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Inventory No:	DUX.3
Historic Name:	Bradford, Capt. Gamaliel House
Common Name:	
Address:	942 Tremont St
City/Town:	Duxbury
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	1807
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Federal
Use(s):	Boarding House; Private School; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture; Education
Area(s):	DUX.O: Bradford Local Historic District
Designation(s):	Nat'l Register Individual Property (02/17/1978); Local Historic District (03/12/2011)
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Brick; Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Granite; Stone, Cut



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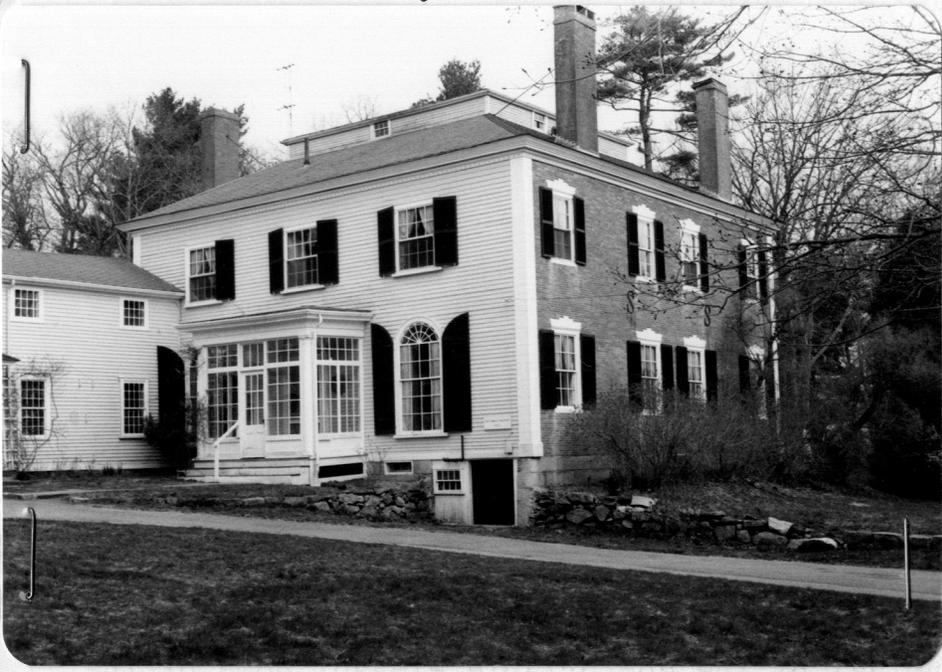
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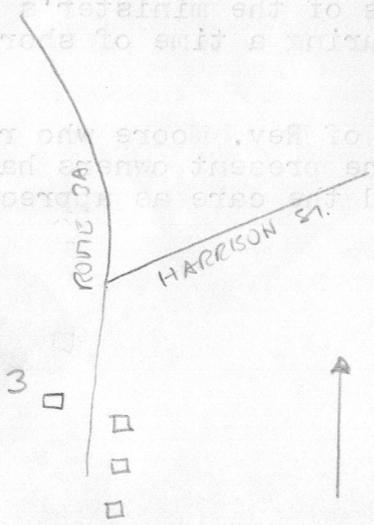
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Town Duxbury
 Address 942 Tremont Street
 Name Capt. Gamaliel Bradford House
 Present use residence
 Present owner Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Kreigal
 Description:
 Date 1807
 Source Duxbury Rural & Historical Soc. research
 Description 2 story colonial

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



Architect Gamaliel Bradford - builder
 Exterior wall fabric clapboard, brick ended
 Outbuildings (describe) stable
 Other features _____

 Altered no Date _____
 Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:
 One acre or less _____ Over one acre 1.29
 Approximate frontage 230 feet
 Approximate distance of building from street
50 feet

6. Recorded by Donald Walker / ph
 Organization Duxbury Rural & Historical Society
 Date July 25, 1968

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USGS Quadrant _____
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7. Original owner (if known) CAPT. GAMALIEL BRADFORD

Original use RESIDENTIAL

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

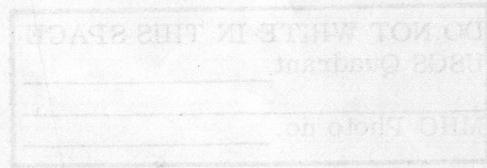
Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>x</u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)
 This house on the west side of Tremont Street and a bit south of the junction of Tremont and Harrison Streets was built in 1807 by Capt. Gamaliel Bradford on land he inherited from his father, Col. Gamaliel Bradford. He was 56 years old, a prosperous sea faring man, well able to build a substantial home--typical of the comfortable elegant home of the early ship builder.

This was once the home of Rev. Josiah Moore whose ten children crowded even this large house. After 40 years of the minister's occupancy the house fell into a state of neglect during a time of short term owners and tenants.

Rescued in the early 1900's by a son of Rev. Moore who restored it as he remembered it in his childhood. The present owners have not only restored the house but have continued the care as appreciative owners can give.

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



INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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This sheet is submitted by Lyle Nyberg, independent historian, June 2020. It supplements the B form of 1968 and corrects information in the NRHP nomination form of 1977 for the Capt. Gamaliel Bradford House, <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/63796538>.

