

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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Name: Ballou House
Location: Albion Road (near pole 56), Lincoln
Classification: Building; Private; Occupied; Accessible--restricted;
Private Residence
Owner: Mr. & Mrs. David Smith (same address)
Condition: Good; Altered; Original Site

Description:

The Ballou House is a handsome center-chimney, Federal house, gable-roofed, two-and-a-half-stories, of heavy post-and-beam construction. The clapboarded house is four bays wide; its roughly centered door is set under a heavy molded cap and a transom.

The plan of the house follows the standard five-room pattern dictated by its large central chimney. Its three-run stair is tucked in the space between the door and the chimney and is ornamented with a ball finial on its newel post and acorn pendant on its angle post. The interior of the house is finished with wide floor boards and plain plastered ceilings and walls, except for the first-floor central rear room where there is a wainscot of horizontal boards, and the left front chamber of the first floor where raised panels have been inserted (c. 1978) below the original chair rail. The fireplaces remain intact, though in some rooms the hearth openings have been temporarily closed, and in the right front chamber on the first floor the deteriorating brick face has been replaced with modern brick. Many of the original doors and much of the early hardware remains throughout the house.

Two additions have been made to the Ballou House. On the east side, a one-story addition with a brick chimney is set at basement level; it was probably built in the mid-nineteenth century to serve some utilitarian function associated with the Ballou farm. In the 1970s, a second addition was made on the north side of the house, a small one-story, gambrel-roof kitchen wing.

Three outbuildings of note still remain on the property: a privy; a small shed; and an early barn of post-and-beam construction, later extended, apparently to accommodate a farm vehicle. The caved-in remains of a spring house can be seen just northwest of the house.

Period: 1700-1799
Areas of Significance: Architecture, Agriculture
Specific Date: 1782
Builder/Architect: Unknown

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Significance:

The Ballou House is significant both architecturally and historically: it is an intact and representative example of Lincoln's farm houses of the early national period. Built by a rural family of moderately substantial means, its form and modest detailing are well preserved and neither addition has compromised its form or character.

The house was built by Moses Ballou, a member of one of Lincoln's earliest European families. Maturin Ballou was one of the first settlers to receive a land grant in northern Lincoln in the seventeenth century, and his descendents lived in Lincoln for at least two centuries after. This house was, in fact, owned by Ballous throughout the nineteenth century. Of some import are the surviving outbuildings which, with the meadows and fields still surrounding the house, and the sheep and chickens still raised here, give it the ambience of agricultural life.

Acreage: c. 2 acres

UTM Reference: A 19 295060 4646600

Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundary of the Ballou House is the line of Lincoln Assessor's Plat 40, lot 4; the lot encompasses the house, its outbuildings, and their immediate surroundings.

Level of Significance: Local

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Lincoln Multiple Resource Area
State Providence County, Rhode Island

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Saylesville Historic District
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper
Attest

Melvin Byers 8/30/84

2. Old Ashton Historic District

Substantive Review

for Keeper
Attest

Bruce Baldwin 8/30/84

3. Ballou House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper
Attest

Melvin Byers 8/30/84

4. Pullen Corner School

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper
Attest

Melvin Byers 8/30/84

5. Jenckes House
(81 Jenckes Hill Rd.)

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper
Attest

Melvin Byers 8/30/84

6. Lime Kilns

Substantive Review

Keeper
Attest

Bruce Baldwin 8/30/84

7. Elliott-Harris-Miner
House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper
Attest

Melvin Byers 8/30/84

8. Jenckes House
(1730 Old Louisquisset Pike)

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper
Attest

Melvin Byers 10/10/84

9. Whipple--Cullen House and Barn

for Keeper
Attest

Robert Savage 11/19/84

10.

Keeper
Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Ballou House (Lincoln MRA)
Providence County
RHODE ISLAND

Working No. JUL 16 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.5.85
Date Due: 8/16/84 - 8/30/84
Action: ACCEPT 8-30-84
RETURN
REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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

Included in the
National Register

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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use

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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed |

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

8. 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

Ballou House (Lincoln M.R.A.)
Providence County
RHODE ISLAND

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM 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: _____



BALLOU HOUSE
Lincoln, Rhode Island

Photographer: Warren Jagger

Date: 1980

Negative filed at: Rhode Island Historical
Preservation Commission
150 Benefit Street
Providence, RI

View: From the south.

