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STATE OF VERMONT
Division of Historic Sites
Montpelier, VT 05602

HISTORIC SITES & STRUCTURES SURVEY
Individual Structure Survey Form

COUNTY:	Bennington
TOWN:	Shaftsbury
LOCATION:	Route 7
FUNCTIONAL TYPE:	residence
COMMON NAME:	Peleg-Cole House
OWNER:	Everett Dakan & Terry
ADDRESS:	Moungey Shaftsbury
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:	Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National <input type="checkbox"/>
DATE BUILT:	1769

SURVEY NUMBER:
0213-1

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
73-C-10

LATITUDE

LONGITUDE

43° 56' 10"

73° 12' 38"

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:
Bennington Quad, 7.5' series

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
Peleg-Cole House

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:
Robert Frost House

PRESENT USE: residence

ORIGINAL USE: same

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
Amaziah Martin

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:
Excellent ☒ Good ☐
Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐

THEME:

STYLE:

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Brick ☐ Stone ☒ Concrete ☐ Concrete Block ☐
2. Wall Structure
 - a. Wood Frame: Balloon ☐ Western Platform ☐ Post & Beam ☐
 - b. Load Bearing Masonry: Brick ☐ Stone ☒ Concrete ☐
Concrete Block ☐
 - c. Iron ☐
 - d. Steel ☐
 - e. Other: large, rough-faced blocks, uncoursed
3. Wall Covering: Clapboard ☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Board & Batten ☐
Shiplap ☐ Novelty ☐ Stucco ☐ Tile ☐ Brick ☐ Stone ☒
Slate ☐ Sheet Metal ☐ Asphalt Shingle ☐ Aluminum ☐
4. Roof Structure
 - a. Truss: Wood ☒ Iron ☐ Steel ☐ Concrete ☐
 - b. Vault: Brick ☐ Stone ☐ Concrete ☐
 - c. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Wood Shingle ☒ Asphalt Shingle ☐ Tile ☐
Slate ☐ Sheet Metal ☐ Paper ☐ Built Up ☐ Rolled ☐
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches ☒ Towers ☐ Dormers ☒ Bay Windows ☐ Ells ☐
2 Chimneys ☒ Cupolas ☐ Wings ☐ Sheds ☐ Other:

Number of Stories: 1 1/2

Approximate Dimensions:

Roof Style: Gable ☒ Gambrel ☐ Flat ☐ Shed ☐ Hip ☐ Mansard ☐
Jerkinhead ☐ Monitor ☐ Saw Tooth ☐ Other:
With Belcast ☐ With Parapet ☐ With False Front ☐

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat ☒ Zoning ☐ Roads ☐
Development ☐ Deterioration ☐

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive ☒ Negative ☐ Mixed ☐
Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

5-bayed house has stone first story, and clapboard under gable on side elevations. Central peaked gable dormer over entrance. Sash 6/6. Entrance has simple entablature and pilasters.

RELATED STRUCTURES:

barn, shed.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Built in 1769, the Pelæg-Cole house is reputed to be ^{one of} the earliest house built in Shaftsbury. It also was once the residence of Robert Frost, who bought it in 1920.

(See Accompanying Real Estate Brochure)

