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(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Massachusetts
COUNTY: Suffolk
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE: SEP 6 1974

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: The Gov.Bellingham-Cary House

AND/OR HISTORIC: same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 34 Parker Street

CITY OR TOWN: Chelsea

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 7th

STATE: Massachusetts | CODE: 025 | COUNTY: Suffolk | CODE: 025

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☒ Building	☐ Public	Public Acquisition:	☒ Occupied	Yes:
☐ Site ☐ Structure	☒ Private	☐ In Process	☐ Unoccupied	☒ Restricted
☐ Object	☐ Both	☐ Being Considered	☐ Preservation work in progress	☐ Unrestricted
				☐ No

PRESENT USE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

☐ Agricultural	☐ Government	☐ Park	☐ Transportation	☐ Comments
☐ Commercial	☐ Industrial	☐ Private Residence	☐ Other (Specify)	
☒ Educational	☐ Military	☐ Religious		
☐ Entertainment	☒ Museum	☐ Scientific		

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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Gov.Bellingham-Cary House Association

STREET AND NUMBER: 34 Parker Street

CITY OR TOWN: Chelsea | STATE: Massachusetts | CODE: 025

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Suffolk County Registry of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER: Court Street

CITY OR TOWN: Boston | STATE: Massachusetts | CODE: 025

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE OF SURVEY: 1967 ☐ Federal ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Massachusetts Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER: 40 Beacon Street

CITY OR TOWN: Boston | STATE: Massachusetts | CODE: 025

STATE: Massachusetts
COUNTY: Suffolk
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415
2nd 19
NY 4695730
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☐ Excellent	☒ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)		(Check One)			
	☒ Altered	☐ Unaltered	☐ Moved	☒ Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL *(if known)* PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Gov.Bellingham-Cary House is situated on a small hill behind a wide expanse of lawn,amidst large maple and oak trees in a residential area of Chelsea.

The 1791 mansion incorporated two earlier sections. In its northwest corner is the original 1659 hunting lodge of Gov.Bellingham, now called the "old kitchen"; and adjacent to that is the southwest parlor and two rooms above, dating from the mid-18th c.

The house as seen today is a large 2½ story clapboard Federal with a hip roof and two interior end chimneys. There are two pedimented dormers on both the east and west elevations and three on the south facade. The house is five bays wide and three deep with a 1908 2-story hip roof ell projecting from the center rear elevation, A Doric pedimented entrance accents the facade center and contains the original late 18th c. door. All window sash are 6/6.

The house plan is that of a double stairway dividing 8 rooms. There are 10 original fireplaces in the house and an Indian escape passage runs from the northwest bedroom to the cellar. The interior of the house retains its original elaborate panelling and mouldings.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

☐ Pre-Columbian	☐ 16th Century	☒ 18th Century	☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century	☒ 17th Century	☐ 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)* 1659, c.1750, and 1791

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Aboriginal	☐ Education	☒ Political	☐ Urban Planning
☐ Prehistoric	☐ Engineering	☐ Religion/Philosophy	☐ Other *(Specify)*
☐ Historic	☐ Industry	☐ Science	
☐ Agriculture	☐ Invention	☐ Sculpture	
☒ Architecture	☐ Landscape Architecture	☐ Social/Humanitarian	
☐ Art	☐ Literature	☐ Theater	
☐ Commerce	☐ Military	☐ Transportation	
☐ Communications	☐ Music		
☐ Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Gov. Bellingham-Cary House, 1659, is the only existing house built (in part) by one of the founders of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. It is also the only remaining historically significant 17th-18th c. structure in Chelsea.

The original part of the building, known as the "old kitchen", was built by Gov. Bellingham in 1659 as a hunting lodge. Richard Bellingham came from Boston, England to Boston, Massachusetts in 1634 and served as Governor in 1651, 54, and 65. Amongst his properties were a town house in Boston, a summer home in Charlestown, and the hunting lodge in Chelsea. In 1650 Gov. Bellingham divided his 365 acre property in Chelsea into four farms, named after their tenants, one of which was the Cary Farm. Gov. Bellingham died in 1672 and left the property to his son Samuel. Gov. Bellingham was buried in the Granary Burying Ground (on the National Register).

Samuel Bellingham left the property to his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Savage, who left it to her sister, Mrs. Rebecca Watts, who left it to her daughter-in-law, Ann Antram Watts. At Ann Watts' death, the property passed to her daughter, Rebecca, who was married to Capt. Cary in 1741. In the 1750's the Carys added the west parlor and the two rooms upstairs-to the house. In 1763 the property was bequethed to the Cary sons, Samuel, Thomas, and Jonathan. Samuel bought the shares from his brothers.

