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## Bradford-Higgins House: Plympton House Ad

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# A. W. BAKER RESTORATIONS, INC.

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Further information re. our ad in the Country Journal

## The Plympton House

This house from Plympton, Mass., on the road to Plymouth, was structurally documented, marked, and dismantled by us. It is in our barn in Westport having been moved there on one flatbed truck from its site.

It is a so-called "half house" which is explained in the drawing to the right.



We would not be 'handling' this house if it were not a very special structure. Thus, it requires a buyer who understands and appreciates the integrity of a special example of very early structural folk art. It is, frankly, not a bargain purchase: from its present stored condition to a completed structure ready for interior finish will require an estimated expenditure of \$40,000 including purchase, foundation, chimney, and weathertight exterior but not including plumbing, heating, wiring, etc.

A full set of measured and numbered drawings is available to the purchaser for use in re-assembly.

Built circa 1680  
24 x 30

Purchase price as is: \$10,000  
Two full storeys.

No chimney or chimney materials.

Complete exposed frame, gunstock posts, weather braces, chamfered summer beam. Frame is oak and pine.

Vertically sheathed, i.e., not studded.

Enough wide (average 15") pine flooring in good condition for both floors.

Has 3 x 11 girts of its very early period. Joists 3 x 4. Summer 9 x 10.

Structural joints are of housed soffit shoulder with sinking butment cheeks.

No window frames or sashes.

Due to vandalism before our acquisition doors were taken and chimney breasts were defaced, but we have pieces which can be repaired or used as patterns for replacements.

Purlinned roof. Strangely enough, the pitch of this roof is only 35 degrees but by scarfing an additional six inches to the rafters the pitch angle will be immensely visually improved and will make it more fitting with representative structures of its period.

If this very early structure does not fit your needs ask us for details of the Reynolds House of East Greenwich, R.I. built in 1690 and one of the oldest existing, original-site structures in New England. Or the 1660 Mott House.