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Inventory No:	PEM.16
Historic Name:	Barker, Thomas - Collamore, Dr. Anthony House
Common Name:	Smith, Sylvanus House
Address:	191 Washington St
City/Town:	Pembroke
Village/Neighborhood:	North Pembroke
Local No:	19
Year Constructed:	1713
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	No style
Use(s):	Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture
Area(s):	PEM.B: North Pembroke Historic District
Designation(s):	Local Historic District (05/08/1984)
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Wood Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard; Wood Shingle



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FORM B - BUILDING

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294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

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Area A	Form no. 19
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Pembroke

225 Washington St.

Public Name Collamore Estate

Original Dwelling

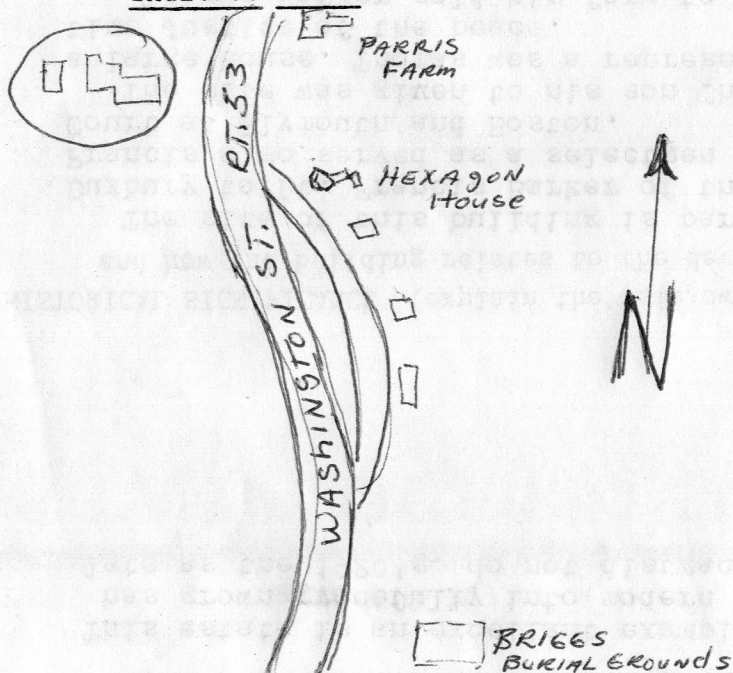
Present Dwelling

 Ship: ☒ Private individual
☐ Private organization

Public

Original owner Thomas Barker

Draw map showing property's
location in relation to nearest
cross streets and other buildings
or geographical features.
Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:

Date 1713

Source Ancient Landmarks

Style Colonial

Architect

Exterior wall fabric clapboard/shingle

Outbuildings Barn

Major alterations (with dates)

once a Saltbox, the dwelling was

converted to a two and a half story
Colonial

Moved Date

Approx. acreage 40 +

Setting Rural

Recorded by David C. Mallen

Organization Pembroke Historical Comm.

Date Dec. 14, 1981

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

This estate is an excellent example of Georgian architecture that has grown gracefully into modern times. These additions, built as late as the 1920's, do not distract from its charm.

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

The site of this building is part of a land grant by the town of Duxbury to Lt. Francis Barker of the military company of Duxbury. Francis also served as a selectman and a representative in General Court at Plymouth and Boston.

The site was given to his son Thomas, in 1713, on which he erected a large house. Thomas was a representative for five years and a long-time Justice of the peace.

Thomas Barker sold his farm to Thomas Tracy in 1733. Four years later Tracy sold the property to James Randall, a Blacksmith, who in turn sold it to a Captain Thomas.

The Thomas estate was purchased by Dr. Anthony Collamore, in 1809, it was occupied by Collamore's until the turn of the century and has been known as the Collamore Estate since.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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This sheet is submitted by Lyle Nyberg, independent historian, March 2020. It supplements the B form of 1981 by providing more historical details and photos, and by updating the address.