Samuel Cary had prosperous plantations in Granada, West Indies, and came back to the Cary House bringing his plantation ideas. In 1772 he married Sarah Gray and they made the Cary House their home. In 1791 Samuel spent $12,000 making the small home into an elaborate mansion, with a stately staircase and elaborate panelling brought over from England. The property was extensively landscaped and it became the showplace of the area. It was called "The Retreat" and high society from miles around visited Planter Cary.

After Samuel Cary's death in 1812 and that of his wife in 1825, their two daughters sold most of the property to the Cary Improvement Society in 1825. It was bought by the Gov. Bellingham-Cary House Assoc. in 1908, and is still owned by that association.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Chamberlain,Mellen, History of Chelsea 1624-1824,Cambridge,1908.
2. Pratt,Walter M., Seven Generations, 1930.
3. Cary,Seth C., John Cary,The Plymouth Pilgrim, Cincinnati, 1911.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY						OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES					
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE				LATITUDE			LONGITUDE	
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"		42 °	23 '	52½ "	71 °	01 '	46 "
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"							
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"							
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"							

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: c. 1 & 1/8 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
For Elizabeth Amadon,State Survey Director, By Mindy Arbo,N.R.Editor

ORGANIZATION
Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE
1/8/74

STREET AND NUMBER:
40 Beacon Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Boston 617-727-8470

STATE
Massachusetts 02108

CODE
025

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name John F.X. Davoren
Honorable John F.X.Davoren
Secretary of the Commonwealth

Title Chairman,Massachusetts Historical Commission

Date 5/23/74

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

A R Moorlousen

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

9/6/74

Date

ATTEST:

Marlin Adams

Keeper of The National Register

Date 9.6.74

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PROPERTY The Governor Bellingham - Cary House STATE Massachusetts

WORKING NUMBER 6.19.74.981

Suffolk
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TECH REVIEW

PHOTOS 1

MAPS 1

CONTROL REVIEW

OK

cm 6.20.74

HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN Is "Old kitchen" section visible from exterior? ACCEPT. HJ Jandl 8/5/74

ARCHEOLOGIST Sig. in architecture is weak, but otherwise ok. Accept J. Thorman 8/7/74

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Accept Hennessy for Montague 5.6.74

National Register Write-up Oct 20 1974

Federal Register entry 11/5/74

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

1. NAME

COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE *(Assigned by NPS)*
Gov.Bellingham-Cary House	same	SEP 6 1974

2. LOCATION

STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Massachusetts	Suffolk	Chelsea

STREET AND NUMBER

34 Parker Street

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
William Owens	1973	photographer

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Southeast corner of the facade

#1 of 1

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WILLIAM W. OWENS, JR.
5 WEST HILL PLACE
BOSTON, MASS. 02114

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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COUNTY	
Suffolk	
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CITY OR TOWN:

Chelsea

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Massachusetts	025	Suffolk	025

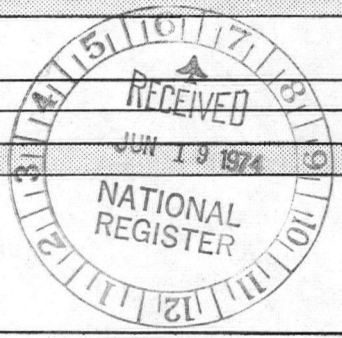
3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

U.S.G.S. Boston North,Mass.

SCALE: 1: 24,000

DATE: 1956



4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property broundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

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STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

BOSTON NORTH QUADRANGLE
MASSACHUSETTS
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

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SALEM 9 MI.
REVERE BEACH BLVD. 0.7 MI.
LYNN (COMMON) 5 MI.
SALEM 11 MI.
CAMBRIDGE (CITY HALL) 0.8 MI.
BOSTON (HARVARD BRIDGE) 2.2 MI.
BOSTON (STATE HOUSE) 1.7 MI.
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BOSTON (CITY HALL) 1.9 MI.

71°07'30" — 42°30' — 326 000m E. — 730 000 FEET — 71°00' — 42°30'
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Topography by planetable surveys 1943. Culture revised by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1955
Field check 1956

Hydrography compiled from USC&GS charts 248 (1955) and 246 (1956)

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts (Mainland) coordinate system
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 19, shown in blue

Boundaries in tidewater areas from information supplied by Mass. Dept. of Public Works

Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

UTM GRID AND 1956 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET
MN GN 15° 267 MILS 1°24' 25 MILS

SCALE 1:24000
1 MILE
1000 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 FEET
1 KILOMETER

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 9.5 FEET

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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MASS.
QUADRANGLE LOCATION

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

BOSTON NORTH, MASS.
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GOV. BELLINGHAM-CARY HOUSE, CHELSEA
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Wayland Center Historic District	Wayland Middlesex County
The Gov. Bellingham-Cary House	Chelsea Suffolk County
Spofford-Barnes House	Boxford Essex County

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