

FORM B - BUILDING

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Form Number

Massachusetts Historical Commission
220 Morrissey Blvd.
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Plymouth

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172

Town Kingston

Place (neighborhood or village) King

Address 227 Main Street

Historic Name Thankful Adams House

Uses: Present residence

Original residence

Date of Construction c. 1830

Source Bartlett papers

Style/Form half-cape

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation brick

Wall/Trim wood shingles

Roof asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

c. 1915 shed dormer added

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage .5 acres

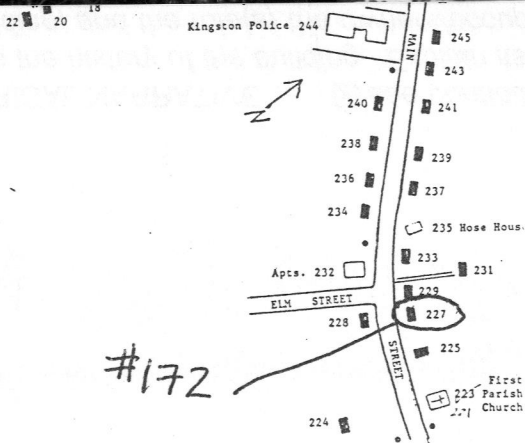
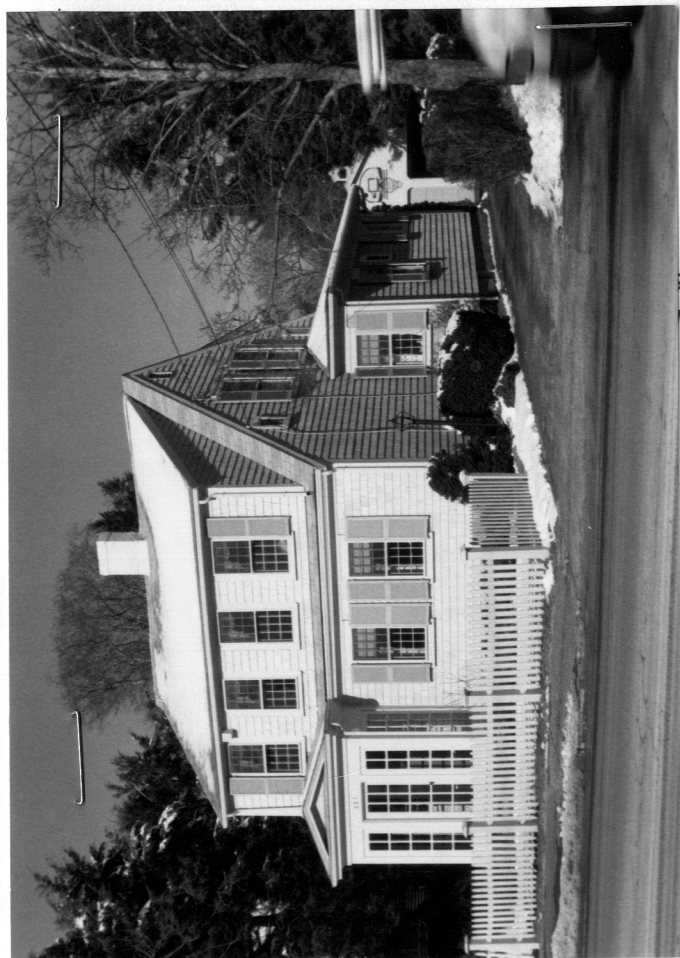
Setting

residential/commercial linear village

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Organization Kingston Historical Commission

Date (month/year) May 1998

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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.

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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.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

If checked, you must attach

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The residence at 227 Main Street was built c. 1830 as a half cape. This 3x2 bay, wood frame, 1-1/2 story building sits on a brick foundation. The building is clad with wood shingles. The side gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The brick chimney is located in the center of the ridge. The entrance is protected by a front gable, 1x1 bay entrance porch enclosed by glazed panels. The windows contain 12/12 sash with a molded drip cap. The cornerboards are thin and flat. The shed dormer on the front roof slope was added c. 1915.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE:

From: Bartlett, Cornelius A. Houses, Occupants, etc. in Kingston, Massachusetts (Between the Forge Bridge and the Great Bridge): 1867-1879. Annotations of 1942 by E.F. Drew and of 1972 by Doris M. Johnson, Kingston, MA. 1879.