The address of the property is now 191 Washington Street (today's Rte. 53). It is still located across the road from the Hexagon House as shown on the B form of 1981. Recent online property listings show that the exterior of the house is basically the same, although the roof of the front porch now runs straight across without the triangular peak in the center shown in the B form. The listings say the house was built in 1711, no doubt based on town assessor's data, which is close to the 1713 date given in the B form. The assessor's parcel number is D13-2.

The house was owned by Dr. Anthony Collamore (1787-1847). His first wife Lydia was from Scituate. The house is close to the upper reach of the North River. The house is shown on early maps, details of which are copied below. He turned over his medical practice to his nephew, Dr. Francis Collamore (1825, Pembroke – c1910), who graduated from Dartmouth Medical School. It is possible that Francis and his family lived here. Dr. Francis Collamore was called Pembroke's first methodical historian.¹

An adjacent farm of about 30 acres was owned by Sylvanus Smith from 1844 to 1854. He was a noted shipbuilder in this area and later in East Boston, where he and his family moved. His wife Judith was a noted suffragist.²

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¹ "Dr Anthony Collamore," FindAGrave memorial, <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/37340462/anthony-collamore>; "Dr. Collamore Receives," *Boston Globe*, December 8, 1905, <https://www.newspapers.com/clip/9768865/boston-globe-8-dec-1905/>; Karen Cross Proctor, *Pembroke*, Images of America series (Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2008), 110, preview accessed March 28, 2020, https://books.google.com/books?id=Z_UKe647CwAC&source=gbs_navlinks_s; Henry Wheatland Litchfield, *Ancient Landmarks of Pembroke* (Pembroke: George Edward Lewis, 1910), 9 (historian), 94-99. https://books.google.com/books?id=xJ8lAQAAAJ&source=gbs_navlinks_s. It appears that the Henry Collamore, Esq., who owned the property later, was the son of Anthony, not Francis (as stated in Proctor's book). *Vital Records of Pembroke, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1911), 62, <https://archive.org/details/cu31924028816473/mode/2up>. Francis appears to have lived in a house just southeast of Anthony's house, according to an 1857 map (detail below), about equivalent to 233 Washington Street.

² John P. Turner to Sylvanus Smith 2d, deed, May 21, 1844, PCRD, book 212, page 224; and Sylvanus Smith to James Ford 2d, deed, October 23, 1854, PCRD, book 262, page 233; 76 White Street, BOS.14278, Boston, MACRIS.

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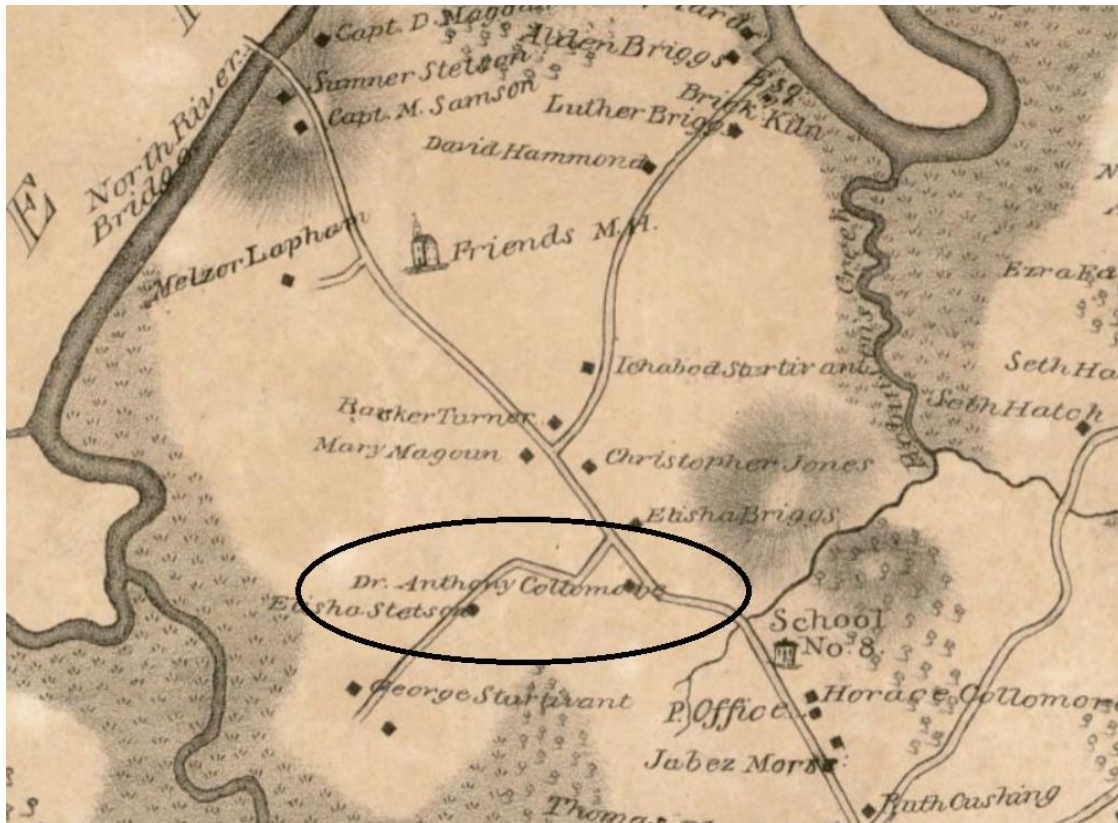
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John G. Hales, *A Map of the Town of Pembroke in the County of Plymouth* (Boston: Pendleton's Lithog., 1831), detail, Digital Commonwealth, <https://www.digitalcommonwealth.org/search/commonwealth:x059cb52d>



