

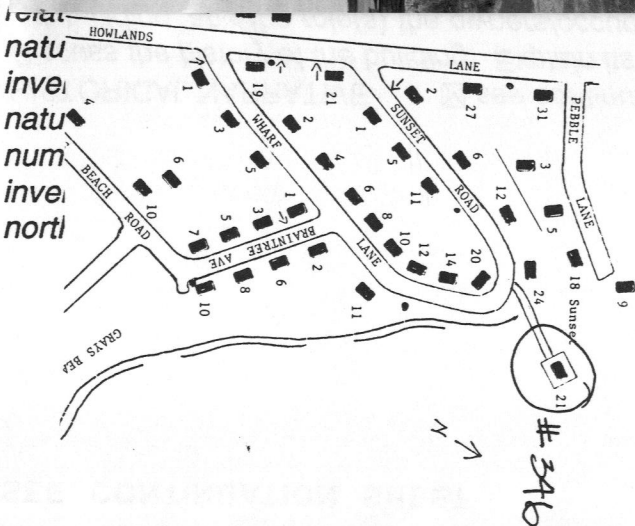
FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's number

USGS Quad

Area(s)

Form Number



Town Kingston

Place (neighborhood or village) Rocky Nook

Address 21 Wharf Street

Historic Name Delano's Wharf

Uses: Present residence

Original commercial wharf and warehouse

Date of Construction c.1800

Source maps

Style/Form

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation assumed to be granite

Wall/Trim wood shingles

Roof wood shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

originally a commercial warehouse now a residence

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes

Date

Acreage .5 acres

Setting

on wharf of Nook

Recorded by Deirdre Brotherson

Organization Kingston Historical Commission

Date (month/year) May 1998

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BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

☒ *see continuation sheet*

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

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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

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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

Massachusetts Historical Commission
220 Morrissey Blvd.
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The building at 21 Wharf Street was built c.1800 as a commercial wharf & warehouse and is now a residence. This 4x2 bay, wood frame, 2 story building has a side gable roof covered with wood shingles. The building is clad with wood shingles. The entrance is in the first bay and contains a contemporary door. The windows contain new 6/6 sash. The cornerboards are thin and flat. The cornice is boxed. This building sits about 75 feet off shore at the end of a stone wharf also constructed in the 19th century.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE:

In 1802-03, Benjamin Delano and captain Peter Winsor built this stone wharf at Rocky Nook. the wharf was built on the original land of Edward Gray, who, with his brother Thomas, arrived in Plymouth Colony in 1643. The Rocky Nook had several warehouses in the early 1800's which were used to hold cargoes for the busy Kingston vessels - small sloops and schooners that carried passengers and goods to and from Boston year round. The larger vessels were used for trading in the West Indies. Benjamin Delano and his son Joshua, were second only to Kingston shipbuilder Joseph Holmes, for they either owned or partly owned 37 vessels between 1803 and 1882. A combination of the coming of the railroad and the need for faster and bigger vessels caused the decline of the shipping business in Kingston in the late 19th century. The warehouse at the end of the wharf is now a residence and has undergone significant renovation although the general form of the building has not been altered.

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MAPS:

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1820-30 Five School Districts [KPL]

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

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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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Kingston 346

ss Wharf Lane

Deano's Wharf

nt use residence

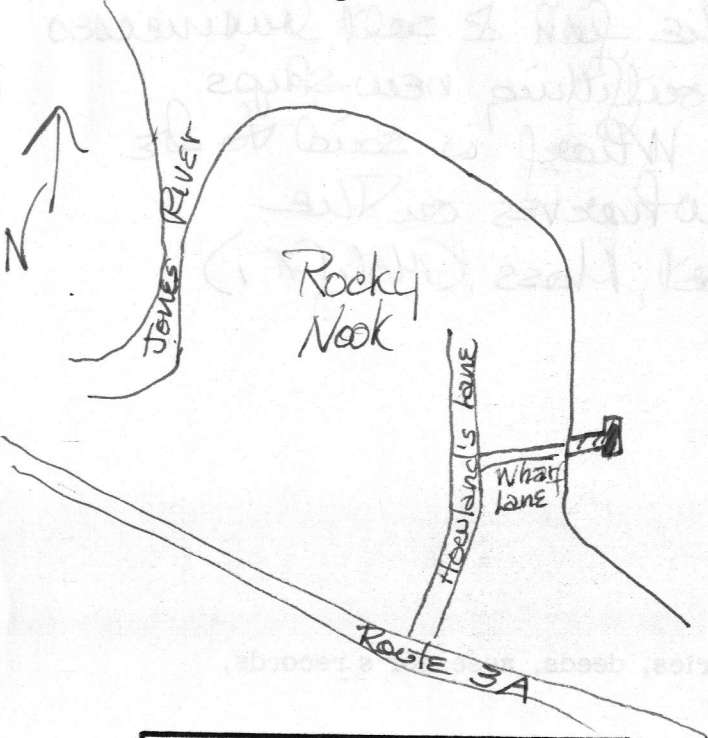
nt owner ? Joseph Doyle, Needham

ption:

1802/3

nce local records

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



Style Federal - 2 story, center chimney

Architect

Exterior wall fabric cedar shingle

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features originally built for commercial use

Altered various interior changes Date

Moved Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less 1/10 a. 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 Varreco House / Blumson

Organization JRV Historical Society

Date Dec. 18, 1978

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Benjamin Delano & Capt. Peter Winsor of Duxbury
 Original use ship chandlery, warehouse
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates late 19th cent. to date: residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

Benjamin Delano, who moved from Duxbury to Kingston, and Capt. Winsor (both families noted for long involvement with ships & commerce), built the stone wharf and building as a warehouse and ship chandlery to serve the fish & salt businesses on Rocky Neck as well as outfitting new ships launched on Jones River. Wharf is said to be similar to only 2 other wharves on the Atlantic coast — Rockport, Mass (Not. #1) and in Delaware.

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

Registry, local records
 "Ships of Kingston" Jones
 Early Deed manuscripts