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Captain Thomas Paine House: Baker's Appendix to J. H. Cady Report

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Appendix: to J. H. Cady report

Cady was employed by the Collins in 1948 to undo what Vose had done or to create a living space for Collinses. He had great respect for the building but was lacking the knowledge that is available to us today. He recorded very carefully all that he saw, however he did not see a lot of things. Thank God he did do what he did and he must have felt very alone! However this report is presented in the hope of adding to his vision and the future of a structure which has continually been tampered with, but always with respect for its ancient parts.

Oldest part of Cajaaet:

Frame: We feel that the joists were removed for the installation of ceiling boards. However the joists on the east side were never removed and the same ceiling boards have been installed. - before Cady.

Clear indication that the east wall and front of house had a gable facade, see drawings. (determined by measurements taken from empty gable rafter pockets found in plate.)

1st. floor : lintel measures 18 x 16 before cutting
(original room)

The roof framing diagram in Cady's report is incorrect.
The original principal rafters sat ontop of the tie girts.
Joists

All joists were bare face soffit with diminished tenons, both ends - and pegged through. Think about "raising" that house!.. or trying to remove a joist after the house had been framed.

Joists on w. side of summer were removed for reasons unknown and reinstalled again. Evidence of this is patch to the north of each joist which was a section of wood cut out to free joists for removal. Otherwise removal would be difficult as joists were bare faced s. w. d. tenons - and therefore could not be lifted out.

The area between the joists where they lay over and on the 1st floor girt (to make jutty) is stuffed with plaster, brick and stone (shale). Appears to be original. ^{an} There is remant of old clapboard directly underneath one section. The joists, where they extend out, appear weathered. Possibly they were exposed under the jutty and weathered from wind erosion.

2nd floor: s. e. corner post - original section of the plate extension when house was 9 ft. longer to the south see drawing.

Clear indication on all studs of white wash mark indicating that the clapboards were either/ or white wash on or plastered on. Was this back-plastering covered with a plastered wall on the inside side of studs or were the studs left exposed? If so they were never white washed.

Scarf joints on plate - 2nd floor hall - east.

Short chamfer applied up to scarf which is only about 3 ft. from end of ^(supposed) original house, (why see drawings here?) Perhaps the stairway was different.

Present studs in south wall are joist from the original section towards the S. (now removed) reused as studs. Remnants of white wash are on them and one end of each shows considerable rot, possibly the reason for the removal of this original extension.

The present end girt, 2nd floor, s. end, of oldest sections which was installed when the extension was removed, has a scarf joint (see drawings). This type scarf could help date the removal of the extension.

Some of the present siding on e. wall is recycled wood, i. e. flooring, ceiling boards (planed and white wash).

The clapboards were originally nailed directly to the studs.

All studs are pit sawn - CLEARLY!

Stairway last - if not original then very early steps and risers. White wash found underside of stairs is pink. Pink layer is between other layers of white wash.

Clear indications of original red paint around area of earlier window studs.

Question . North extension possibly original

part II

We repaired the sill s. e. corner and 2 ft. section of Post. Connected all with steel brace.

FIREPLACE: Oldest section and earliest addition:

The 3 three stone fireplaces -

Living room: left cheek improperly built aesthetically. big stones with no good face - rebuilt.

fire place

Library: Right cheek and back - rebuilt improperly by Vose. We repaired right cheek only. Mason; found 2 pennies, 1941, 1945. Put there I guess by men working for Collins. We replaced one penny, 1978. (only 1- inflation)

Bedroom: Virgin firebox except hearth. Rebuilt ^Thearth. It appears that this hearth was butted up to the chimney girt instead of laid on it or in it. Therefore we will lay it as it was, originally, to the best of our knowledge. Wrapped lead around chimney girts butting hearth- as fire protection.

All stone work by Mrion Pimental & Sons.

Walls: oldest SECTION

Removed plaster from wall's 1st and 2nd floor as it had flat, hard, smooth surface Only remaining ~~xxxx~~ earlier plaster small section (w. of exterior door) on s. wall 1st floor oldest section: was retained. Installed insulation (2in. urethane) leaving 1/4 " air space with side of insulation. Replaster with structolite one coat. Painted walls white.

Trim: refer to page. __ in report.

Trim cont.

The wainscot and chair rail was original to the renovating done in the late 18th c. However Cady had removed the post and beam casing to expose the frame but retained the wainscot giving the room a strange and backward effect. Between the 17 and 18 c. It was ^achoice of putting the post casing back on the frame or removing the Federal wainscot and window trim. The latter was chosen. We ~~not~~ reused a section of this wide board wainscot for the counter top in the pantry..

The window trim throughout the main part of the house was installed by Cady and Federal in style. It was poorly machined (most of the machine plane marks were visible.) The bead on the s. wall beam casing was improperly fashioned. Therefore we changed the beam casing to reflect the trim style on the window.

^{interior}
New trim was made for the window frames 1st and 2nd floor old section - using a 3/4 in. bead of the 17th c. type. This new trim will be painted.)

The only timber left cased by Cady and us was the S. end girts as they were not 17th c.

The cased south end timber was used in the 18th c. ~~add~~ change in the south wall.

Pantry: removed "narrow board walls, insulated walls (2" urethane) and rebuilt area for dish storage using same narrow boards where possible. Installed heat.

Bathroom: rebuilt masterbath. increased size. Rebuilt dressing room - old doors for the closets were found in the barn.

New door for bathroom to Master bedroom made using boards removed from hall wall. These boards, originally floor

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boards, had the shadow molding cut in by Cady.

Hardware - for door was made by Newton Millham-blacksmith, Westport, MA

ADT: installed throughout and e. barn.

During the renovation the furnace broke down and had to be replaced with a new one. Painted entire house, trim, walls, and ceilings, Paint foreman Hynal Roberts.

Roof of main house - bad condition - reshingling - stopped all leaks. Shingling done by A M Restorations, Newport.

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Replaced all asphalt shingles with red Cedar - all buildings. Rebuilt barn cupolas.

Tool shed: a section of the s. plate was rotted as were the post bottoms which had no sill but were sitting directly on the ground. Replaced 3/4 of plate and studs with antique wood from a barn in Scituate, RI.

Window frames were in barn and probably from house originally.

Sprayed house for powder post beetle - all buildings treated for termites.

Footnote:

Materials stored:

Three studs - pit sawn - stored behind west knee wall of attic s. bedroom.

#1 stud: removed from wall to make doorway into bath room from master bedroom.

#2 stude found loose behind wall - s. e. corner master bedroom

#3 stud: found loose behind wall s. w. corner master bedroom.