(#23d) This house was built by Miss Thankful Adams (Daughter of Francis) in 1830. She died January 31, 1854. Miss Adams was quite an extensive trader in dry goods, and millinery. Had a shop attached to the west end of this house. Mr. Lothrop Holmes (son of Martin) purchased this house, after the death of Miss Adams - same year - of her heirs - \$900 - and took off the shop. He now [1879] owns and occupies it, wife, Son, and his mother.

Foot Note: (Shop) This shop was taken down entirely and the cellar filled October 1854. It was in two parts. The old and smallest part is on the back of Mr. T. French's house, No. 40 [now demolished]. This shop was originally Seth Bartlett's shoe makers shop. It stood on the corner of the lot adjoining the Russell estate. Miss Adams bot it - 1799.

Notes, E.F.D. After Mr. Holmes death, there were two or three owners, all of whom occupied the house. About 1938, Cabot Rushton purchased the place and still (1942) lives there. About 1915, I should say, the new owner made great changes, taking out partitions so that rooms were thrown together, adding a screened porch and putting a large dormer window in the front roof. It is an attractive modern house but it has lost the charm of the simple little "half house" it used to be.

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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]

1928 Map of Kingston with Key. Anonymous

1977 USGS Map

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Community
KingstonProperty Address
227 Main Street

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Sandborn 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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National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

Check all that apply:

- ☐ Individually eligible ☐ Eligible only in a historic district
☒ Contributing to a potential historic district ☐ Potential historic district

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Statement of Significance by Deirdre Brotherson

The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.

This property is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing building to a Historic District (Area B). This district is eligible under Criterion A (associated with events that have made a contribution to the broad pattern of our history) as a building which is part of a linear village on Main Street which has evolved from a village area to a residential neighborhood (there are few commercial establishments on Main Street - they have shifted to areas near the railroad) but the architecture in this linear district continues to tell the story of the evolution of this area through the variety and high quality of the architectural styles (Criterion C: the building embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction - as a contributing architectural member of this district.)

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Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

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SET A

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In Area no.	Form no.
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1. Town Kingston
Address 227 Main St.
Name Thankful Adams Hat Shop
Present use residence

Present owner Mary Ruskton

Description:

Date 1830

Source CA Barlett

Style

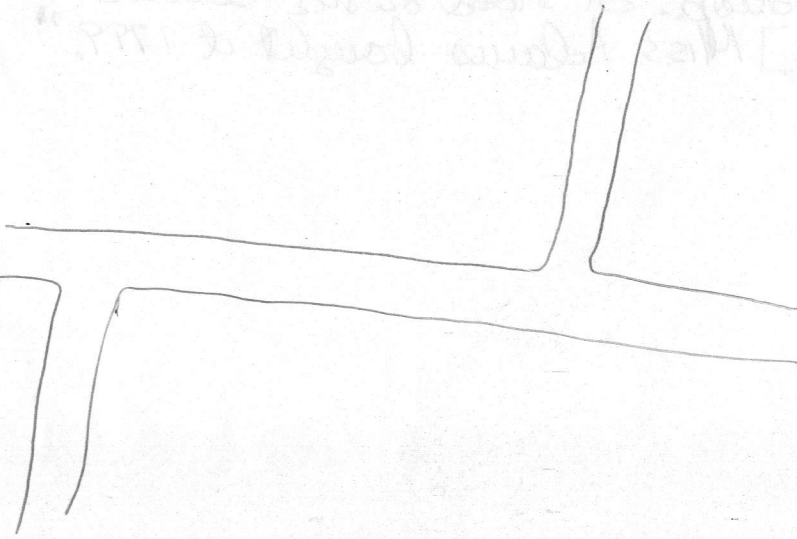
Architect

Exterior wall fabric

Outbuildings (describe) garage, shed

Other features

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



Altered by Lothrop Holmes removed shop Date 1854

Moved Date

5. Lot size: .8 a.

One acre or less ☒ Over one acre

Approximate frontage 80'

Approximate distance of building from street

30'

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6. Recorded by Bill Johnson

Organization

Date

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Miss Thankful Adams, dau. of Francis (II)

Original use residence - shop

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates residence

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 type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input 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)

C. Bartlett reports: "Miss Adams was quite an extensive trader in dry goods and millinery. Had a shop attached to the west end of this house." Purchased by Horatio Holmes after her death for \$900; he took of the shop, part of which "was originally Seth Bartlett's shoemaker's shop. It stood on the corner of the lot [across the street] Miss Adams bought it 1799."

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