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



COLE-FROST
HOUSE



ROUTE 7

↑ So. Shaftsbury
1/4 mi.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

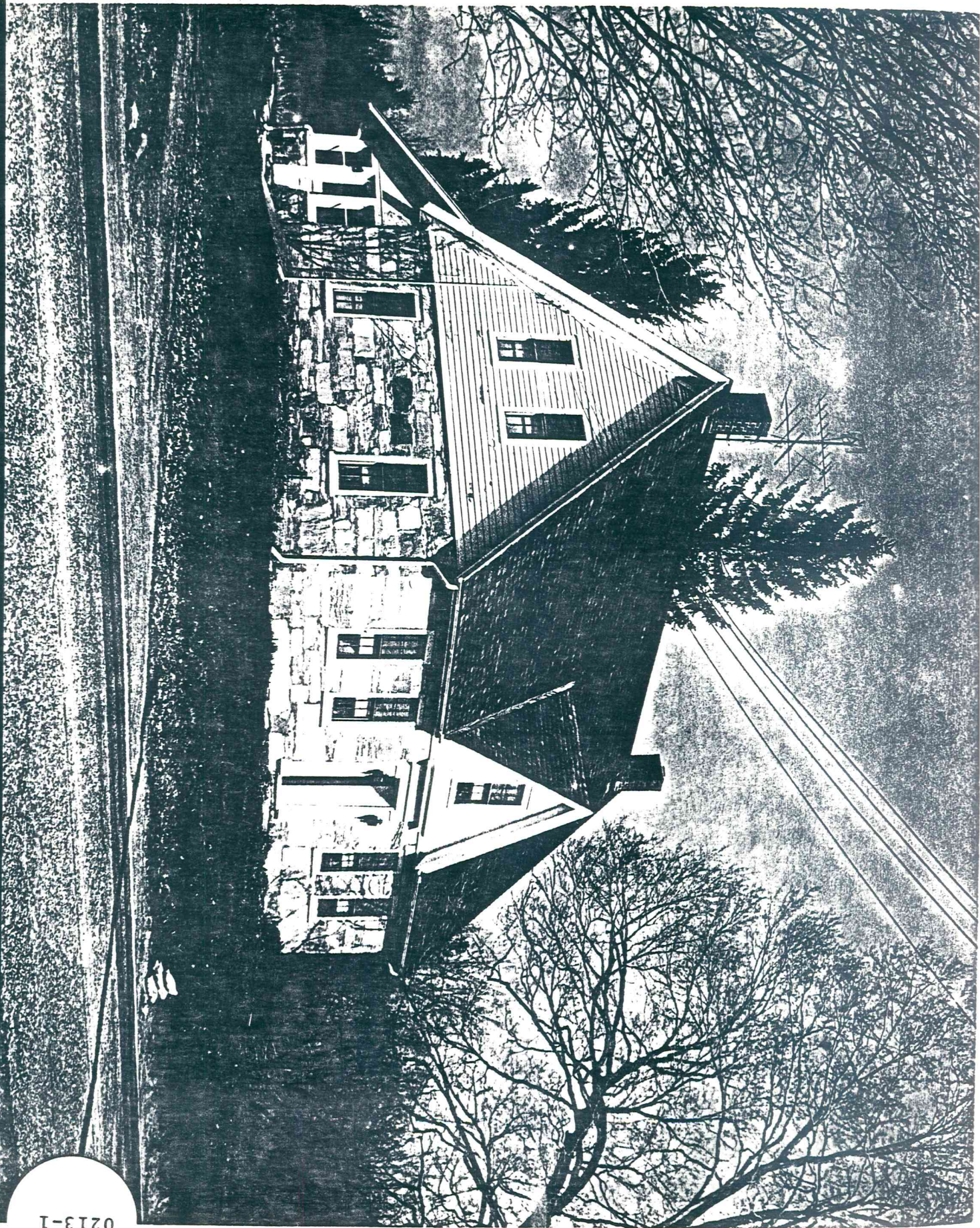
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Scattered Buildings ☐
Moderately Built Up ☐
Densely Built Up ☐
Residential ☐ Commercial ☐
Agricultural ☐ Industrial ☐
Other:

