

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Town REHOBOTH

Address 85 Carpenter Street

Historic Name Samuel Viall House

Use: Original wash house or summer kitchen

Present residence

Ownership:  Private individual  
Private organization

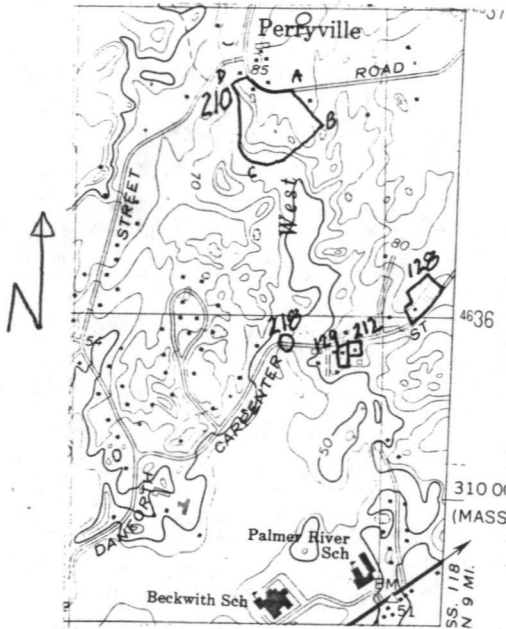
Public

Original owner Peter or Thomas  
Carpenter

PHOTO (3x3" or 5x5", black & white)  
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SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:

Date ca 1800

Source tradition

Style Greek Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings barn

Major alterations (with dates)

completely remodelled ca 1850

Moved no Date

Approx. acreage one

Setting 30' from road; gable end to road;  
rural context

UTM: 19/3128800/46358800

Recorded by V H Adams

Organization Rehoboth Historical Commission

Date June 1981

**ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)**

The architectural significance of the Samuel Viall House is dual; it stands as a well detailed and proportioned three-bay sidehall plan Greek Revival cottage, very few of which were built in Rehoboth, and also illustrates the architectural metamorphoses so often generated by this conservative and economically limited town in the 19th century.

The core of this house was probably built by Peter or Thomas Carpenter of 89 Carpenter Street ca. 1800 as an outbuilding, perhaps a wash house and summer kitchen. The house has undergone several transformations since it was purchased from the Carpenters by Samuel Viall in ca. 1850. The original structure of unknown height was built into a hill on the street (north) side. The original brick foundation, highly unusual in

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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)**

The Viall family, members of whom were prosperous dairy farmers, owned the property into the twentieth century. This is the only house built on Carpenter Street between the early 19th and mid 20th centuries.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Rehoboth	Form No: 212
Property Name: Samuel Viall House	

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

Architectural Significance (Continued)

Rehoboth, rises to a full story on the south side. The structure retains a center brick chimney with a fireplace and oven on the south side at ground level. The original post and beam construction is fully exposed here. A stone lintel support for a hearth directly above appears original, indicating at least one original floor above the cellar. Above, at street level, renovations have created a one-and-one-half story Greek Revival sidehall plan cottage. In the entrance hall and front (north) parlor, the door and window moldings mirror the chanelled pilasters found on the exterior of contemporary large Greek Revival structures such as the Village Congregational Church (#2). Undecorated square blocks mark corner interesections. The same motif is echoed in the parlor fireplace mantel. Details are completed by a dado and chairrail. In 1953, the north room was enlarged (west), but the dado and trim were reused or replicated. The south room is unaltered, although less interesting architecturally, but contains a massive free standing "High Street Furnace Com" cast iron fireplace with engaged ionic columns and brass trim. The east additions to the house, including garage and sunporch, date to the 20th century. A late 19th to early 20th century barn, earlier at the site of the present garage, was moved south of the house approximately two hundred feet ca. 1940.

As a particularly handsome example of an uncommon architectural type in Rehoboth which also represents the evolution of building form, the Samuel Viall House meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places individually.