Photo #17



BALLOU HOUSE
Lincoln, Rhode Island

Photographer: Warren Jagger

Date: 1980

Negative filed at: Rhode Island Historical
Preservation Commission
150 Benefit Street
Providence, RI

View: Outbuildings, from the southwest.

Photo #18



BALLOU HOUSE
Lincoln, Rhode Island

Photographer: Warren Jagger

Date: 1980

Negative filed at: Rhode Island Historical
Preservation Commission
150 Benefit Street
Providence, RI

View: From the northeast.

Photo #19



BALLOU HOUSE
Lincoln, Rhode Island

Photographer: Warren Jagger

Date: 1980

Negative filed at: Rhode Island Historical
Preservation Commission
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Providence, RI

View: Southwest chamber, first floor.

Photo #20



BALLOU HOUSE
Lincoln, Rhode Island

Photographer: Warren Jagger

Date: 1980

Negative filed at: Rhode Island Historical
Preservation Commission
150 Benefit Street
Providence, RI

View: Southwest chamber, second floor.

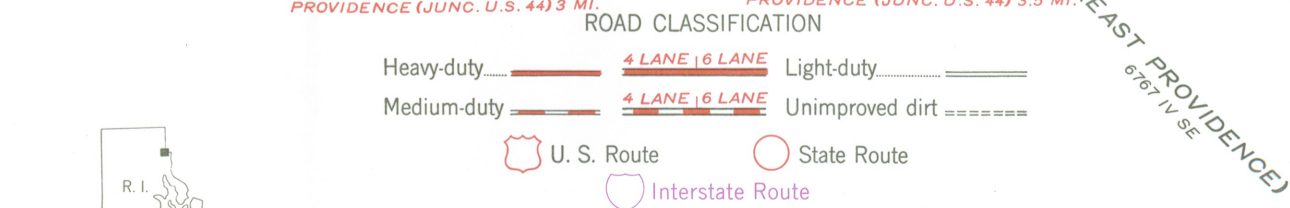
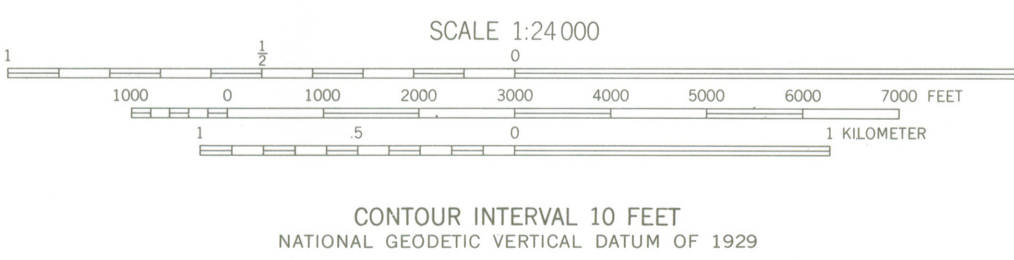
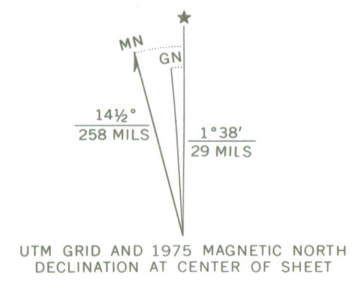
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Lincoln RI
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Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photographs surveyed in 1937-1938. Revised in 1949
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on Rhode Island coordinate system and Massachusetts coordinate system (Mainland)
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 19, shown in blue



PAWTUCKET, R. I.-MASS
N4152.5-W7122.5/7.5
1949
PHOTOREVISED 1970 AND 1975
AMS 6767 IV NW-SERIES Y815

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs taken 1970 and 1975. This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

(NORTH SOUVENIR)

(EAST PROVIDENCE)