

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 80 BOYLSTON STREET
 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02116

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Town KINGSTON

Place (neighborhood or village) _____

JONES RIVER VILLAGE

Address 234 MAIN ST.

DR. ISAAC WINSLOW HOUSE
 Historic Name BILDAD WASHINGTON TAVEN

Uses: Present RESIDENCE - ~~TAVEN~~

Original RESIDENCE - TAVEN

Date of Construction c. 1774

Source LOCAL RECORDS

Style/Form HIP ROOF COLONIAL

Architect/Builder DR. ISAAC WINSLOW

Exterior Material:

Foundation FIELD STONE W/ MORTAR

Wall/Trim CLAPBOARD ON 3 SIDES
CEDAR SHINGLES IN REAR

Roof WOOD SHINGLES

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures NONE

Major Alterations (with dates) PART OF EAST

EL TORN DOWN ABOUT 1963

RESTORATION IN 1963

Condition VERY GOOD

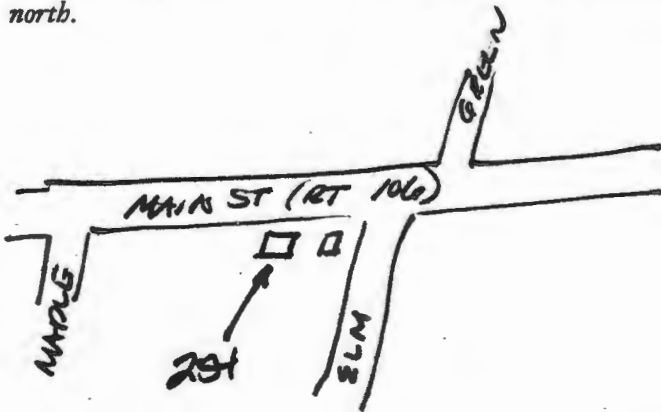
Moved no yes Date 1799

Acreage 3/4 ACRE

Setting VILLAGE MAIN STREET

Sketch Map

Draw a map showing the building's location in relation to the nearest cross streets and/or major natural features. Show all buildings between inventoried building and nearest intersection or natural feature. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Circle and number the inventoried building. Indicate north.



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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

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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.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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SEAN BAILEY CIVIC PROGRESS OF KINGSTON.

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

Bildad Washburn Tavern - 234 Main St., Kingston, MA

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Exterior - A two story hip-roof colonial situated on the old main street of the town. The house has clapboards on three sides and natural shingles in the rear. After the house was moved to its current location, about 1796, an el was constructed on the east side and set back. Part of the el was removed in a 1963 restoration to allow access to the rear of the house by motor vehicles. In 1963 all windows were replaced, but the original design of 12 over 12 panes was kept. Primo Garuti, Jr. did the restoration.

Interior - There is a large chimney on the east side of the main house with four fireplaces. The main fireplace on the first floor in the rear had two beehive ovens, one inside the fireplace and one to the side. Some very old and perhaps original panelling is in evidence around the fireplace in the first floor front. Gunstock posts and beams are visible in several rooms. Floor boards range from six to twelve inches. The northeast corner room on the first floor was Attorney Cronin's home office and is handsomely appointed.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The house was originally built in Marshfield near Careswell Road, for Dr. Isaac Winslow about 1774. In 1796 it was moved to its present site in Kingston by Bildad Washburn, a stone cutter. The house was moved by packet boat and oxcart to its current location, where it became a tavern. The upstairs on the north west side was used as a dance hall. In 1798 when the 2d meetinghouse was razed, the tavern served as the focal point for the community until the new meetinghouse was constructed.

In 1804 the house was sold to Major George Russell who converted the el into a store where he sold, "East and West India goods." Russell was also the town clerk when he died in 1822. His family continued to run the store and take in boarders. Catherine Russell ran a "dame school" there in the 1850s. Later the house was owned by Joseph Peckham, who married George Russell's daughter, and who was pastor of the Mayflower Congregational Church. In 1929, the house was purchased by Dr. Oscar Swope who had a medical practice in the first floor rooms on the west side. The Cronin's purchased the house from Dr. Swope's widow. Marjorie Cronin is the current owner of the house and lives there.

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Town Kingston

Address 234 Main St.

Name BILDAD WASHBURN TAVERN

Present use residence

Present owner Phillip & Mary Cronin

Description:

Date 1774 or 1754

Source local records

Style hip roof Colonial, center entrance

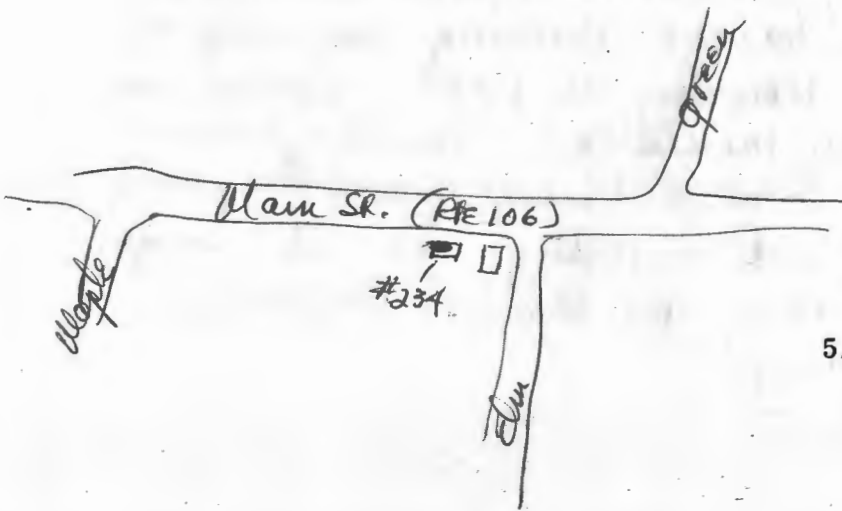
Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard, shingle

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Altered _____ Date _____

Moved from Marshfield to Kingston Date 1797

5. Lot size: .8 a.

One acre or less Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage _____

Approximate distance of building from street _____

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

6. Recorded by John Anderson

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Date 2-20-29

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) The Winslores of Marshfield
 Original use residence
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates boarding house, tavern, store

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Differences of opinion on original builder: one tradition has it built on its original Marshfield site by a Winslow of Gen. John's generation - perhaps his brother, Josiah; others believe it was built in 1774 by Pelham or Dr. Isaac, the general's sons. Purchased about 1795 from Pelham by Kingston Stonecutter Richard Washburn, taken down and moved to Kingston, where it was reassembled in time to serve as a tavern during raising of the 2nd meetinghouse nearby in 1798. Later used as boarding house by ministers (The Rev. James Peckham, etc.) and others; George Russell used the wing as a store for "goods, wet and dry"; Dr. O.W. Swope had his office in the wing for several decades in the early 20th century.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

CA Bartlett, Emily Jew (local historians)
 maps
 local records