

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
	90

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

Town Rehoboth
 Address 330 Fairview Avenue
 Historic Name Peck-Bowen House

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
 staple to left side of form

Photo number _____

Use: Present residence
 Original residence

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1770-1800

Source architectural detail

Style transitional Georgian-Federal

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings early 20th century garage

Major alterations (with dates) _____

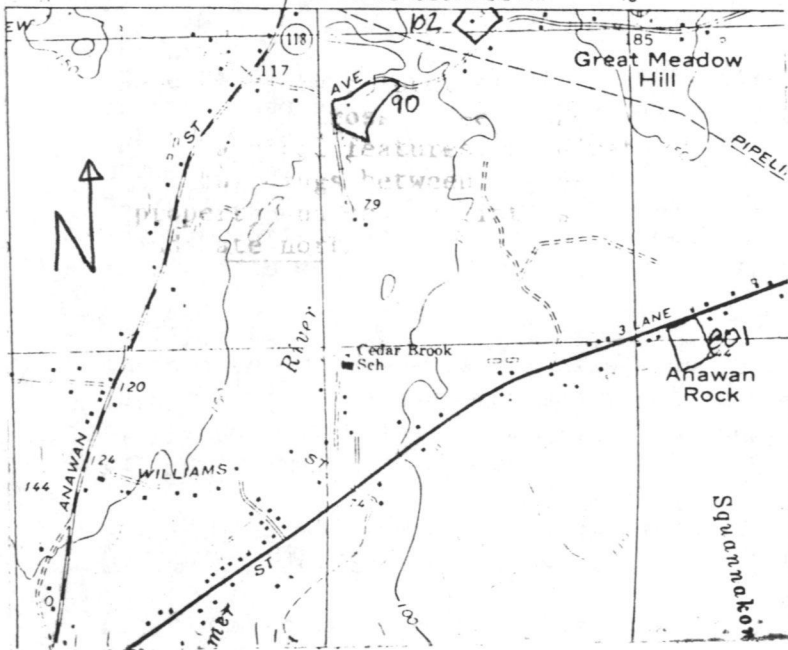
rear ell added ca. 1910

Moved no Date _____

Approx. acreage 3.80

Setting 30 feet from road; gable

end to Fairview Avenue; rural context



UTM: 19/315080/4637770
 Recorded by Leslie C. Abernathy, III
 Organization Rehoboth Historical Commission
 Date April 1976; revised 1981

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

The Peck-Bowen House, a small vernacular cottage, sits at the intersection of Fairview Avenue and Pond Lily Avenue, an unpaved road, which formerly led to Peck's milling complex in the 18th and 19th centuries. It is a fine local example of a small and modest five-bay center chimney cottage, a common form of Rehoboth homesteads of the mid to late 18th century. The three fireplaces and mantels are particularly well preserved, although the hearth in the keeping room is new brick. Off center cupboards in the plastered wall above each fireplace, and beaded chairrails

(Continued)

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

Little is known about the history of this house. It may have been built by a member of the Peck family which owned and operated an iron forge nearby on the Palmer River in the early 18th century, and later, a saw and gristmill. The Wheeler family, who owned land in this area and were also involved in the mill operation, is another possibility.

In the 18th and 19th centuries, this must have been a very busy intersection. At the time of the Revolution there were at least two residences off Pond Lily Avenue as well as Peck's Forge and the Peck-Wheeler Sawmill. The pond for the latter was not far from this house. By 1850, a turning shop and a store were also located in the same vicinity (Walling 1850). In 1871 (Walling) and 1895 (Everts and Richards) it was owned by Allen Bowen who was probably a member of the same Bowen family that owned property across Fairview Avenue (#102) from 1818 to ca. 1900.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

Everts and Richards. Atlas of Bristol County, 1895.

Walling, H. F. Map of Rehoboth, 1850.

Walling, H. F. Map of Rehoboth, 1871.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Rehoboth	Form No: 90
Property Name: Peck-Bowen House	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

Architectural Significance (Continued)

and mopboards are all original. Access to a smoke chamber between the chimney flues is through a door in the center entrance hall. In 1910, the house was enlarged by an ell at the rear and a staircase installed in the corner of the house. Floor boards on the second floor show that there may have formerly been a staircase or ladder in the front corner of the keeping room. The attic, now two rooms and a hall, was reworked sometime after 1910, with the addition of new plaster walls and wood flooring. The cellar plan under the main structure is unusual; it hugs the west and south sides of the chimney base and does not extend to the south sill line. The exterior proportions of the house, which are unaltered except for the rear ell and a rear entrance, and the quality of interior detail preservation, make this house an important record of Rehoboth's vernacular architectural development in the late 18th century, qualifying it under criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places individually.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only
received
date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

Page 744

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Rehoboth Multiple Resource Area
State Massachusetts

