

# FORM B – BUILDING

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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**Town/City:** Wenham

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*):

## Photograph



Façade (west) elevation.

**Address:** 349 Grapevine Road

**Historic Name:** Samuel and Mary Preston House

**Uses:** Present: Single Family Residence

Original: Single Family Residence

**Date of Construction:** ca. 1840-1856

**Source:** visual; 1856 map

**Style/Form:** Greek Revival

**Architect/Builder:** Not known

### Exterior Material:

Foundation: Not visible

Wall/Trim: Vinyl siding

Roof: Asphalt shingle

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:** A small frame shed of 20<sup>th</sup>-century construction is located near the east corner of the house.

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*): Vinyl siding; shed dormer; addition at rear – 20<sup>th</sup> c.

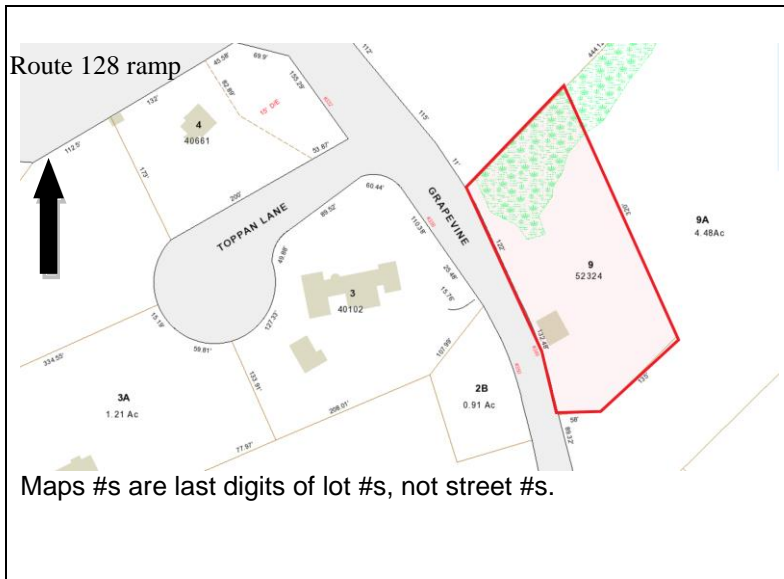
**Condition:** Fair

**Moved:** no  yes  **Date:**

**Acreage:** 1.20 acres

**Setting:** The house faces south and is located near the Route 128 ramp. The building is located on a wooded lot. The surrounding area is heavily wooded.

## Locus Map



**Recorded by:** Stacy Spies and Wendy Frontiero

**Organization:** Wenham Historical Commission

**Date:** June 2017

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

WENHAM

349 GRAPEVINE ROAD

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Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

*If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

*Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.*

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

The Samuel Preston house stands close to Grapevine Road on a large trapezoidal lot. The sloping land immediately northeast of the house is wooded. A dry-laid stone wall with a metal gate runs along the roadway and is separated from the house by a shallow grass yard. Mortared stone walls are located at the north and south elevations.

This 1½-story, side-gabled, frame dwelling has a center brick chimney. The building has a 15x34-foot main block with an 8x10-foot ell along the width of the rear elevation. The 5-bay façade west (main) elevation has a 6-panel wood door at center. The entry has an elegant pilastered surround beneath a projecting cornice. A shed dormer is centered over the front door. A shallow shed dormer extends the width of the rear elevation. Six-over-six wood sash windows are located throughout the main block; 1/1 vinyl windows are located in the ell.

The building has been altered with the addition of vinyl siding yet is still representative of the compact vernacular dwellings constructed throughout Wenham in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. The notable pilastered entrance is well-preserved.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

Census data indicates that Samuel Preston (ca. 1800-1857), wife Mary (b. 1798), and son Samuel Jr. were residents of Wenham in 1850. The 1855 Massachusetts census indicates that father and son were employed as shoemakers (cordwainers). The name "S.Preston" appears at this location on the 1856 map. Samuel, Sr. died of "lung fever" in 1857. Mary and Samuel, Jr. continued to live here until 1872. Samuel Jr. appears to have fought in the Civil War, appearing in the 1865 Massachusetts census as a soldier. He survived the war and, at age 39, married 26-year-old Ellen Munrow of Beverly.

William Endicott (1865-1941), an investment banker and partner with Kidder Peabody & Co in Boston, purchased the property in 1919. (Essex South Deed Book 2434, Pages 553, 555) Endicott also served as President of the Boston & Albany Railroad and as Chairman of the New England Trust Company. In 1920, Endicott, age 54, married his second wife Ellice Mack, age 27, in London. The Endicotts had a house in Boston on Clarendon Street and it appears that this house was used as a summer property. William transferred the property to Ellice in 1927, shortly before his retirement in 1929. Ellice died in 1973. In 1994, the property was sold to Mass Audubon. (Essex South Deed Book Page 12614, Page 52 per Ellice Endicott will, Essex probate No. 320454) The property is now part of Mass Audubon's Endicott Wildlife Sanctuary, which includes the Ellice Endicott Trail.

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