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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

- 29-16 main view of house
- 29-9 rear room
- 29-15 Detail, Plaster Core cornice
- 29-0 left hand room
- 29-13 Detail, post/summer tie beam at front plate left-hand chamber
- 29-2 left-hand chamber
- 29-11 Detail, summer beam/post left-hand room, rear wall

Town Danvers 009
 Address 4 Elerton Pl. - legal address
111 Locust St. - house mail address
 Historic Name Rea Putnam Fowler House

Use: Present Residential
 Original Residential

DESCRIPTION

Date Ca. 1700
 Source stylistic analysis
 Style First Period
 Architect None
 Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings Garage - 20th c.
shed - late 19th c.

Major Alterations (with dates) Eastern
rooms added ca. 1725.

Condition Good

Moved No Date n/a

Acreage less than one acre

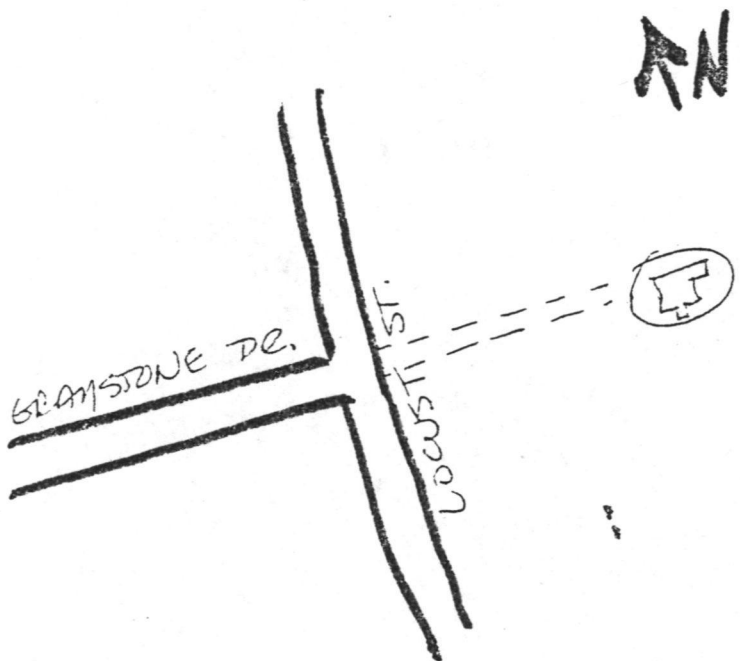
Setting Back from road, amid open fields
surrounded by suburban residential
development.

Recorded by Anne Grady

Organization Boston University

Date February, 1986

Sketch Map:



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 UTM REFERENCE 19 / 241-130 / 4715-450

USGS QUADRANGLE Salem

SCALE 1:25,000

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: DANVERS	Form No: 77
Property Name: Rea-Putnam-Fowler House	

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SIGNIFICANCE

The Rea Putnam Fowler House has integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship in its First Period frame and surviving original plaster cove cornice. The building therefore meets criterion C. The single cell plan with integral lean-to is representative of a larger number of First Period buildings, while the presence of the low end wall girt on the chimney end, where head room was not a requirement, is an option apparently chosen by only a few carpenters of the period.

The plaster cove cornice is one of the three remaining in the study area and reflects a mode of decorative embellishment which came into fashion at the close of the First Period. The slot for a door bolt cut into the frame itself was noted in several other houses, all located in northwest Essex County towns.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The Rea Putnam Fowler House is a 2 1/2 story structure, 5 bays wide, with lean-to extending on the east to a Beverly jog. Originally a half house with integral lean-to built c. 1700, the house was enlarged c. 1725 by the addition of the east rooms, again with integral lean-to. The facade is marked by a one story pilastered entrance porch of 18th or early 19th century construction date, and by a plaster cove cornice at the eave. Fenestration is multi-light sash windows with simple frames symmetrically placed on the facade.