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 31. Martin Farm Substantive Review Keeper *M. J. [Signature]* 6/6/83
Attest _____
- 32. Peck-Bowen House Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper *Melvin Byers* 6/6/83
Attest _____
- 33. Perry, James House Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper *Melvin Byers* 6/6/83
Attest _____
- 34. Pierce, Capt. Mial, Farm Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper *Melvin Byers* 6/6/83
Attest _____
- 35. Viall, Samuel, House Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper *Melvin Byers* 6/6/83
Attest _____
- 36. Wheeler, Aaron, House Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper *Melvin Byers* 6/6/83
Attest _____
- 37. Wheeler-Ingalls House Entered in the
National Register Keeper _____ T
Attest _____
- 38. _____ Keeper _____
Attest _____
- 39. _____ Keeper _____
Attest _____
- 40. _____ Keeper _____
Attest _____

35

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Horton, Welcome, Farm (Rehoboth MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 4/25/83
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84
Date Due: 5/26/83 - 6/9/83
Action: ACCEPT 6/6/83
 RETURN
 REJECT
Entered in the National Register
Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category Ownership Status Present Use
 Public Acquisition Accessible

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition Check one Check one
 excellent deteriorated unaltered original site
 good ruins altered moved date _____
 fair unexposed

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Area 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

URBT References

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272 - 3504

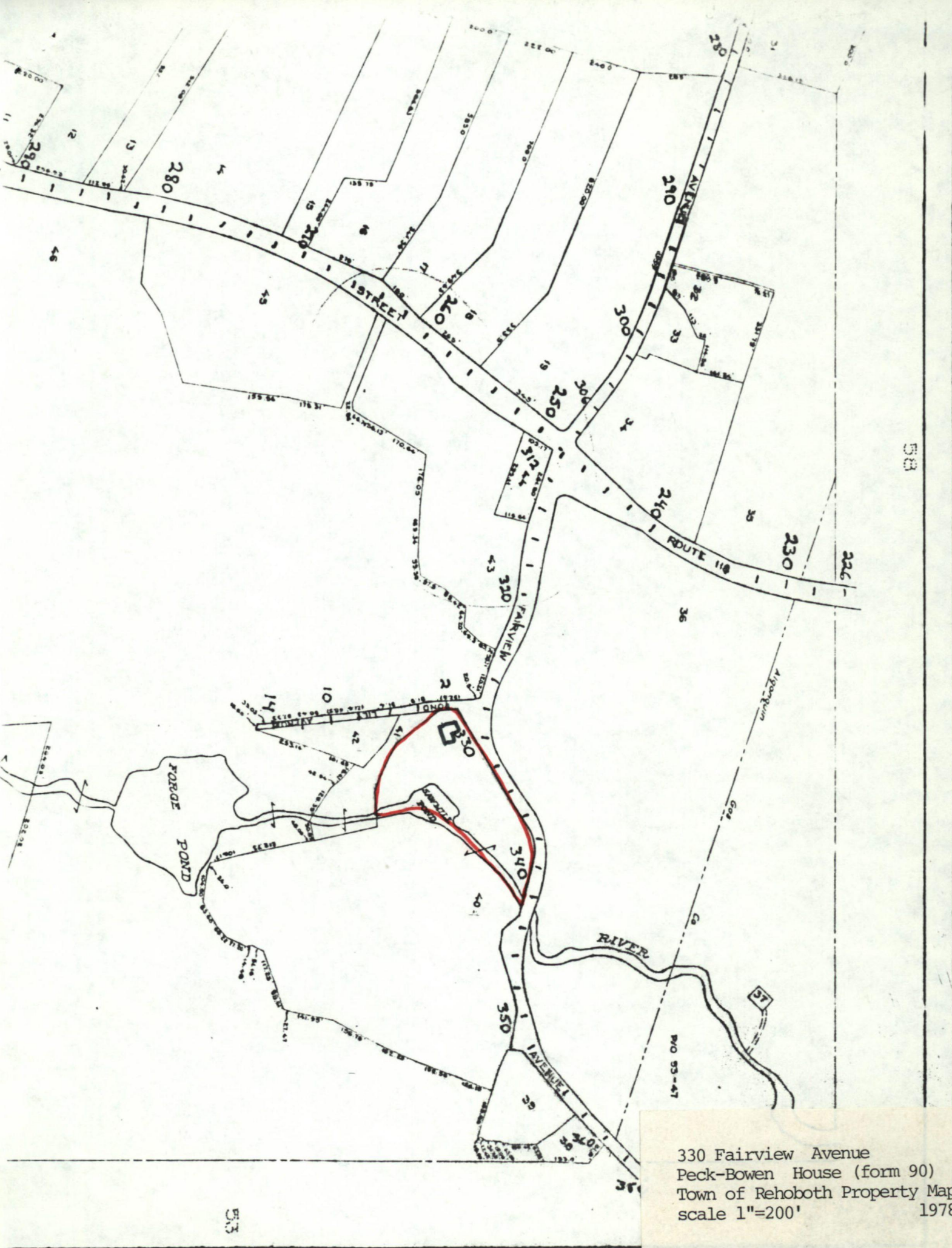
Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



RAHS #90

26:8

Peck-Bowen House
Rehoboth MRA, Ma



330 Fairview Avenue
 Peck-Bowen House (form 90)
 Town of Rehoboth Property Map
 scale 1"=200'
 1978

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000292