

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
	416

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108



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dress 7 Mountain Road

storic Name Robey-Parker-Castleman

House _____

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

ite 1753

Source deed research

Style Second Period Georgian

Architect Robey, carpenter

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings barn dismantled and moved

from Vermont for garage (1980)

Major alterations (with dates) dismantled

frame and interior wood finishes re-erected

all partly new fabrication (1978-1980)

Moved from Merrimack, NH Date 1979

Approx. acreage 1.93 A.

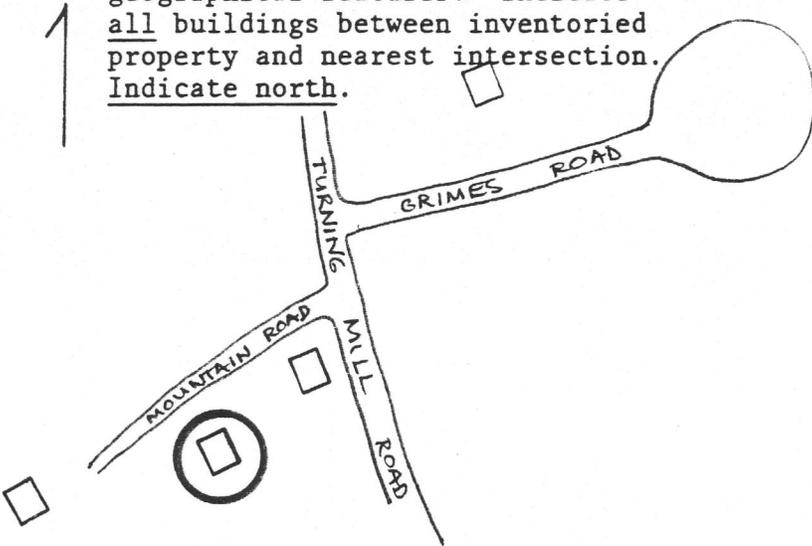
Setting Secluded wooded site; adjacent

to Turning Mill Road development of

contemporary houses.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Recorded by Anne Grady

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date March, 1984

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

This Second Period building was dismantled and re-erected with care. Where original materials could not be salvaged, new or comparable old materials were sensitively introduced. The frame and most finishes of the original five-bay wide, one-room deep, two-story central chimney house were retained. The framing which was left exposed when the house was re-erected is unusual in that even the major beams were sawn at a sawmill. The high studding of the house is reflected in the substantial pilastered and entablatured frontispiece. The

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

Deed research indicates that the house was built in 1753 by Robey, a carpenter, on his own land in Merrimack, New Hampshire. Nathaniel Parker bought the house before 1800 and in the 1830s it was used as a tavern. When purchased in 1978 by the current owners, the house was the oldest building in Merrimack. The current owners transported the building to Lexington and erected it over a two year period with the help of Dick Wertz, a carpenter specializing in such work.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

Personal communication from Paul Castleman.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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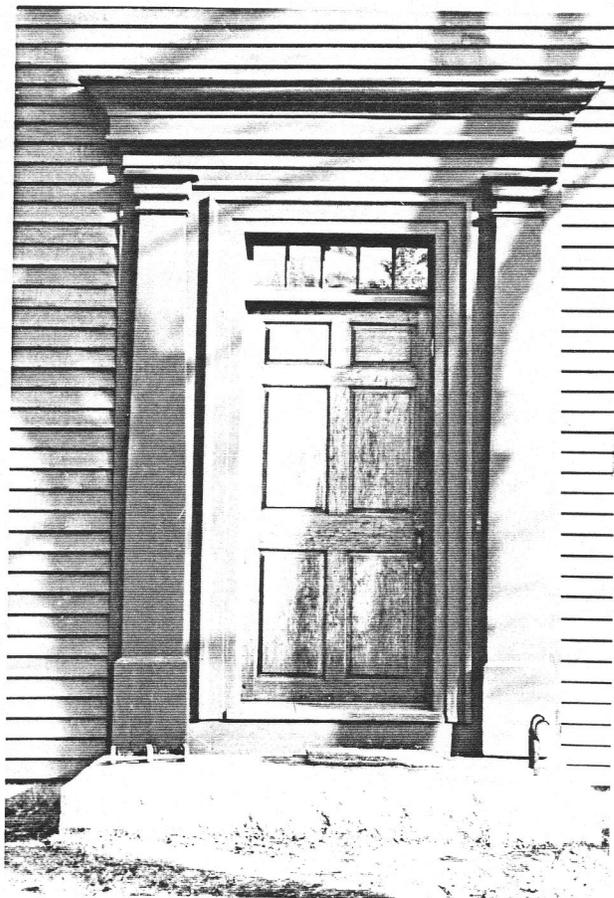
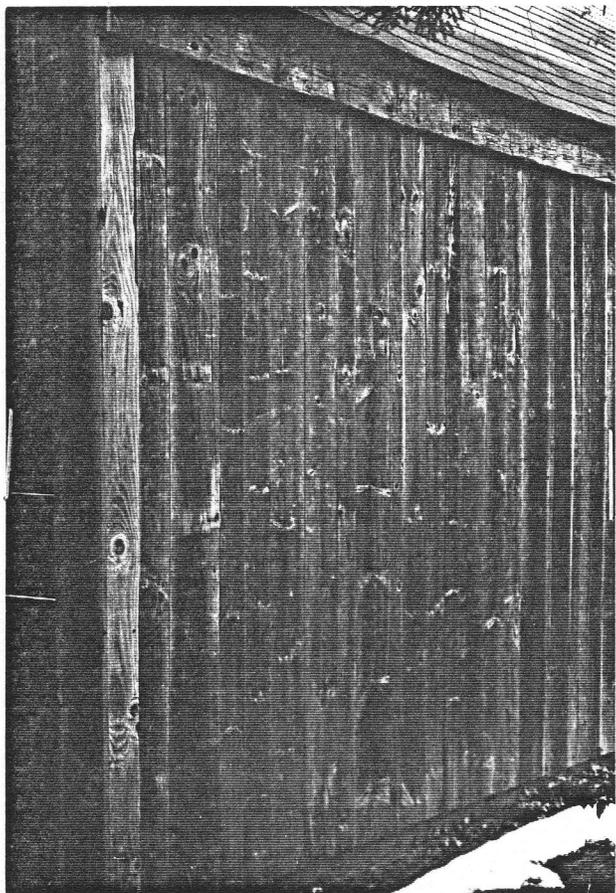
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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

original molded window caps and cornice were reused. There is original raised field panelling in the right hand room, and simple wide-board dado in the left hand room. The mantelpieces probably date from the original building period, as do the finishes of the stairhall including the raised field panelling and the stair trim with molded newell caps and diagonally-set square balusters.

The rear ell is partially new materials, but the framing of a shed at the back has been reused for a sunporch. The garage is made from parts of a barn dismantled in Vermont and re-erected to the left of the house. An unusual feature of the barn is that the plates are exposed on the exterior and the vertical sheathing boards are secured to a rabbet on the lower edge of the plates.



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