

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	WEY.218
Historic Name:	Adams, John School
Common Name:	Second District School
Address:	16 Church St
City/Town:	Weymouth
Village/Neighborhood:	Weymouth Heights
Local No:	13-174-10
Year Constructed:	
Architect(s):	Prescott, Howard S. B.
Architectural Style(s):	Italianate
Use(s):	Abandoned or Vacant; Other Educational; Public School
Significance:	Architecture; Education
Area(s):	WEY.D: Weymouth Heights WEY.N: Weymouth Meeting House District
Designation(s):	Nat'l Register District (12/13/2010); Nat'l Register Individual Property (12/5/1986)
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Slate Wall: Wood Clapboard; Wood Flushboard; Wood Foundation: Granite



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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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AREA	FORM NO.
	218

Town WEYMOUTH

Address 16 Church Street, E. Weymouth

Historic Name JOHN ADAMS SCHOOL

Use: Present Boarded up

Original School

DESCRIPTION:

Date See attached description

Source Mrs. Monique Lehner

Style Italianate-bracketed

Architect

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings None

Major alterations (with dates)

None

Moved No Date

Approx. acreage 7500 sq. feet

Setting Sits beside land which was once the Weymouth Common and across from the church of which Abigail Adams' father was once the pastor.

Recorded by Mary F. Toomey

Organization

Date

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

For architectural significance, please refer to the attached evaluation done by Mrs. Monique Lehner, historical architect.

The John Adams School is opposite the First Church of Weymouth, a lovely old church of which Abigail Adams' father was a pastor. Abigail's home is located a short distance away, as is the Abigail Adams Green, and the Old North Cemetery. The school is also next to the original Weymouth Common.

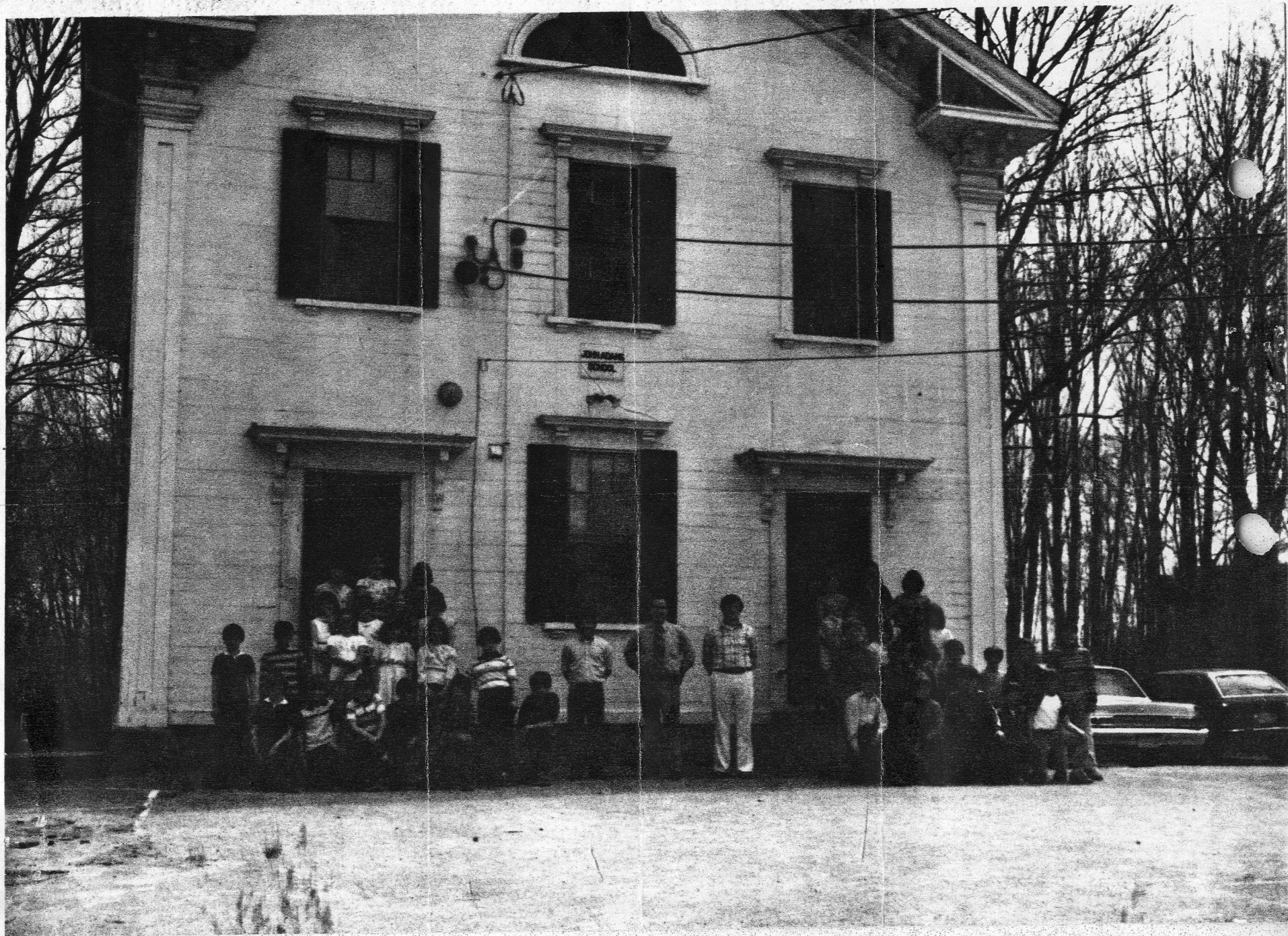
HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

