

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
	210

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

Town Rehoboth

Address 121 Perryville Road

Historic Name James Perry House

Use: Present residence

Original residence

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1870

Source architectural details

Style Italianate

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings attached garage and barn

Major alterations (with dates) none

Moved no Date

Approx. acreage 13

Setting 30 feet from road at sharp curve;

surrounded by woods and fields, over-

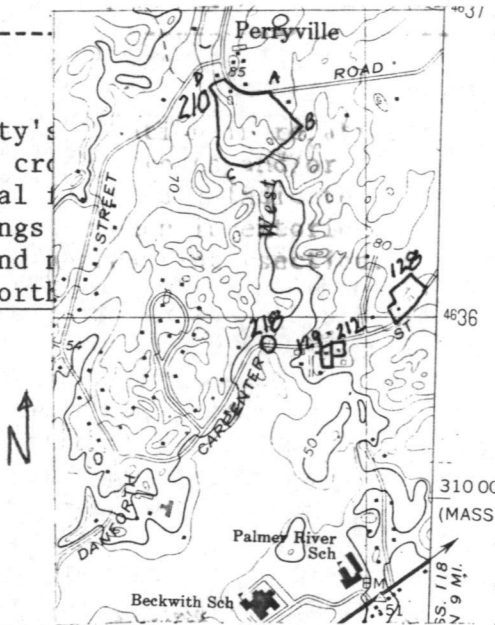
looking Palmer River; rural context

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SKETCH MAP

Show property's
to nearest cr
geographical
all buildings
property and
Indicate north



UTM: 19/312700/4636730 A
19/312790/4636620 B
19/312600/4636500 C
19/312500/4636740 D

Recorded by V. H. Adams

Organization Rehoboth Historical Commission

Date May 1981

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

The James Perry House, a cross gable cottage built by a wealthy manufacturer, is the finest example of Italianate architecture in Rehoboth. The front facade (east) has two windows on each side of the entrance. The doorway treatment is transitional Late Greek Revival with flanking sidelights and pilasters surmounted with a narrow entablature. A double round-headed window is located in the large central gable above the entrance. The overhanging eaves, on the house and on two small additions to the south end, are decorated with modillions and small paired brackets. A four-door

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

In the 18th century, most of the land in this vicinity belonged to the Carpenter family. The first Perry to move here was Daniel Perry, who in 1831 purchased a tract of land and started a turning mill on the Palmer River. Members of the Perry family operated a thriving mill business here until the end of the 19th century. In addition to the prosperous turning shop which made butter moulds, farm tools and bobbins for many textile manufacturers in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, a sawmill and gristmill were built in 1840. This house, which overlooks the mill race, was built ca. 1860 by James H. Perry, brother of Daniel, who built a new turning shop downstream in 1859; the business operated into the 20th century.

As an outstanding local example of Italianate residential architecture with strong associations with a prominent businessman and with Rehoboth's economic development in the 19th century, the James Perry House meets criteria A, B and C of the National Register of Historic Places on an individual basis. Archaeological investigations of the known industrial remains may show that it also meets criteria D.

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

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Rehoboth	Form No: 210
Property Name: James Perry House	

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Continued)

carriage house and barn are connected as a continuous line to one of the south additions. The house retains many original features including four-over-four windows, interior mouldings and doors, clear glass door knobs, and a heavy, intricately turned newel post with companion balusters in the central staircase. A well maintained mill race, a portion of the earthen dam as well as undetermined subsurface industrial remains are located adjacent to the house.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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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 Melora Byers 6/6/83
Attest _____
- 33. Perry, James House Entered in the
National Register for Keeper Melora Byers 6/6/83
Attest _____
- 34. Pierce, Capt. Mial, Farm Entered in the
National Register for Keeper Melora Byers 6/6/83
Attest _____
- 35. Viall, Samuel, House Entered in the
National Register for Keeper Melora Byers 6/6/83
Attest _____
- 36. Wheeler, Aaron, House Entered in the
National Register for Keeper Melora Byers 6/6/83
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- 37. Wheeler-Ingalls House _____
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- 38. _____
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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 excellent deteriorated good fair
Check one unaltered altered
Check one original site moved date _____
 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 _____