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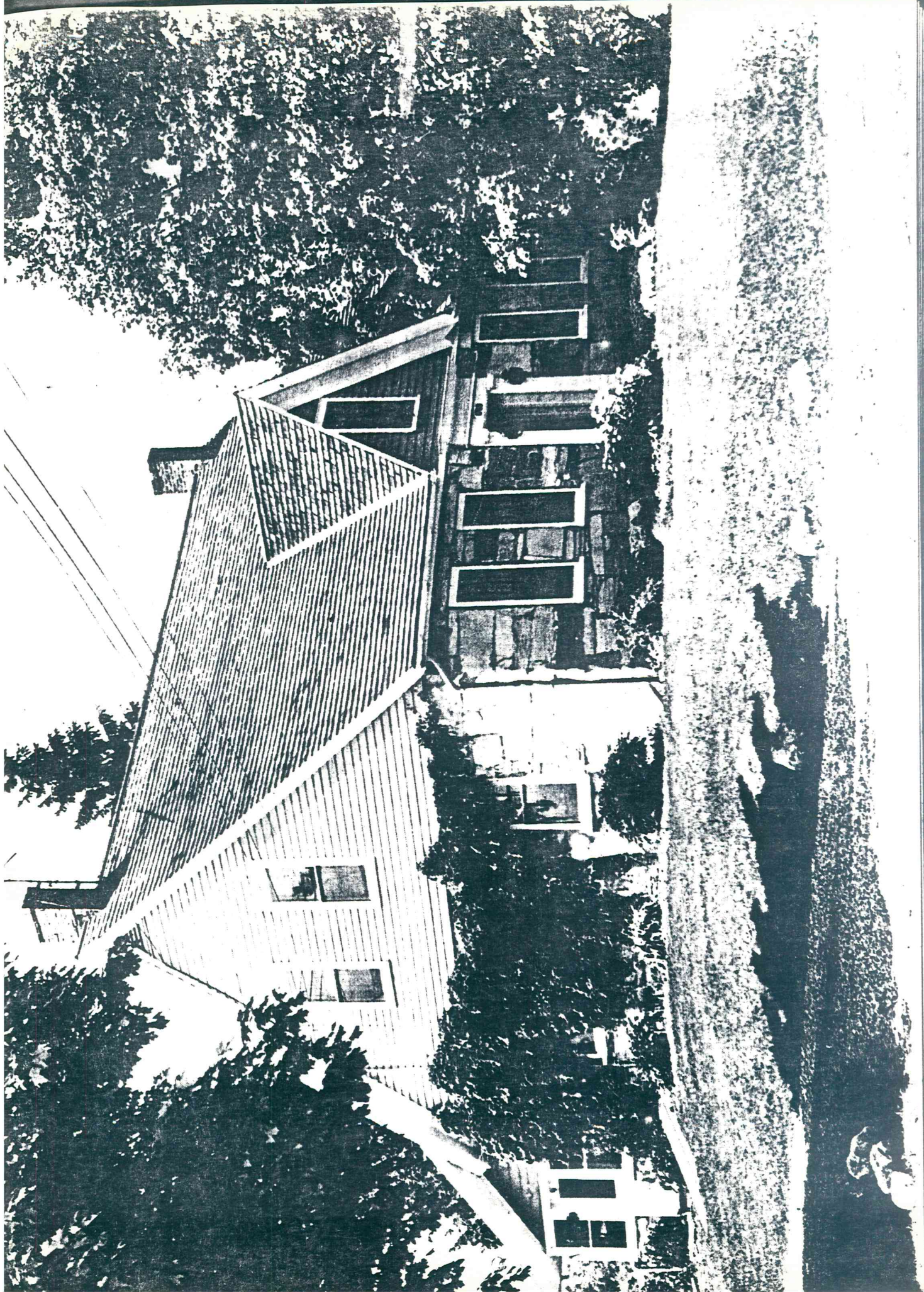
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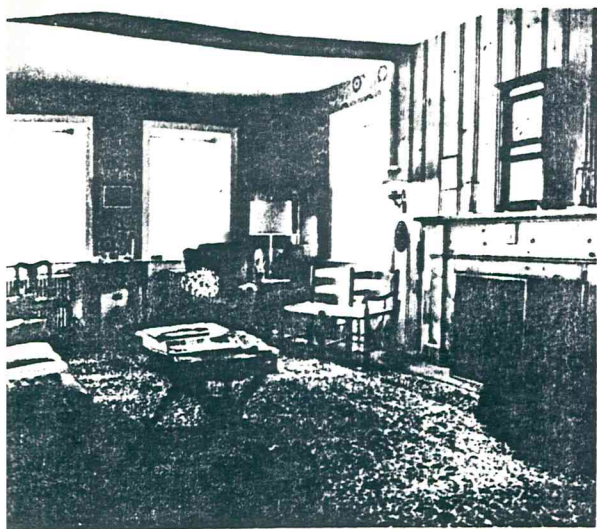
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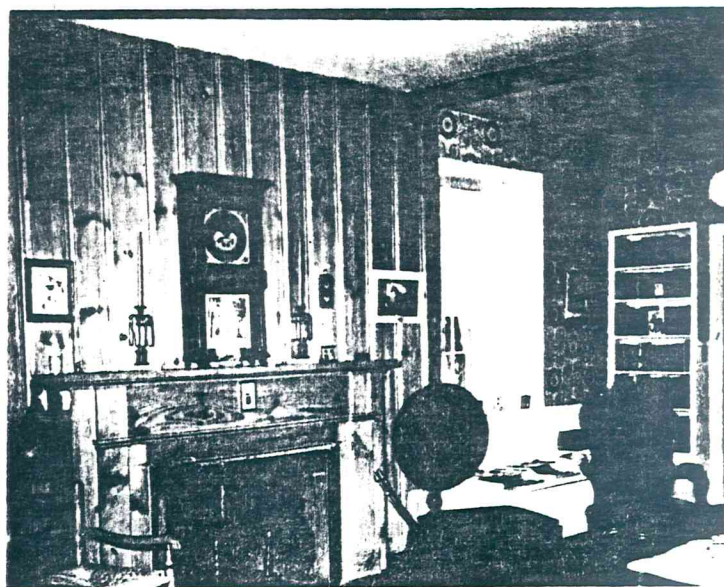


