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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town Newbury . 009

Address 8 Pearson Drive

Historic Name Abraham Adams House

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date c.1704

Source visual analysis; local history deeds and

Style First Period

Architect N/A

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboards /shingles

Outbuildings 19th c. barn, sheds

Major Alterations (with dates) late r
18th c. ell; 20th c. additions

Condition good

Moved no Date N/A

Acreage 5.12 acres

Setting agricultural/residential

in the middle of new subdividison of
late 1980s

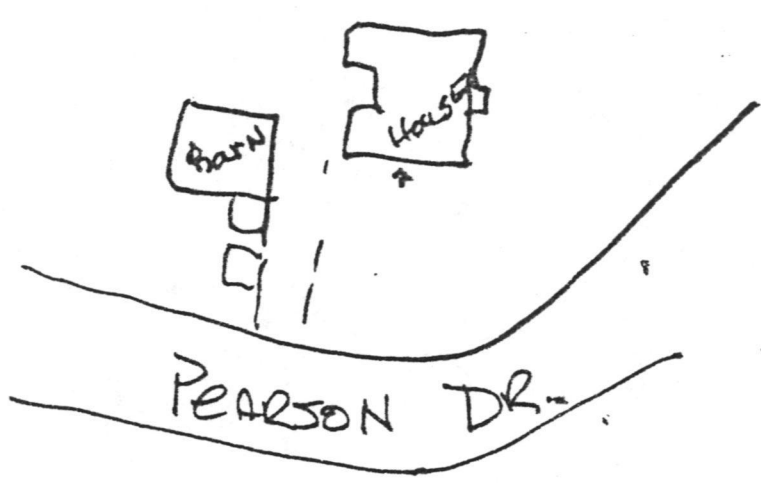
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Organization Boston University

Date May 1986 / 1989

- 45 : 5 facade
- 45 : 6 rear
- 45 : 11 detail of cove above fireplace from closet
- 45 : 12 summer with chamfer
- 45 : 19 gable wall attic
- 45 : 16scarf joint

etch Map:



REFERENCE 19 / 342-180 / 4735-180

QUADRANGLE Newburyport West

1:25,000

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: NEWBURY	Form No: 40
Property Name: Abraham Adams House	

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

SIGNIFICANCE

The Abraham Adams House retains integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, association and feeling. With its steeply, (50-degree,) pitched gable roof, chamfered oak roof frame, exposed and simply decorated interior framing, the house embodies several patterns of form and construction, making it eligible under Criterion C.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The Adams House, in the Byfield section of Newbury, has evolved into an I-shaped floor plan, with the original double cell, central chimney, two story, 5 bay house in front. Behind it is a later and lower one story gabled ell partly raised to two stories, with its own end chimney. At right angles to the ell is a modern one story addition with gabled roof that projects beyond the ell. The First Period house is one room deep with single centered windows at each story on the ends, and has a projecting lobby entrance with a later door and Federal sidelights.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

The original double-cell five-bay house has its all-oak framing fully exposed in three of the four rooms. Both rooms on each floor are 19'6" x 14'6", with 11"-wide summers running longitudinally on the first floor. Both are decorated with flat chamfers and 3"-long lamb's tongue stops. Joists are 19.5" on centers in the east room, 21" on centers in the west room. The fireplace opening in the west room has been reduced, but the cove to the original opening can be seen in the adjoining closet.

The west chamber has no fireplace, but its 11"-wide summer tie is exposed, and has similar flat chamfers and lamb's tongues to those on the first floor. The east chamber has Second-Period paneling and a plastered ceiling. Its original fireplace, however, can still be seen. It has a 6'4" high opening, smoke panel, and rounded and plastered jamb. Bridled scarfs in the rear plate behind the chimney and in the upper front hall prove the house to be of one build.

The attic is framed of oak, in a five-bay, principal rafter and purlin system with collars. The entire roof frame is chamfered.

LATER SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

The two rooms of the rear ell have rear corner fireplaces with Second Period overmantel panels; the east chamber remodeling is also of this style.

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HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The house was built on empty land acquired between 1705 and 1707 by Abraham Adams, (1676-1758,) who married Samuel Sewall's granddaughter in 1703. Capt. Adams, a sea captain and noted early Massachusetts shipbuilder, was also a successful farmer, and the third highest taxpayer in Byfield.

Until a new subdivision was built on part of the farm, the property was surrounded by hay fields, from which it derived its former name of "High Fields."

REFERENCES

Adams, Andrew W., Robert Adams of Newbury, Massachusetts and His Descendants: 1635-1900. (Rutland, VT: Tuttle Co., 1900,) pp. 7-9.

Essex County Deeds, 16:220, 25:250a, (Essex Co. Court, Salem.)

