☐ philosophy	☐ theater
☐ 1900–	☐ communications	☐ industry	☐ politics/government	☐ transportation
		☐ invention		☐ other (specify)

Specific dates 1677 Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Platts-Bradstreet House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship and significant associations with the early development of Rowley. It is a good example of a first period house expanded during the eighteenth century to meet changing needs. Important features include the framing which reflects its earlier lean-to form, interior paneling and existing asymmetrical plan and elevations.

It is believed that the house was built in 1677 by Samuel Platts, who had purchased the land in 1660. In that year he was taxed as follows: "To Samuel Platts Senior, to his house and Gate 2 Freeholds and one to Samuel Platts Junior New House". Framing reveals that its original form was a two story, one room deep house. During the first quarter of the eighteenth century a rear lean-to was added. Between 1766 and 1770 the property passed to Moses Bradstreet and the house was further enlarged by raising the lean-to to create a full 2½ story, two room deep structure. Most of the present interior finish also appear to date from this period. Few other alterations have occurred to the building which has been owned by the Rowley Historical Society since the 1920's.

Several occupants of the house achieved military distinction. Abel Platts served as an ensign in the Canada Expedition of 1690. Lieutenant Moses Bradstreet and his son, Moses Sr., both served in the Revolution. Along with its outbuildings, the Platts-Bradstreet House is an excellent reflection of early American life.

The Platts-Bradstreet property also contains an archaeological component which may be likely to yield information important in the social history of early American life. The undisturbed grounds surrounding the 17th century Platts-Bradstreet are thought to contain relatively rare domestic material culture and archaeological features of this period meaningful in an interpretation of New England foodways, land use and social status in early historic times. As well, archaeological remains dating to the 18th and 19th centuries are undoubtedly present on the Platts-Bradstreet property and should be considered as a potential source of information on domestic history and lifeways in those centuries.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Map of Rowley, 1872.
Anderson, Philander, Map of Rowley, 1830.
Dummer, Joseph, N., Land and Houses of Rowley, 1936 (unpublished)
Jewett, Amos E., Rowley, Massachusetts "Mr Ezechi Rogers Plantation" 1639-1850, 1946.
Jewett, Amos E., A New England Shoemaker's Shop

10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property 9/16 ACRE

Quadrangle name Georgetown

Quadrangle scale 1: 24,000

UMT References

A 19 346440 4731060
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See continuation sheet

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Candace Jenkins, National Register Coordinator, George Bradstreet, President,
Rowley Historical Society

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission

date May 1980

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

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Patricia L. Weslow

7/14/80

title Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

James M. Douglas
Keeper of the National Register

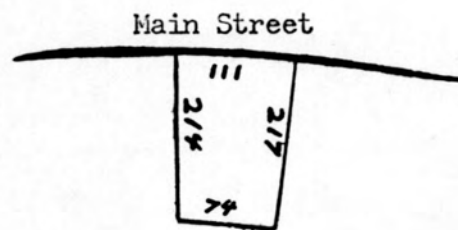
date 9/27/80

Attest: Patricia L. Weslow
Chief of Registration

date 9/23/80

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

PLATTS - BRADSTREET HOUSE



Platts - Bradstreet House
Rowley, Massachusetts
Assessor's Map
Map # 25 Parcel # 33





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Property

Platts-Bradstreet House

State

MA Essex

Working Number

7.28.80.1958

TECHNICAL

Photos

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Maps

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CONTROL

This house is significant for its association with the early development of the town of Rowley - built in 1677, it is a well preserved example of the first period of house construction - it was expanded in the 18th cent. to its typical central chimney, five bay, 2 1/2 story appearance. a 19th cent. shoe shop outbuilding, and a barn are included in the property.

HISTORIAN

*accept
Patrick Andrews
9/23/80*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

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Inventory

Review

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

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National Register Write-up

Federal Register Entry

2.3.81

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Platts-Bradstreet House
Rowley, MA

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Richard Amidon - 1975

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View of west facade, south side elevati

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Shoemaker's shop, rear of Platts-
Bradstreet House
Rowley, MA

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Richard Amidon - 1975

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View of north facade, east elevation.



Barn - rear of Platts-Bradstreet House
Rowley, MA

Richard Amidon - 1975

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Photo #3 of 5

View of East facade, north side elevation.

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Ladder House - rear side of
Platts-Bradstreet House
Rowley, MA

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Richard Amidon - 1975

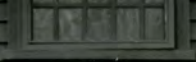
Rowley Historical Society

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View of west facade, north side elevation.

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Walter Boudard
Boulevard
Boulevard
Boulevard

Platts-Bradstreet House - Doorway
Rowley, MA

Richard Amidon - 1975

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View of west facade showing front,
primitive doorway and Old English
window lights.

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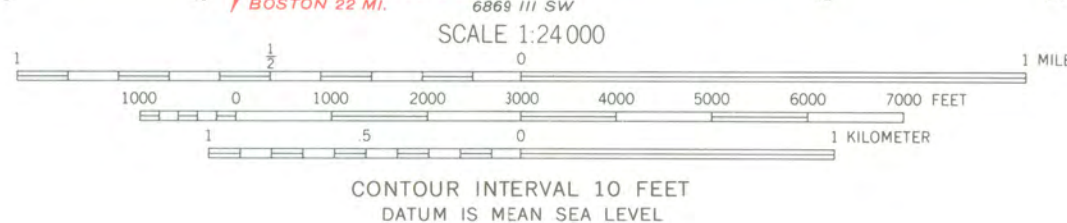
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

GEORGETOWN QUADRANGLE
MASSACHUSETTS-ESSEX CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Topography by plane-table surveys 1942. Revised 1966
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route

GEORGETOWN, MASS.
N4237.5-W7052.5/7.5

1966

AMS 6869 III NW-SERIES V814

Platts-Bradstreet House
Main Street
Rowley, Mass.

Utm Ref. # 19/346440/4731
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HISTORICAL
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MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

July 14, 1980

Ms. Carol Shull, Acting Keeper
Registration Branch
Heritage, Conservation & Recreation Service
DOI, W434
Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Ms. Shull,

Enclosed you will find the following nomination forms:

Montague- Turners Falls Historic District (local)

Rowley- Platts-Bradstreet House (local)

All have been voted eligible by the State Review Board and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Sincerely,

Candace Jenkins

Candace Jenkins
Evaluation Director



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE

DATE

9/23/80

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL

AM
PM

1. CALL ☒ TO: ☐ FROM (Name)

Candy Jenkins

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

MA. SHPO

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Platts - Bradstreet House - Essex Co.

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

I asked her if she had any information on the outbuildings. The shoe shop was probably built c. 1830-50. The barn is 19th century. They have no info. on the ladder house - they had never seen one before.

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

TITLE

OFFICE

Patrick Andrews

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered SEP 27 1980

Name

Location

Platts-Bradstreet House

Rowley
Essex County

Also Notified

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
Honorable Paul Tsongas
Honorable Nicholas Mavroules

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski
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294 Washington Street
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