Dr. F. [Francis] Collamore house (circled) shown a short distance southeast of former house of Dr. Anthony Collamore. Henry R. Walling, *Map of the County of Plymouth* (Boston: D. R. Smith & Co., 1857), detail, Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division, <https://www.loc.gov/item/2012592354/>.

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"Home of Dr. Anthony Collamore in Pembroke, Mass.," date and photographer unknown, Digital Commonwealth/New York Public Library Digital Collections, <https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/items/510d47e4-16d2-a3d9-e040-e00a18064a99>



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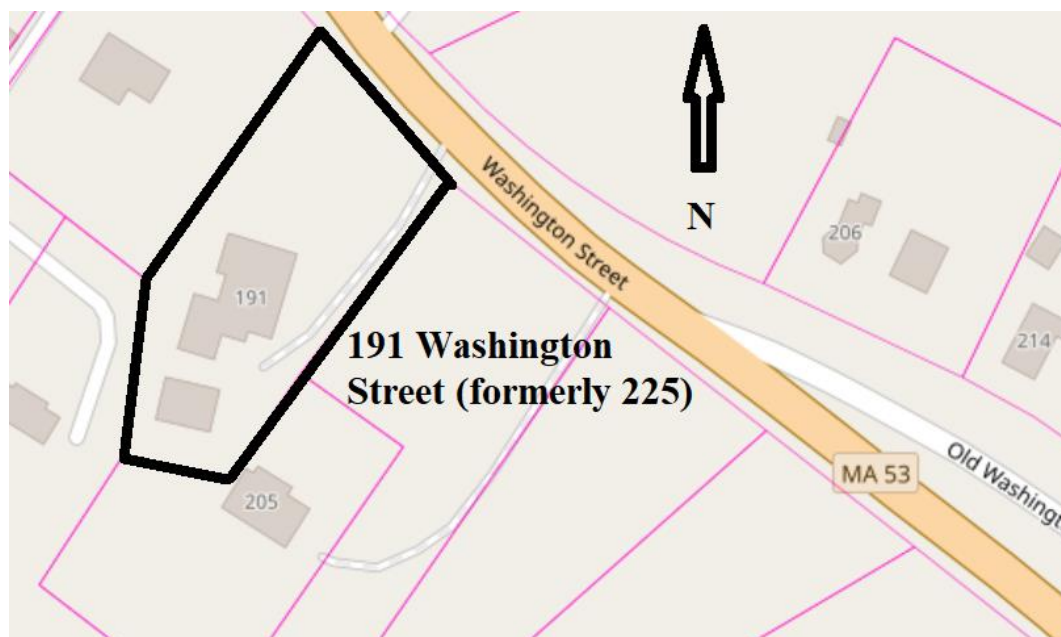
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