

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	GRN.107
Historic Name:	Root, John and Jacob House
Common Name:	
Address:	131 Cross St
City/Town:	Granville
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	r 1795
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	No style
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard



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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

107

Granville

131 Cross Street

ic Name John & Jacob Root House

Present Residence

Original Residence

PTION

c.1730 and 1860

Oral History

Vernacular

Architect Unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings Barn and Shed

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Good

Moved Date

Acreage 2.0 acres

Setting Rural/Intact Farm Complex

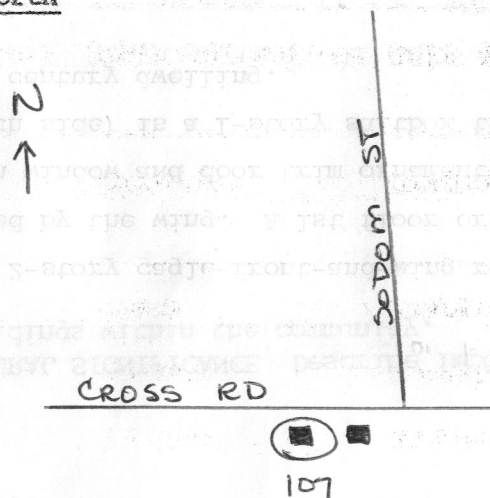
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Organization Granville Historic Commission

Date just 0987

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



UTM REFERENCE

USGS QUADRANGLE Southwick

SCALE 1:25,00

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

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

This 2-story gable-front-and-wing residence features a shed-roofed porch in the angle formed by the wing. A 1st floor oriel window, corner boards, overhanging eaves and plain window and door trim ornament the vernacular structure. Attached to the rear (south side) is a 1-story saltbox that is thought by local historians to be the original 18th century dwelling.

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

The saltbox in the rear of the building may be the only remaining structure from a mid-18th century settlement in the area around Cross Street, evidenced by the existence of numerous cellar holes.

The property was owned by John & Jacob Root from 1855 when a cider mill also appears on the map. In 1912, William Hansen is the occupant. The property remains in the Hansen family.

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