

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	GRN.47
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Parsons, Col. Israel House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	684 Main Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Granville
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	Granville Center
<b>Local No:</b>	31
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	1816
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Federal
<b>Use(s):</b>	Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	GRN.C: Granville Center GRN.E: Granville Center Historic District
<b>Designation(s):</b>	Nat'l Register District (11/05/1991)
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Wall: Glass; Wood; Wood Clapboard



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FORM B - BUILDING

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USGS M. Granville  
NAD83 115191

AREA

FORM NO.

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Granville

Main Road

Col. Name Israel Parsons House

Present Residence

Original Residence

Year 1800 1816

Source Assessor's Records

Style Federal

Architect Unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings Barn

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Very Good

Moved Date

Acreage 3.5 acres

Setting Village

Recorded by Joanne Keim - PVPC

Organization Granville Historic Commission

Date August 1987

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection(s). Indicate north

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Blandford Rd.

Main Rd. 40 41 45 46 47 49

UTM REFERENCE

USGS QUADRANGLE West Granville

SCALE 1:25,000

**NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)**

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

The architectural features of this building relate it to a group of 4 other structures and reflect the influence of a skilled local builder. (#18, #43, #45, #48)

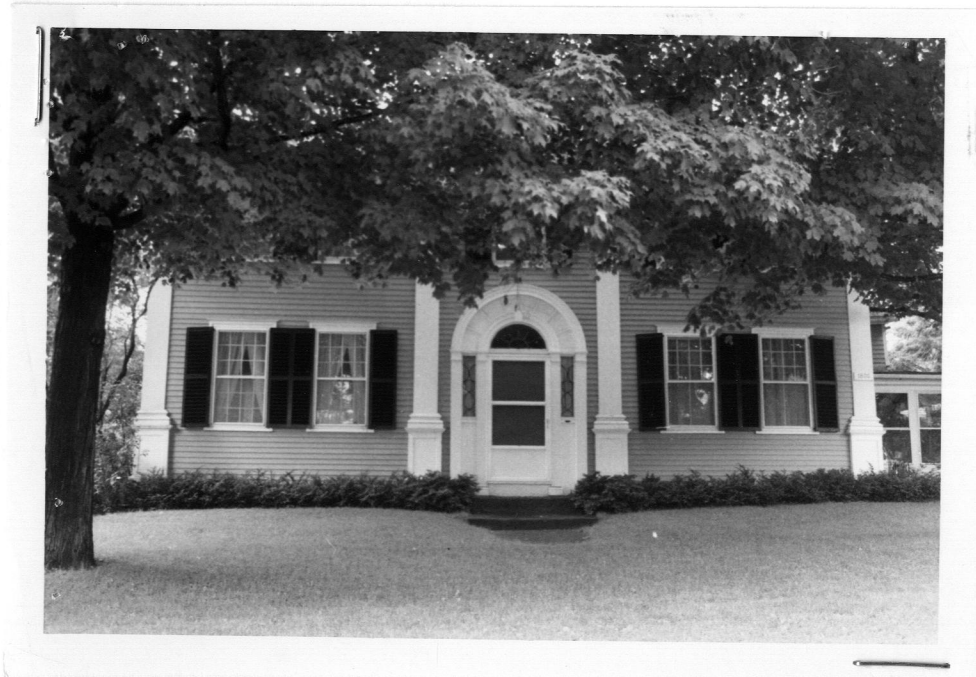
The 2-story, 5-bay building is one of the most classically ornamented structures in Granville. The symmetrical facade features dentils below the roof cornice and four fluted, 2-story pilasters with capitols enhanced by triglyphs and guttae. The central door surround of pilasters, sidelights and an elliptical fan is accentuated by heavy moldings which follow the curve of the fanlight.

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

The residence was built by Israel Parsons a storekeeper who was a business partner of Joel Root (See #48). Israel Parsons served as a Selectman and a Town Clerk in 1803. From 1855 to 1912, the property was owned by the estate of Elijah Seymour who also served as a Selectman and a Town Clerk in 1829 and 1835.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

- Registry of Deeds - 2976/416
- Wilson, History of Granville - p.310, 316 and 317
- Interview with Wilhelmina Tryon - Granville, MA, 1987



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2. Town Granville

Street \_\_\_\_\_

Name Col. Israel Parsons House

Original Use \_\_\_\_\_

Present Use \_\_\_\_\_

Present Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Date 1816 Style \_\_\_\_\_

Source of Date Conn. Valley Hist Mus photo survey

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Restored Moved Altered \_\_\_\_\_

None SITE endangered by \_\_\_\_\_

4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material: \_\_\_\_\_

WALL COVER: Wood \_\_\_\_\_ Brick Stone Other \_\_\_\_\_

STORIES: 1 2 3 4 CHIMNEYS: 1 2 3 4 Center End Cluster Elaborate Irregular

ATTACHMENTS: Wings Ell Shed Dependency \_\_\_\_\_ Simple/Complex

PORCHES: 1 2 3 4 Portico Balcony \_\_\_\_\_ Recessed \_\_\_\_\_

ROOF: Ridge Gambrel Flat Hip Mansard \_\_\_\_\_  
Tower Cupola Dormer windows Balustrade Grillwork \_\_\_\_\_

FACADE: Gable End: Front/Side Symmetrical/Asymmetrical Simple/Complex Ornament

Entrance: Front/Side Centered Double Features: \_\_\_\_\_

Windows: Spacing: Regular/Irregular Identical/Varied \_\_\_\_\_

Corners: Plain Pilasters Quoins Obscured \_\_\_\_\_

OUTBUILDINGS \_\_\_\_\_ LANDSCAPING \_\_\_\_\_

5. Indicate location of structure on map below

6. Footage of structure from street \_\_\_\_\_  
Property has \_\_\_\_\_ feet frontage on street

Recorder \_\_\_\_\_

For \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR USE WITH IMPORTANT STRUCTURES (Indicate any interior features of note)

Fireplace

Stairway

Other

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF SITE (Refer and elaborate on theme circled on front of form)

WABS?

Col Israel Parsons H. Granville, 1816

Though this house like all Granville houses is late in date, it stands as one of the most perfect of all Georgian houses in this exhibition. The perfection of the proportions, the placing of the doors + windows should first be mentioned. The same masterly design is shown in the pilasters. In general plan the house has no variations from other Georgian houses. The doorway peculiar to this limited section of N.E., is magnificent (despite winter sheathing), + is doubly beautiful as the only obvious ornament of the house. The fan window of the gable repeats the motif. Only slight restorations or changes have been made: 1 new chimney, new sash in lower portion 1st floor windows + an ell on the east.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Original Owner: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deed Information: Book Number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

Registry of Deeds