

FORM B - BUILDING

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Plymouth

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Form Number
102

Massachusetts Historical Commission
Massachusetts Archives Facility
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Town Kingston

Place (neighborhood or village) Jones River Village

Address 210 Main Street

Historic Name Zachariah Brigden House

Uses: Present residential

Original residential

Date of Construction 1804

Source Bartlett 1879

Style/Form Federal

Architect/Builder _____

Exterior Material:

Foundation stone

Wall/Trim vinyl siding, brick ends/vinyl

Roof asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures 2-car clapboard

garage (19th c.) to the west, small shed (early

20th c.) to the south.

Major Alterations (with dates) 2-story, hipped-roof ell

to the rear of main block (19th century), 1-story,

gable-roof ell to the rear (20th century).

Condition good

Moved X no yes Date _____

Acreage 2.40 acres

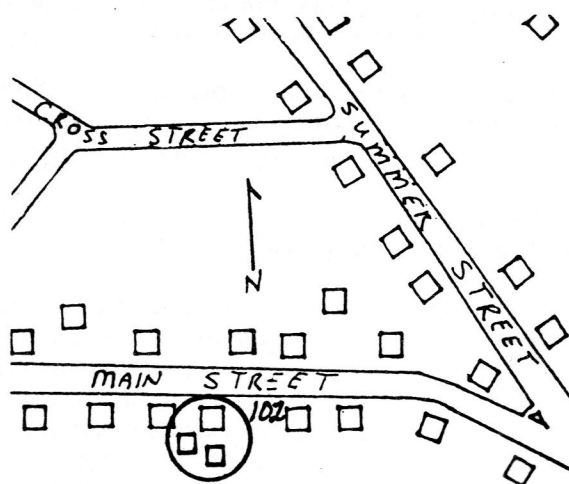
Recorded by V.Adams, N.Avery, M.Harrington, C.Meagher, J.Snow Setting setback from Main Street approx. 30 feet; grass

Organization The Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc. trees, shrubs; driveway to the west; remains of orchard

Date (month/day/year) June 1997 in rear.



Sketch Map



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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION — *see continuation sheet*

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The house at 210 Main Street is a Federal style, hipped-roof, 2-story, 5-by-2 bay building which rests on a stone foundation. The house is sheathed in vinyl siding with brick on its east and west elevations rising to single end-wall chimneys. The building's corner boards and cornice have also been covered in vinyl siding. A hipped-roof, 2-story ell (19th c.) extends from the southeastern section of the main block, and a gable-roof, 1-story ell (20th c.) extends from the southeastern section of the 2-story ell. The main entrance is centered on the front facade and accessed by two brick steps. The main door, a modern replacement, is flanked by 3/4-height sidelights consisting of four panes each, and is surmounted by a tall, molded entablature. A small gable-roof basement entrance is located on the southwestern section of the main block. Windows are 6/6 double-hung sash modern replacements with vinyl surrounds. All windows have fixed, exterior, louvered, modern shutters. A third brick interior chimney projects from the ridge of the hipped-roof ell. 210 Main Street is one of a number of outstanding examples of the Federal style in this part of Kingston, unusual for its brick ends.

A two-car, side-gable garage (19th c.) sheathed in clapboards is located to the west of the house. A small shed (early 20th c.) is located to the south of the house.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE X *see continuation sheet*

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local or state history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

In 1717, 41 residents of the northern part of Plymouth petitioned the General Court to be set off from Plymouth as a separate township or a precinct. They were allowed to become the north precinct of Plymouth on the condition that they maintain a suitable minister (Bailey 1920:33). At that time, the central part of the present town of Kingston belonged largely to Major John Bradford who gave the precinct fourteen acres of land in 1717. This land was to be used for the town woodlot, the Training Green, a burying ground, and a meetinghouse (Bailey 1920:36). In 1726, the north precinct, after having been a part of the town of Plymouth for 106 years, acquired its independence and became the town of Kingston (Bailey 1920:41).

The lower portion of today's Main Street was known as the Boston Road from the Plymouth line northward to "the Point" at Summer Street, and then north on Summer Street to the Duxbury town line. Today's Main Street from "the Point" westward was known as the Bridgewater Road (Melville 1976:377). It was around this intersection, on the slight hill which rises from the Jones River below, that the Kingston town center developed.

The house at 210 Main Street was built in 1804 by Zachariah Brigden, a carriage maker and painter. When he died in 1829, his widow moved to Middleborough and sold the house to Mr. Jonah Willis, who came to

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— Recommended for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEETCommunity:
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Kingston from Bridgewater in 1824 (Bartlett 1879:12). Jonah Willis, a butcher, moved into the house in 1830. He slaughtered beef and other animals in a barn (not extant) behind the house (Melville 1976:110). Jonah and his son Edward purchased the soap factory and tryworks (a factory where whale blubber was rendered or "tried") on the Jones River which had been established by William Sever, a merchant and ship owner (Melville 1976:323). The 1867 Plymouth County Directory lists Jonah Willis as a soap manufacturer. According to Drew, this was the only soap factory in the history of Kingston (Drew 1944:40). In 1900, Ellsworth C. Bailey purchased the house and both the factories (Drew 1942 annotation of Bartlett 1879:42). He rented the house to various tenants and used the soap factory and the tryworks as a paint shop where he painted signs and carriages (Drew 1942 annotation of Bartlett 1879: 42). In the early 20th century, Mr. Bailey sold the house and paint shop. The new owner moved the original farm buildings and paint shop further south towards the river, renovated and repaired the house, and began a chicken farm on the property (Drew 1942 annotation of Bartlett 1879: 21). Prior to 1953, according to the 1953 Board of Registrars directory, the property was sold to Joseph Bongiovanni, a weaver. Mr. Bongiovanni resided at 210 Main Street until at least 1972 (Johnson 1972 annotation of Bartlett 1879:12). In 1997, the house was owned by Henry O. Davis, Jr. and his wife Jean C. Davis (Town Database Records 1997).

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Maps

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