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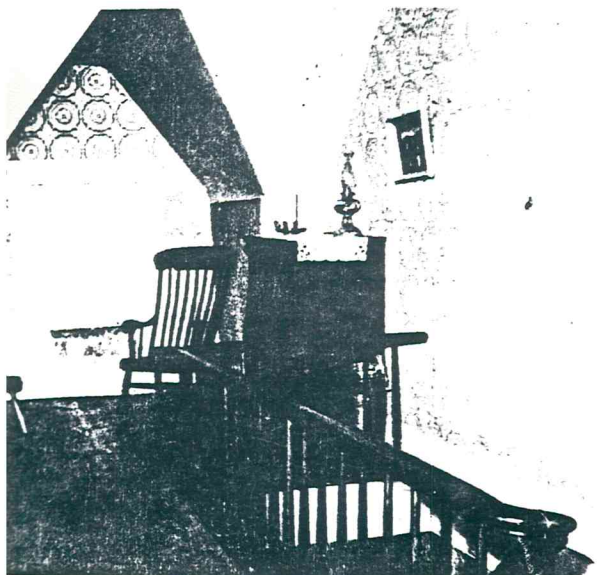




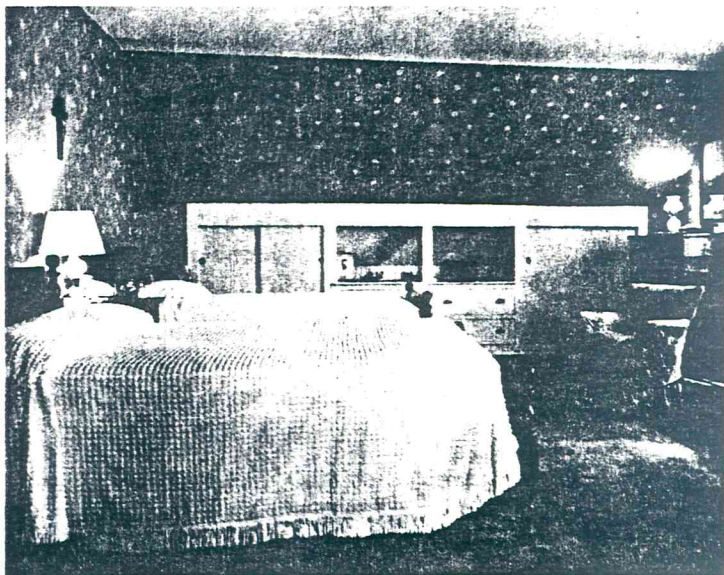
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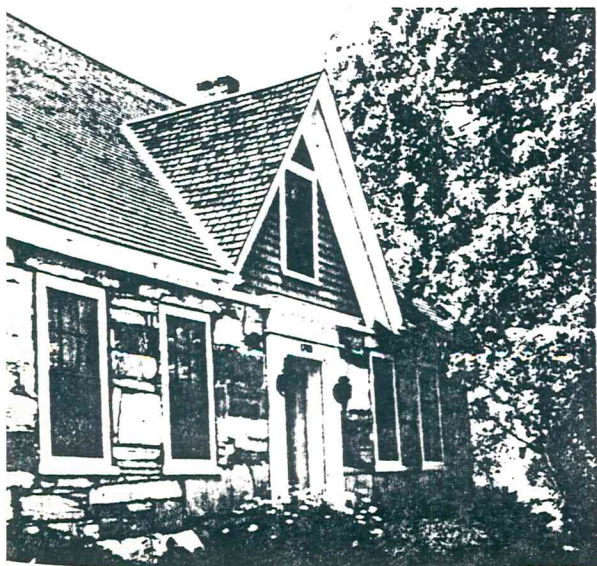
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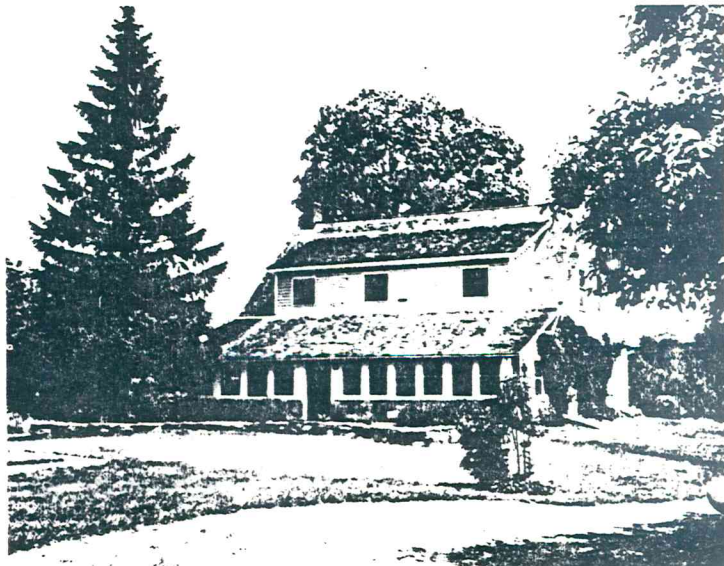
UPPER HALL