The slim central chimney is a 19th century replacement of the original. A second chimney in the lean-to was built in the 20th century.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

In the original (c.1700) part of the house on the west the oak frame is exposed through out, while in the newer (c.1725) part the pine frame is boxed. The left hand rooms are 19 1/2' square. The right hand rooms are 15 1/2' wide. Joist spacing on both sides is 23-24" on centers. Joists in the left hand rooms are, according to the owner, whitewashed, indicating that they were originally exposed. The transverse summer beam in the left hand (west) room has 2" wide flat chamfers and lamb's tongue stops. The summer beam is supported front and rear by posts with flat chamfers and moulded heads. In the rear post is found a slot to receive a door bolt. Other beams have 1-1 1/2" wide flat chamfers, as do the beams in the original portion of the lean-to.

In the 9' wide lobby, a portion of the original end wall girt survives next to the stairs. The girt, exhibiting pegs for studs 28" apart, was set a foot or so lower than the girt on the opposite end of the house. In the left hand chamber, the summer tie beam has flat chamfers about 1 1/2" wide, a lamb's tongue stop at the front left face, and taper stops

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elsewhere. The jowled shape of the flat-chamfered posts reiterates in longer dimensions the shape of the posts below. The end tie beam has a 1 1/2" wide flat chamfer and lamb's tongue stops. The front and rear plates have no chamfers. The plates and end tie beams have peg hole evidence of rising braces. The front plate has a third peg just medial(?) to where the braces are tied in. The additional peg may indicate the location of the original window studs.

In the attic the roof framing is of principal rafters and common purlins. The character of the framing of the newer portion is slightly different than that of the old portion (purlins are shaped at the ends to fit into narrow trenches in the rafters, for example). Nail holes where studs were toe-nailed to the rafters at the original right end wall of the building provide further evidence that the building began as a single cell building.

SIGNIFICANT LATER FEATURES

The right hand room is embellished with well-executed Second Period raised field paneling on the fireplace wall, and crown moldings at the tie beam boxes. The lobby and right hand room exhibit simple Federal Period finishes. The stairs are enclosed to the handrail with beaded sheathing. The right hand room has a pilastered mantelpiece and plain dado with molded chair rail and base board. The cellar under the left hand room retains a massive spanning beam with butt cog joists.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The house was built by Joshua Rea, farmer, c.1700. The extension of the house by a second cell with integral lean-to is typical of evolutionary development of houses in the study area, while the use of pine, rather than oak, for the later frame reflects the acceptance of pine as a suitable wood for framing in the early 18th century.

The building is also noteworthy as an example of a sensitive 1930's restoration. Ellerton and Catherine Brehaut, resident overseers of SPNEA's Fowler house, and friends of the Society's founder, William Sumner Appleton, restored the house with the advice of Dr. Arthur Stone Dewing, fashioning simple fireplace wall finish out of beaded sheathing obtained by removing a later partition, and leaving in place early plaster on the ceilings.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR
State _____

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Foster, Stephen, House

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National Register

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Delores Byrum 3/9/90

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~~23. Fowler, Rea Putnam, House~~

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sub 25. Friend, James, House

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26. Frye, Samuel, House

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28. Fuller, Lieut. Thomas, House

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29. Giddings, George, House and Barn

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30. Giddings--Burnham House

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Fowler, Rea Putnam, House

MULTIPLE NAME: First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Essex

DATE RECEIVED: 1/24/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 2/07/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/23/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/10/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000202

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 3/9/90 DATE Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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REVIEWER _____
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DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas 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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

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Rea - Putnam - Fowler House

111 Locust Street

Plain view of House

1985

1st Period Buildings of E. Ma., MRA



111 Locust

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Danvers, MA

Fowler, Rec. Atkin, House

1st Period Buildings of E. M., MRS

Cove Cornice



Pea - Putnam - Fowler House

111 Locust St

Danvers, MA

1985

1st Period Buildings of E. May, MRA

29-0



111 Court

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Danvers, MA

Fowler, Rea Putnam, House

1st Period Buildings of E. No., MRA



111 Locust St
Danvers, MA

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Danvers, MA
Rea Putnam Fowler House
111 Locust Street
Rear room
1985