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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 *Melrose Byers* 6/6/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 33. Perry, James House Entered in the  
National Register *for* Keeper *Melrose Byers* 6/6/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 34. Pierce, Capt. Mial, Farm Entered in the  
National Register *for* Keeper *Melrose Byers* 6/6/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 35. Viall, Samuel, House Entered in the  
National Register *for* Keeper *Melrose Byers* 6/6/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 36. Wheeler, Aaron, House Entered in the  
National Register *for* Keeper *Melrose Byers* 6/6/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 37. Wheeler-Ingalls House Entered in the  
National Register Keeper \_\_\_\_\_ T  
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- 38. \_\_\_\_\_ Keeper \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 39. \_\_\_\_\_ Keeper \_\_\_\_\_  
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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      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 \_\_\_\_\_

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



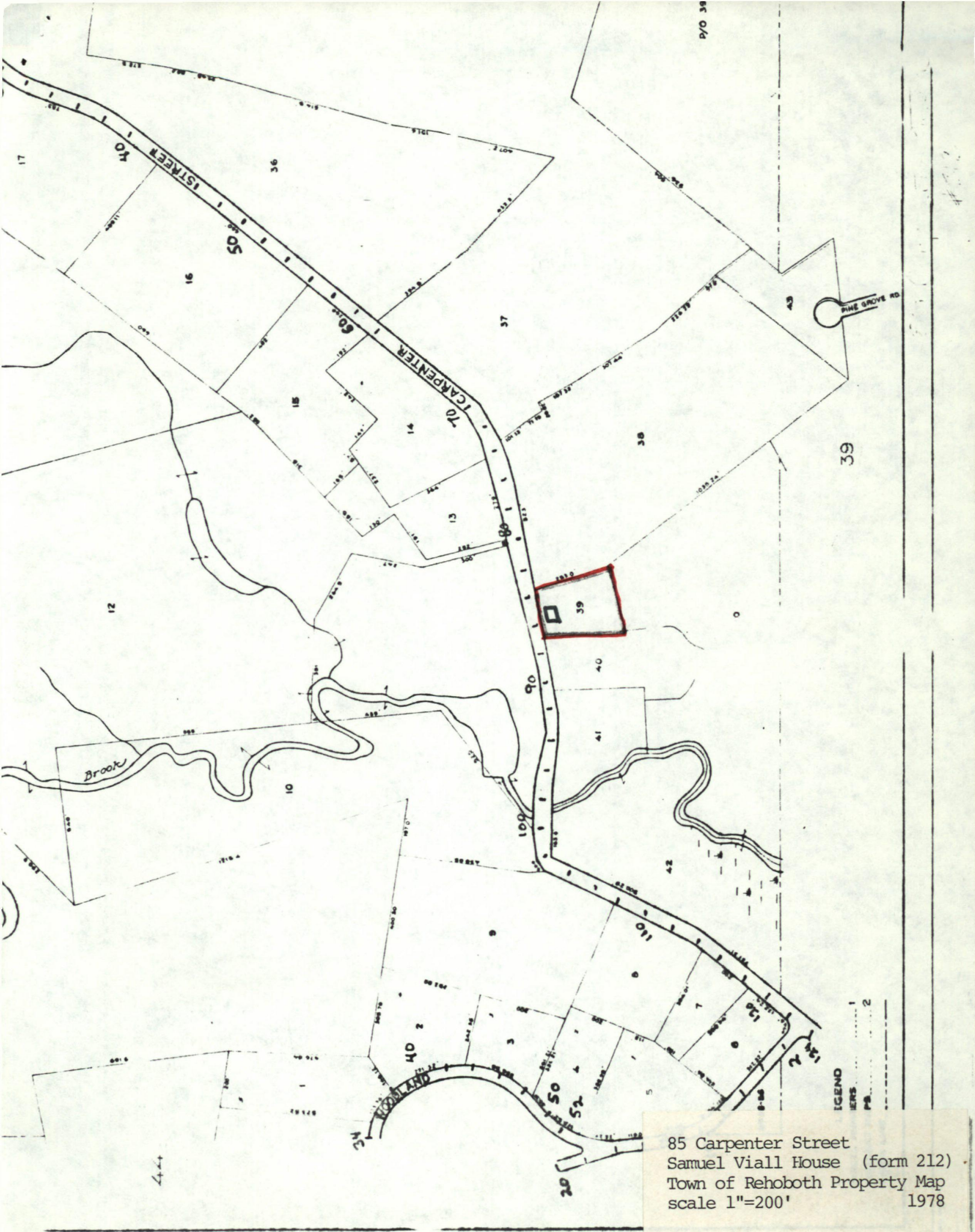
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85 CARPENTER STREET

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Vial, Samuel, House

Rehoboth, MRA, Va



85 Carpenter Street  
 Samuel Viall House (form 212)  
 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