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## Bakerville: Cole House- Baker RWC assignment

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Preservation Research  
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Project: Cole House  
Present owner: Anne W. Baker  
Present location: 670 Drift Rd., Westport, MA 02790  
Description (A. W. Baker): 1680 stone ender.

Known building history:

Cole House purchased by A. W. Baker from Frank Doyle  
915 Warren Ave. 670 Drift Rd. Doyle Realty  
E. Providence, RI Westport, MA 65 Brook St., Prov. RI

Purchased for \$7,000.00

Terms of sale: House to be removed on or before June 16, 1978  
Hole to be filled within 20 days  
Site to be leveled and filled by Spring of 1978

In a letter\* from Ms. Baker to Mr. Doyle, prior to the sale,  
she states: that the sub-flooring found in the cellar ceiling  
is 17th century boards;

ventures: that the end chimney removed perhaps after 1720 and  
the present chimney was added;

suggests: photographing in order, especially the wooden long  
support between chimney foundation and stack;

refers to: house as having been moved over 100 years ago, chimney  
and all,

states: house has joints of butt & cog joint

\* dated March 23, 1977

House dismantled-moved-partially reassembled on land at  
Bakerville, Westport, MA.

Dimensions: 127 x 18  
Approximate weight: 8 tons

After purchase, Baker planned to move the house intact through  
towns over Rts 195 and Rte 88. However, plans to move can-  
celled, house dismantled and moved in pieces to new site.