The NRHP form says Rev. Josiah Moore owned the property after 1840, and a son owned the property from 1903 to 1914. Actually, his son, William Moore, did not own the property, but lived here in the early 1900s, as described below.¹

William Moore (1846-1914) was a naval engineer. He attended nearby Partridge Academy, Harvard University and the US Naval Academy. He retired from the Navy in 1906. Upon his retirement, according to deeds in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds (PCRD), his wife Caro bought the property. She bought it for them as a summer home. It had gone out of the family.²

William Moore was a Massachusetts state representative in 1909 and 1910. He represented the district encompassing Duxbury, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, and Scituate. He supported legislation to repair seawalls and breakwaters in Scituate, and he proposed legislation to prohibit pollution of the North River and tributaries in Pembroke and adjoining towns.³

In July 1914, William Moore died at this, their summer home in Duxbury.⁴ In December, Caro sold the Duxbury home.⁵

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¹ Justin Winsor, *History of the Town of Duxbury, Massachusetts, with Genealogical Registers* (Boston: Crosby & Nichols, 1849), 210 (Josiah 1834), in chapter "History of the Church of Duxbury", <https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/009577937>. See *Vital Records of Duxbury, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1911), 111 (William birth), 158, 309 (Smith 1841 marriage), 318 (Moore 1831 marriage), 396 (Rebecca Moore death), <https://archive.org/details/vitalrecordsofdu00durb/page/n7>.

² SLGMSD, "Como William Sturtevant Moore, Sr," Find A Grave website, <https://findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=42930827>; *Quinquennial Catalogue of the Officers and Graduates of Harvard University 1636-1920* (Cambridge: Harvard University, 1920), 93 (A.B. 1873), <https://hdl.handle.net/2027/iau.31858027489990>; Ada T Hayden and John E. V. Hayden, husband, to Caro G. Moore of Boston, deed ("formerly the homestead estate of Rev. Josiah Moore deceased, near Partridge Academy"), March 6, 1906, PCRD, book 930, page 262.

³ *The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography*, vol. 16 (New York: James T. White & Company, 1918), 162-163 (photograph), <https://archive.org/details/nationalcyclopaedia16newy>; *A Souvenir of Massachusetts Legislators 1909* (Stoughton, MA: A. M. Bridgman, 1909), 45 (photograph), 63 (photograph), 159 (biography), Massachusetts State Archives, archives.lib.state.ma.us/bitstream/handle/2452/43359/ocm08580879-1909.pdf; *A Souvenir of Massachusetts Legislators 1910* (Stoughton, MA: A. M. Bridgman, 1910), 45 (photograph), 63 (photograph), 153 (biography), Massachusetts State Archives, archives.lib.state.ma.us/bitstream/handle/2452/43360/ocm08580879-1910.pdf; *Who's Who in State Politics 1909* (Boston: Practical Politics, 1909), 45 & 63, 125 (photo), <https://archives.lib.state.ma.us/handle/2452/43359>, and *Who's Who in State Politics 1910* (Boston: Practical Politics, 1910) ("Bird book"), 234 (photo), State Library of Massachusetts, <https://archives.lib.state.ma.us/handle/2452/423323>; *Journal of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts 1910* (Boston: Wright & Potter Printing Co., State Printers, 1910), 128, 858, 1175 (seawall); 203, 692, 715 (pollution); https://books.google.com/books?id=odJBAQAAMAAJ&source=gbs_navlinks_s.

⁴ "Como William Sturtevant Moore, Sr," FindAGrave memorial; "An Act Granting pensions and increase of pensions to certain soldiers and sailors of the Regular Army and Navy . . ." US Statutes at Large, 63d Cong., 3d sess., Ch. 196, March 4, 1915 [S. 7509] (Private, No. 240), 1574, https://books.google.com/books?id=T83AAAAIAAJ&source=gbs_navlinks_s.

⁵ Caro G. Moore to Edith G. Bittinger, deed (Duxbury estate), December 10, 1914, PCRD, book 1207, page 327.

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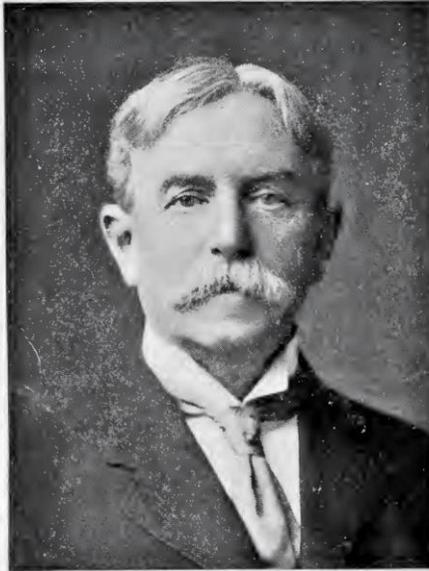
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MOORE, WILLIAM S., 2d Plymouth, Rep., Duxbury. Born there Feb. 23, 1846; Lawrence Scientific school of Harvard university 1866, U. S. Naval academy 1868. Commodore U. S. N. (retired). Town auditor; House 1909, committees on labor, military affairs.

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William Moore in 1910 Massachusetts state legislator "bird book"

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This sheet adds document references to the Form B. It is submitted October 2020 by Lyle Nyberg, independent historian.

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