BEDROOM



STONE WORK DETAIL



REAR OF HOUSE

COLONIAL HOME

This lovely Early American Colonial home, formerly the residence of Robert Frost, America's beloved poet, is located in the heart of scenic Shaftsbury, Vermont. Built by highly skilled stone craftsmen in 1769, it is believed to be the oldest house still in existence in Shaftsbury.

GROUNDS:

Approximately 85 acres of land consisting of open fields bordered by berry patches, a variety of trees in large wooded areas and an apple orchard. Immediately surrounding the house are tall, lovely shade trees. A raised patio encompasses the rear area of the home.

HOUSE:

An unusual example of Colonial stone craftsmanship with dressed stone walls 22 inches thick, insures cool summers and snug winters. There is a full shed dormer to the rear of the home. Featured also is a fully enclosed porch across the rear of the house measuring 10' x 38' and is equipped with screens and storm windows.

FIRST FLOOR:

Large center entrance hall with coat closet. Front living room is 14' x 26' with native Vermont stone fireplace, natural old wood floors and exposed hand-hewn beams. Dining room is 13' 6" x 16'. Modern kitchen 10' x 22' with knotty pine cabinets and cupboards. Powder room directly off the kitchen.

SECOND FLOOR:

Stairway with original cherry handrail leads to spacious second floor hallway with wide board flooring. Two spacious master bedrooms 14' x 24' with large closets. The south bedroom has an additional built-in storage closet and drawers at the east end of the room. All new bath with separate tub and stall shower. The linen closet is located in adjacent hall.

GARAGE:

Oversize detached garage with overhead door and side entrance.

BASEMENT:

Full basement with concrete floor and stone wall foundation. Outside hatchway. Dutch oven, used in the early days, and laundry is located in the basement.

HEATING PLANT:

Forced hot water heat. General Electric boiler, oil hot water which provides year 'round domestic hot water. Total annual fuel bill averages \$260.00

OTHER:

The house was completely restored in 1955 by one of the areas finest contractors. At that time a completely new roof of the best grade cedar shingles, all new wiring and copper plumbing was installed. The house was also completely capped with insulation down to the stone walls. Water is supplied by a 295' artesian well which delivers 5 gallons per minute. Sewerage includes a large septic tank and dry well. Anderson combination storm windows throughout.

CURRENT TAXES: \$368.00

PRICE:

Subject to prior sale, \$60,000

LISTED EXCLUSIVELY WITH:



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