1/24/90

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR
State _____

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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Attest _____

2. Adams, Abraham, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper Melrose Byrum 3/9/90

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10. Chase, Samuel, 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: Adams, Abraham, 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: 90000245

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:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

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

CLASSIFICATION

___ count ___ resource type

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

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____

Date _____



Norbury, (Byfield), Vt
Abraham Adams House
F Pearson Drive
Recd
1985

45:06

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Newbury (Byfield). ITA
Abraham Adams House
& Pearson Drive
summer with chamber
1985

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1st Period Buildings of E. No. TR



Newbury (Byfield), TIA
Abraham Adams House
& Pearson Drive
Scarf joint
1985

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1st Period Buildings of R. May, TN



Newbury (Byfield), MA
Abraham Adams House
& Pearson Drive
Gable wall - attic
1985

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1st Period Buildings of E. Ma, TR



Newbury (Byfield), MA
Abraham Adams House
8 Pearson Drive
Detail of Cove
1985

1st Period Building of B. May, JR

45:11



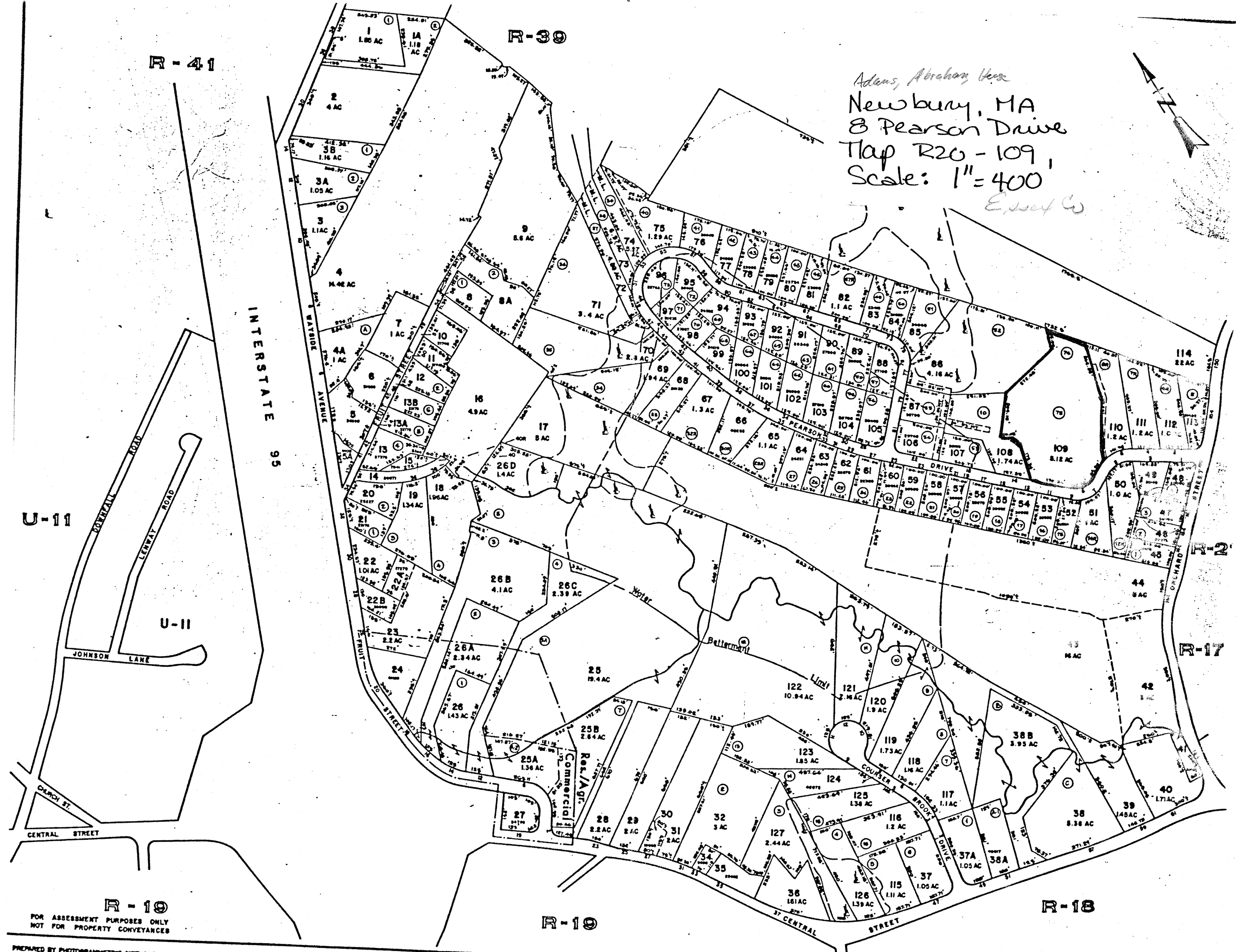
Abraham Adams House
8 Pearson Drive,
Byfield, Newbury, MA

1985

1st period Buildings of E. Mass, TR

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Adams, Abraham, Vice
Newbury, MA
8 Pearson Drive
Map R20-109,
Scale: 1" = 400'
Essex Co



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Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000281