

FORM B - BUILDING

Massachusetts Historical Commission
220 Morrissey Blvd.
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Assessor's number

USGS Quad

Area(s)

Form Number



Town Kingston

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 23 School Street

Historic Name

Uses: Present residence

Original residence

Date of Construction c.1790

Source maps

Style/Form full cape

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation granite block

Wall/Trim wood clapboards & shingles

Roof asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes

Date

Acreage 2 acres

Setting

linear neighborhood near Howard's Brook

Recorded by Deirdre Brotherson

Organization Kingston Historical Commission

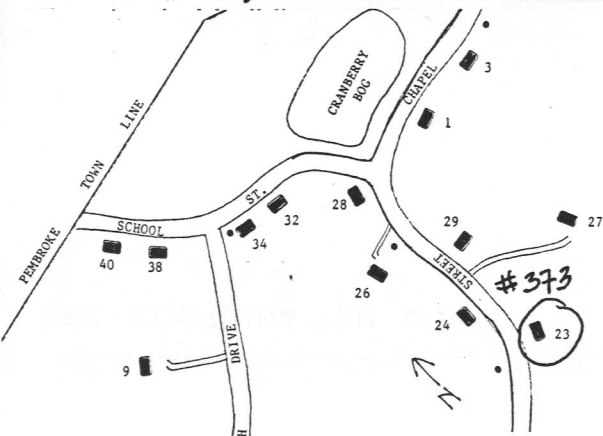
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☒ *see continuation sheet*
Describe architectural features Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☒ *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.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☒ *see continuation sheet*

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

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The residence at 23 School Street was built c.1790 as a full cape. This 5x2 bay, wood frame, 1-1/2 story building sits on a granite block foundation. The building is clad with wood clapboards on the facade and wood shingles on the elevations. The side gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A brick chimney pierces the roof at the center ridge. The center entrance contains a 4-panel wood door flanked by full sidelights and pilasters. The windows contain 6/6 wood sash with flat surrounds. The corner boards are thin and flat. A 2 stall garage is connected to the house on the side elevation by a gable roof connector.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE:

Three properties surveyed during this project (23 School Street/INV#373; 24 School Street/INV#374; 28 School Street/INV#375) are situated around Howard's Brook. Flowage rights for a mill here were reserved by Judah Hall and others in 1750. A sawmill is mentioned in the layout of the Pembroke Road made in 1759; owned at the time by Jonathan Crooker, Job and Judah Hall and Elnathan Fish, the mill was sometimes called "Fish's Saw Mill." In fact, on early 19th century maps, this part of School Street is labeled "Fish Nb'hood." The sawmill was owned in 1843 by Jedediah Holmes and John Hall, then by John Hall and his son, John F. Hall; abandoned about 1910 (Melville 1976 p328). According to the 1820-30 map this building was originally owned by a member of the Fish family. By 1876 this building was owned by Esaias Peterson and stayed in the Peterson family through the early 20th century.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Melville, Doris Johnson. Major Bradford's Town: A History of Kingston: 1726-1976. Kingston, MA., 1976. [KPL]

MAPS:

1726 Kingston. John Gray [MHC]

1795 A Plan of the Town of Kingston. John Gray. [MHC]

1820-30 Five School Districts [KPL]

1876 Town of Kingston. Boyden (w/directory). [KPL]

1876 Town of Kingston, Enlargement of Village. Boyden. [KPL]

1879 Atlas of Plymouth County. George E. Walker. [MHC]

1896 Bird's Eye View of Kingston [KPL & MSL]

1903 Atlas of Plymouth County. George E. Walker. [KPL]

Sanborn Insurance Company Maps:

Plymouth: 1896 June

1901 April (1896, 1901, 1906 include Kingston Village

1906 Feb. and Factories in Kingston)

Kingston: 1912 (6 sheets)

1925 (7 sheets)

1943 (7 sheets)

1954 (8 sheets)

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In Area no.

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Kingston

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238 school street

nt use House Dwelling

nt owner BILL BRISTOL
Cathy Garm

ption:

1790-1810

nce owner

Georgian

Architect Isaac Fish (son of Nathaniel Fish)

Exterior wall fabric clap board

Outbuildings (describe) attached garage,

Other features stone barn foundation

central chimney

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre ☒

Approximate frontage (8 acres)

Approximate distance of building from street

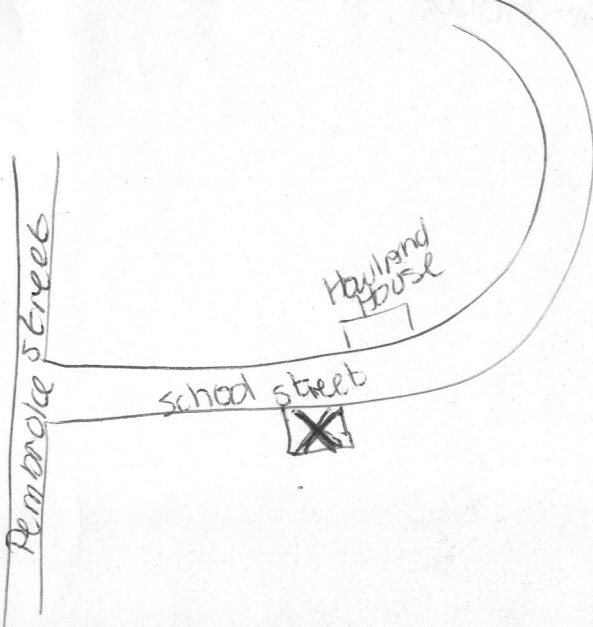
35'

6. Recorded by Anne Thomas

Organization Caddett G.S.

Date February 23, 1979

in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use afarm _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	_____	settlement	_____	invention	_____
Commerce	_____	Industry	_____	Social/	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	humanitarian	_____
Community development	_____	Political	_____	Transportation	_____

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

In the area of the old houses of the area there used to be sawmills (possibly this house) also Bog iron was being made in the area. In the records of this house, in past years it used to be a "Poor house".

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