1st Period Buildings of E. Ma, MA



111 Locust 29-13

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Rea Patricia Fowler House

111 Locust St.

Detail, post / summer the
beam at front plate

1985

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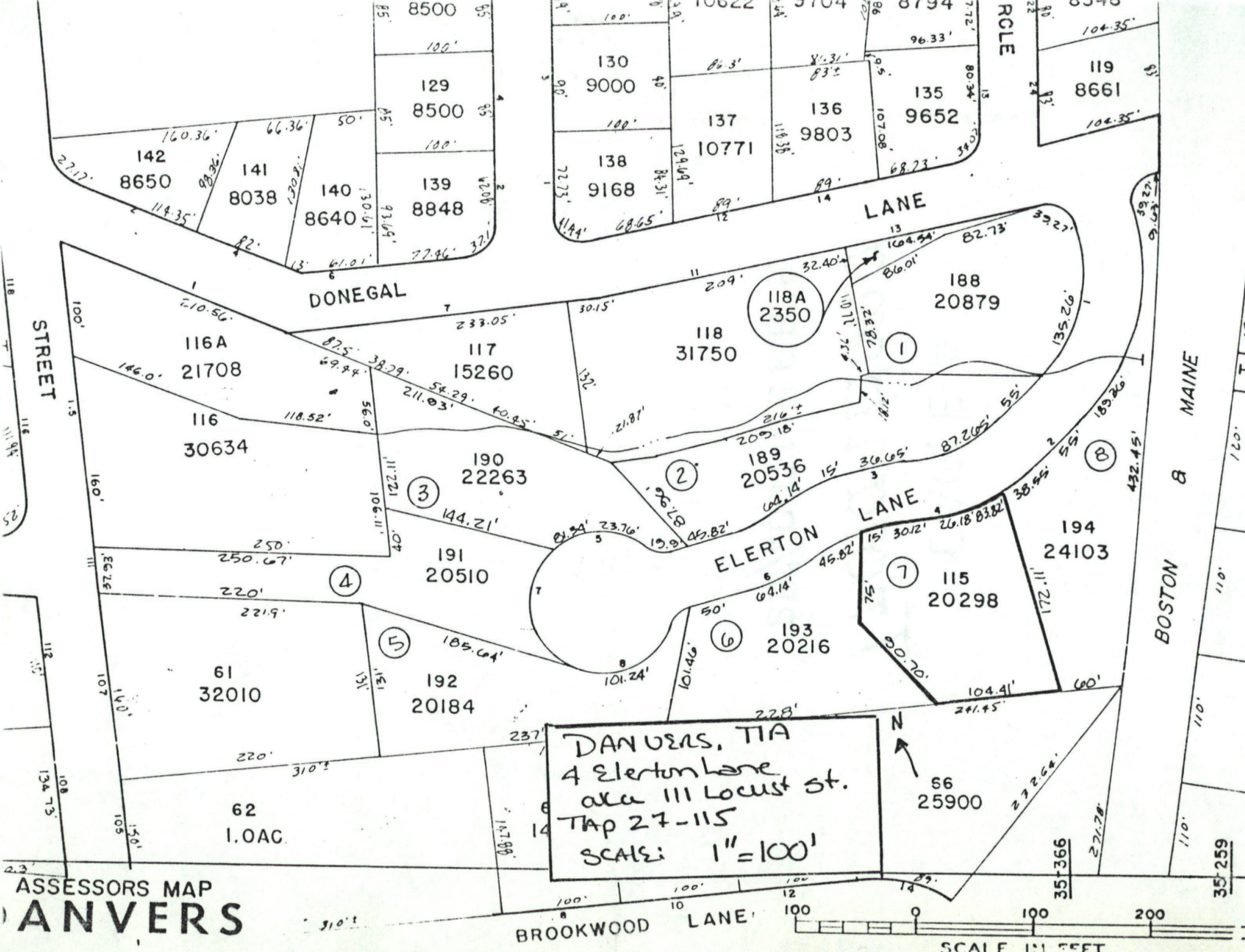


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Danvers, MA
Rea Putnam Fowler House
111 Locust St.
Detail, summer beam
1985

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