UMT 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



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Rehoboth MPA, Ma



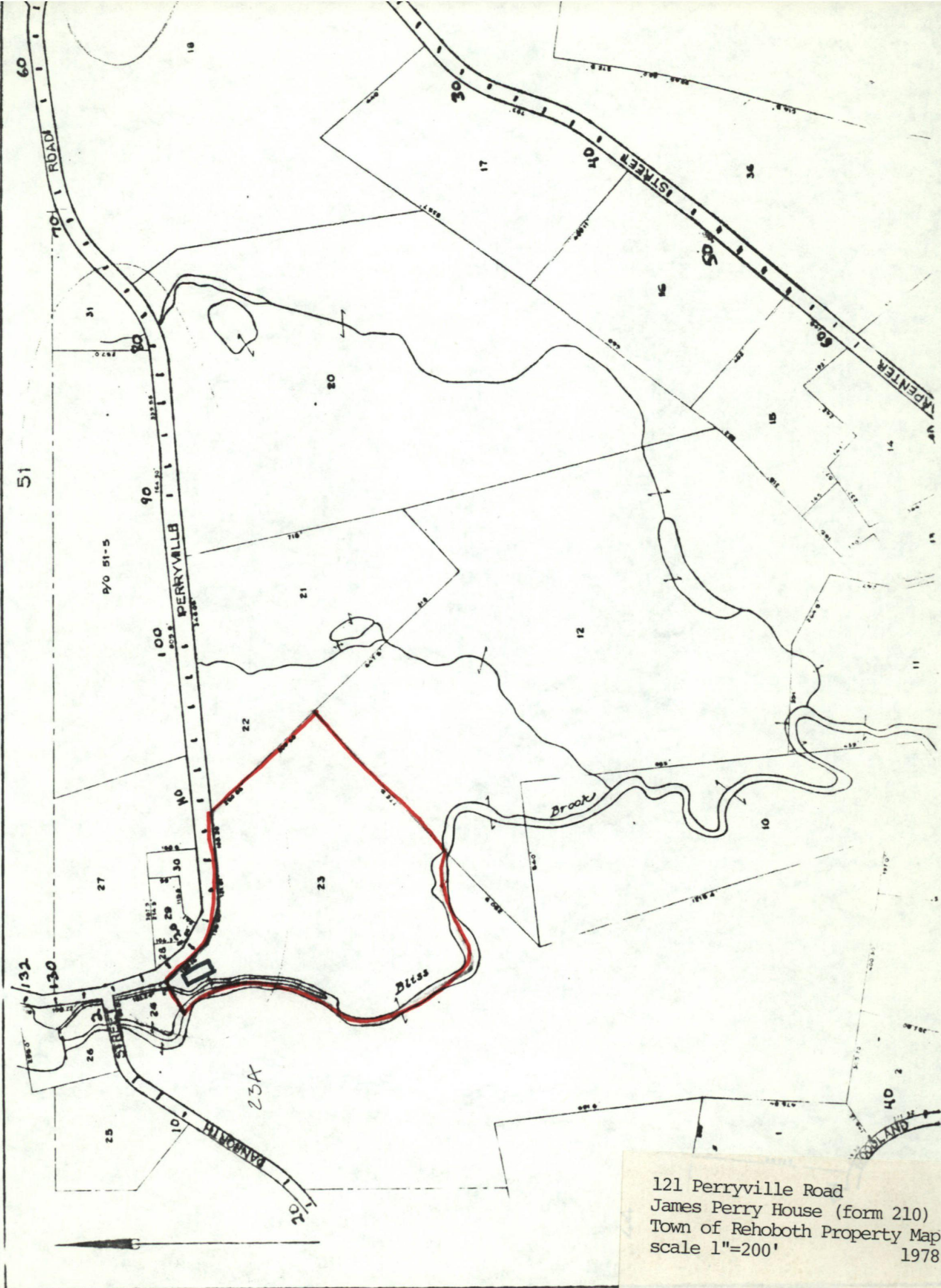
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121 PERRYVILLE ROAD

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Porty, James, House

Rehoboth MRA, Md



121 Perryville Road
 James Perry House (form 210)
 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