The white wood-frame two-room schoolhouse was built in 1852 on the same site as Weymouth's first schoolhouse (1681). Now the town's oldest-standing school, it stands next to the Weymouth Common in what could be called Weymouth's most historic neighborhood- across from the First Church, of which Abigail Adams' father was pastor and very near the Abigail Adams' birthplace and also the Old North Cemetery where Abigail's father was buried as well as Cotton Tufts, one of the founders of the Mass Medical Society and mentioned by Abigail in her diary during the Revolution. It is also within a short distance from Commercial Street, the early road to Plymouth and also of Gen. Solomon Lovell's home. Nearby on Watch House Hill or the Old North Burying Ground also the First Meeting House was erected. This is the site where the town form of government had its origin. Not far from this site also is Lower Neck Point and Grape Island where the second skirmish of the Revolution was fought and which Abigail records in detail in her diary. This site is now a state park with suitable monuments erected to mark the site where the Weymouth militia gathered.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCE



a poor copy of a picture of one of the last
classes at John Adams Elementary School.



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PLAN RECORD

CASE **B** RACK **5** APART. **12** NO. **39531** ✓

BUILDING **Adams School** STORIES **2b**

CITY OR TOWN **Weymouth** STREET **Church-Weymouth**

TO BE USED FOR **School** CLASS **Heights 2nd**

OWNER **Town of Weymouth.**

ARCHITECT **H. B. S. Prescott.**

CERTIFICATE APPROVAL—SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS—REFERRED

DATE **May 25, 1932.**

INSPECTOR **V. Beaudry**

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DATE **May 9, 1932 (heating) May 25, 1932 (bldg)**

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**TOWN OF WEYMOUTH
PARCEL AND BUILDING MAP**GILDEA JAN S
16 CHURCH ST
MAP: 13 BLOCK: 174 LOT: 10**LEGEND**

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| Parcels | Water |
| Buildings | Streams |
| Other Towns | Parks |
| Subject Property | |

**MAP FOR REFERENCE ONLY
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DATE: 3/13/84

DATE REVIEW DUE:

PROPERTY: John Adams Sch, Weymouth

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STAFF IN CHARGE OF REVIEW:

AGENCY:

ACTION: NR

Does this property meet the NR criteria?

Opinion:

Yes

No

More information

Criteria:

A

B

C

D

Level:

Local

State

National

Statement of Significance by

Zimmerman

(staff)

Individually, an excellent example of Italianate school architecture - well preserved, int and ext w/good detail throughout. Unusual for 2-story height.

Historically, the earliest standing school in town, on site of orig town's first school and located in area of important 18/19c settlement, adj. to early Common.

There is probably potential for a DISTRICT in

Information required to form opinion:

- is there a DISTRICT at old N. Weymouth Common?

N. Weymouth → Old North Church (no inv. form), Burying Gd (#802), Parsonage stand nearby. Site visit probably warranted to assess dist. potential (appears to be considerable post WWII subdivision in area)

Result:

Agreed Eligible:

DOE by SOI:

Determined Not Eligible:

Date:

Date:

Date: