

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No: WSW.134
Historic Name: Colburn, Samuel House
Common Name: Draper, Henry Sidney - Forbes, Allan House
Address: 229 High St
City/Town: Westwood
Village/Neighborhood:
Local No: 05-042
Year Constructed: C 1775
Architect(s):
Architectural Style(s): Altered beyond recognition; Colonial Revival
Use(s): Agricultural; Dairy; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance: Agriculture; Architecture
Area(s): WSW.E: Town Hall - High Street Area
Designation(s):



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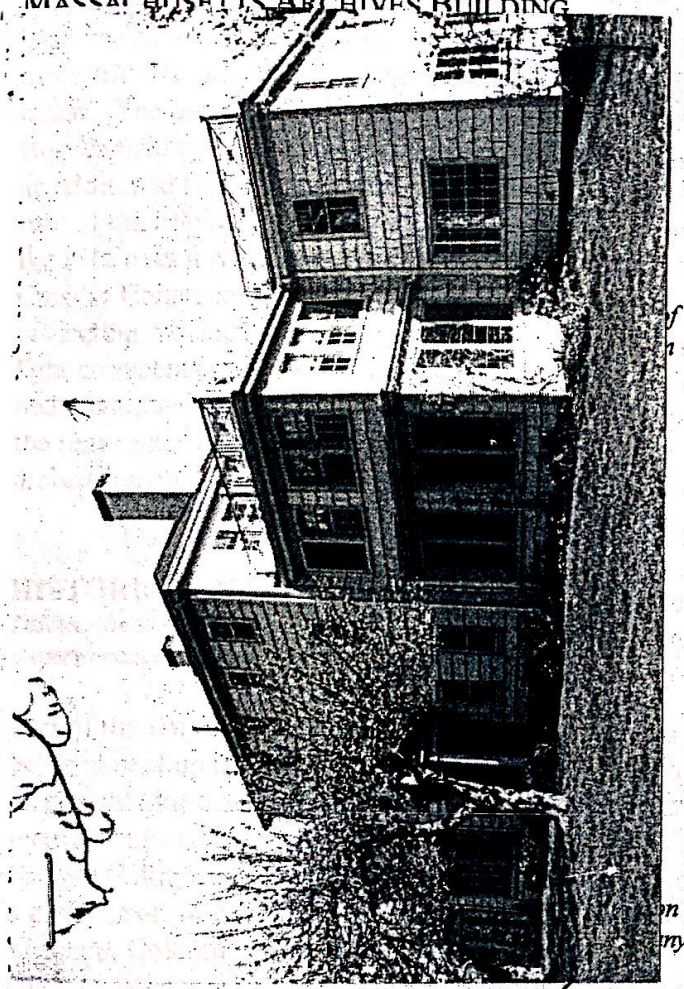
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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING



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

05-042 Norwood 134

Town WESTWOOD

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 229 High Street

Historic Name Samuel Colburn

Uses: Present residential

Original residential

Date of Construction ca. 1775

Source Fennerty/conjecture

Style/Form Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation fieldstone

Wall/Trim wood shingles/wood trim

Roof asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures three car garage

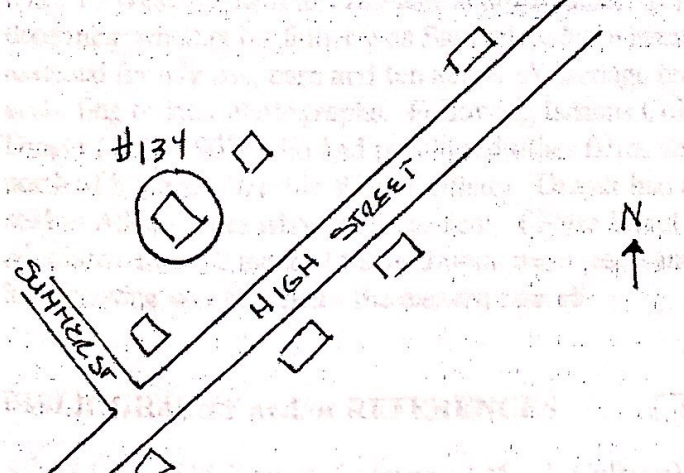
Major Alterations (with dates) 1911- moved; 1922, 1927 - added to

Condition good

Moved no yes Date 1911

Acreage 223,851 sf

Setting - Set back from road on long driveway that is tree lined. Set on small knoll oriented south, with planted perennial border at end of house, small informal circle at end and some cleared area with surrounding mature trees including beautiful copper beech tree.



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Organization Westwood Historical Commission

Date (month/year) May 1998

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BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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

The original eighteenth century core is still visible on the south side as the first- and second-story of this looming full three-story facade. The five-bay configuration, hipped roof, twin chimneys, and six-over-six sash remain from the early house. The rest is a result of a major expansion in the early 1900s. Today the house consists of the tall five-bay, three-story hipped roof center block, flanking two-story, two-bay elements that are slightly recessed from the main facade, an additional two-story element on the east side that is three bays deep, a four-bay two-story element attached to the rear of the original center block, and a projecting open porch with paired Tuscan-like tapered columns supporting a flat roof over a wide wrapping flagstone terrace on the west end of the house. The added blocks all are united by a Chinese Chippendale balustrade atop the second-story flat roofs. Most windows have six-over-six sash set in slightly projecting molded frames. Some are paired or in strings of three on the additions, and some windows are tall multi-light casements or large multi-light set in a single frame. The main block has a center entrance with a projecting pediment porch. The door appears proportionally tall and narrow for this block. An entrance porch also projects from the rear eastern most building element. The end open terrace/porch has a built in exterior fireplace with segmental arched french doors flanking this huge feature.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

 see continuation sheet*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.*

Part of the house was one of the early Colburn houses along High Street and was located next to High Street until being moved up the hill in 1911 by the early twentieth century owner, Allan Forbes (1874-1955), who also was responsible for the large additions. First known owner according to the 1818 map was Samuel Colburn. The vital records show only one Samuel of this era, born in 1777 and died in 1816. Dr. Nathaniel Ames diary tells of amputating Samuel Colburn's leg in 1814. This property passed to Samuel Colburn's son, Ephriam and then Ephriam Jr. Through a greater part of the 1800s the property was owned and occupied by Isaacus Colburn (1793-1879), son of Isaac Jr. and Elizabeth Colburn. He married Louisa Fisher in 1820. Isaac Colburn (1766-1845) lived at 381 High Street having come to West Dedham in 1789 as a schoolteacher. It is said that his father lived here. Further research is necessary to determine whether his father was Samuel Colburn mentioned above. In 1850 and in 1870 Isaacus Colburn was assessed for a house, barn and ten acres. A carriage house was added by 1870 and the barn was large and attached according to later photographs. Following Isaacus Colburn, son of Isaac, the property was owned by Henry Sidney Draper (1827-1907) who had purchased other farms and owned most of the land west of High through to Grove and north of Summer Street in West Dedham. Draper had a thriving dairy farm and was a milk dealer. In 1903, Draper sold to Allan Forbes who was President of State Street Bank. Forbes moved the house in 1911 and made some additions. In 1922 most of the additions were made and in 1927 the third floor was added to the center part and a laundry wing was attached - the eastern rear ell.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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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.*

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

Community Property Address
WESTWOOD 229 HIGH STREET

Area(s) Form No.

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National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

Check all that apply:

- Individually eligible Eligible **only** in a historic district
 Contributing to a potential historic district Potential historic district

Criteria: A B C D

Criteria Considerations: A B C D E F G

Statement of Significance by Gretchen G. Schuler
The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.

The ca. 1775 Samuel Colburn House is eligible for listing in the National Register in a potential thematic nomination for its developmental history as an eighteenth and nineteenth century farm of Colburns and Drapers and for its conversion to a twentieth century rural estate of Allen Forbes. The house was moved within the same property. It retains integrity of setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.

229 High Street

1775 Samuel Colburn House - records in
Dedham Historical Society
various Colburns lived in it
and owned it: Samuel, Ephriam, Ephriam Jr.
Isaacus

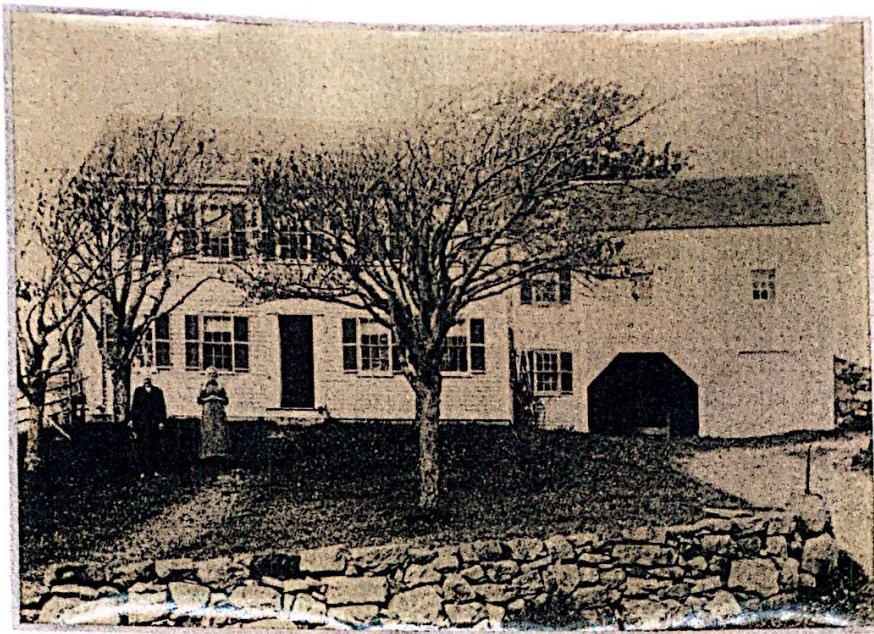
1883 Henry Draper
Draper Dairy Farm - 60 acres

1903 Allan Forbes (President of State Street
Bank)

1911 moves house halfway from street, on
other side of tall hedge behind the millstone
adds a few rooms, has 2 children

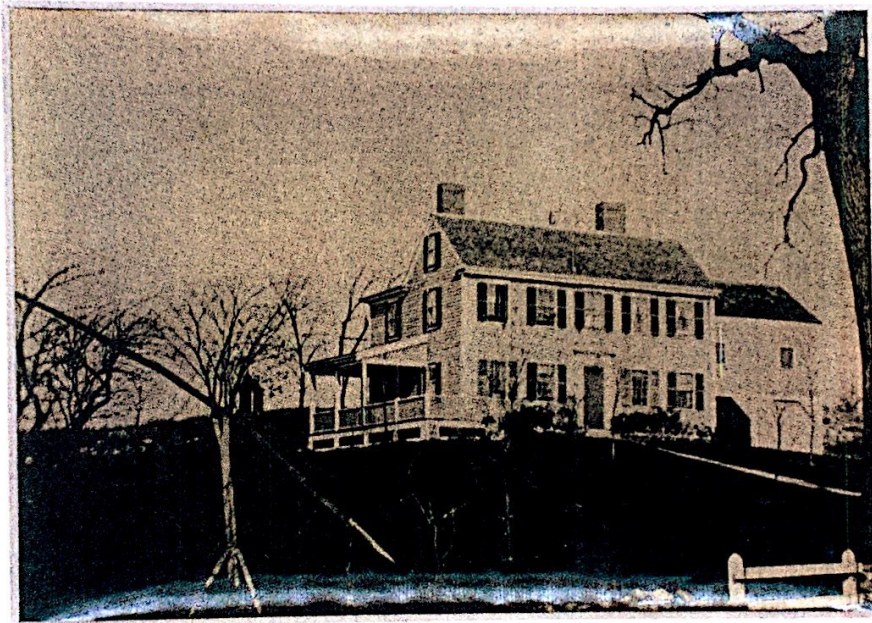
1922 moves house 2nd time
adds living room + plant room

1927 adds the 3rd floor because has
3 more kids (3 boys + nanny live up there)



House is originally situated close to High Street.

c. 1906



House moved halfway from High Street.
"There are six new saplings planted."

c. 1908

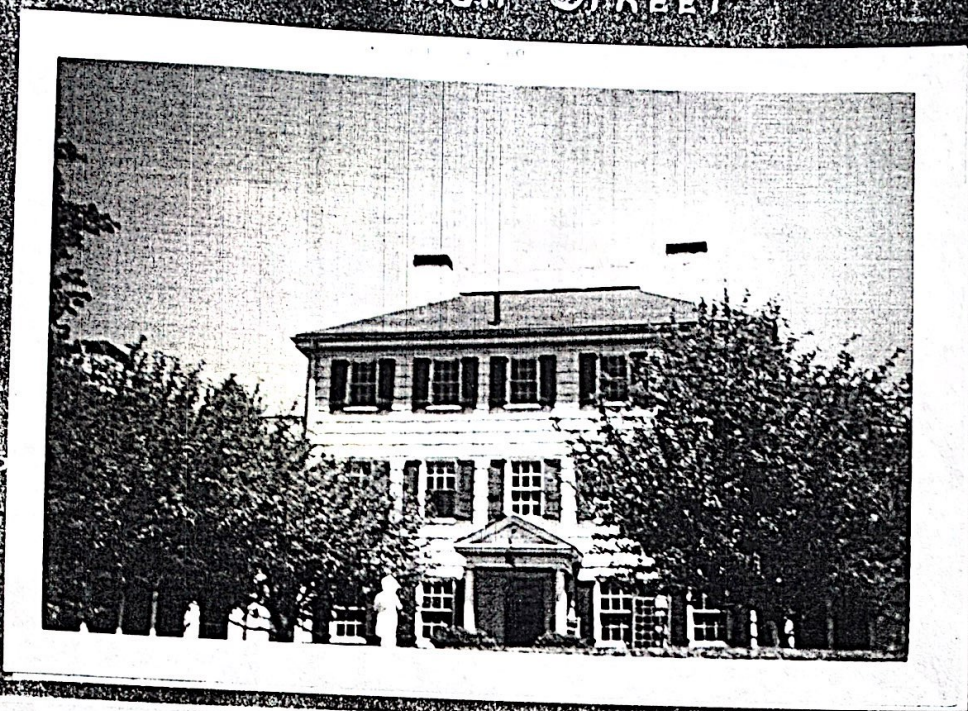


c. 1908

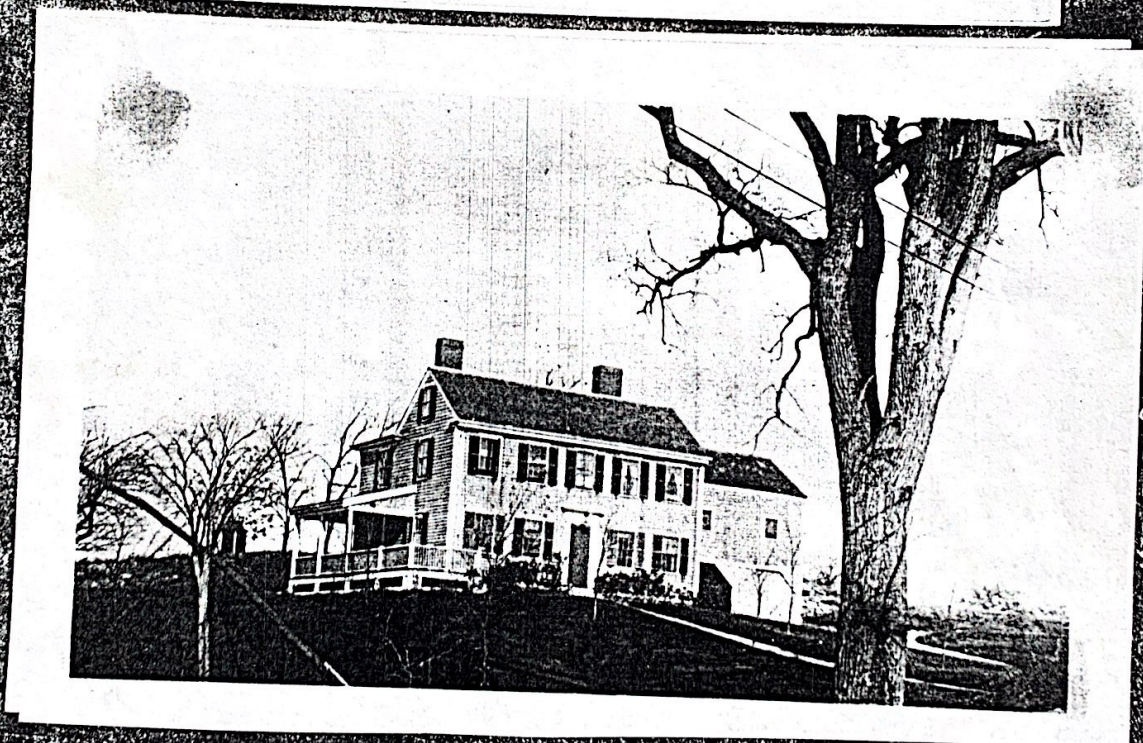
229 HIGH STREET

"BROAD
FIELDS"

Probably
built in late
1700's or
early 1800's



1960



1900

(stood the
down, near
High Street
Well Swee
showing
front of
house.

In 1911 this house was moved back up the hill; the central
portion was rebuilt and additions made to both sides, in 1922

1818 Samuel Colburn
1845 Isaacus Colburn
1851 I. Colburn
1866 I. Colburn
1876 I. Colburn

1883 Henry S. Draper
1905 Allan Forbes
1961 John S. Mechem

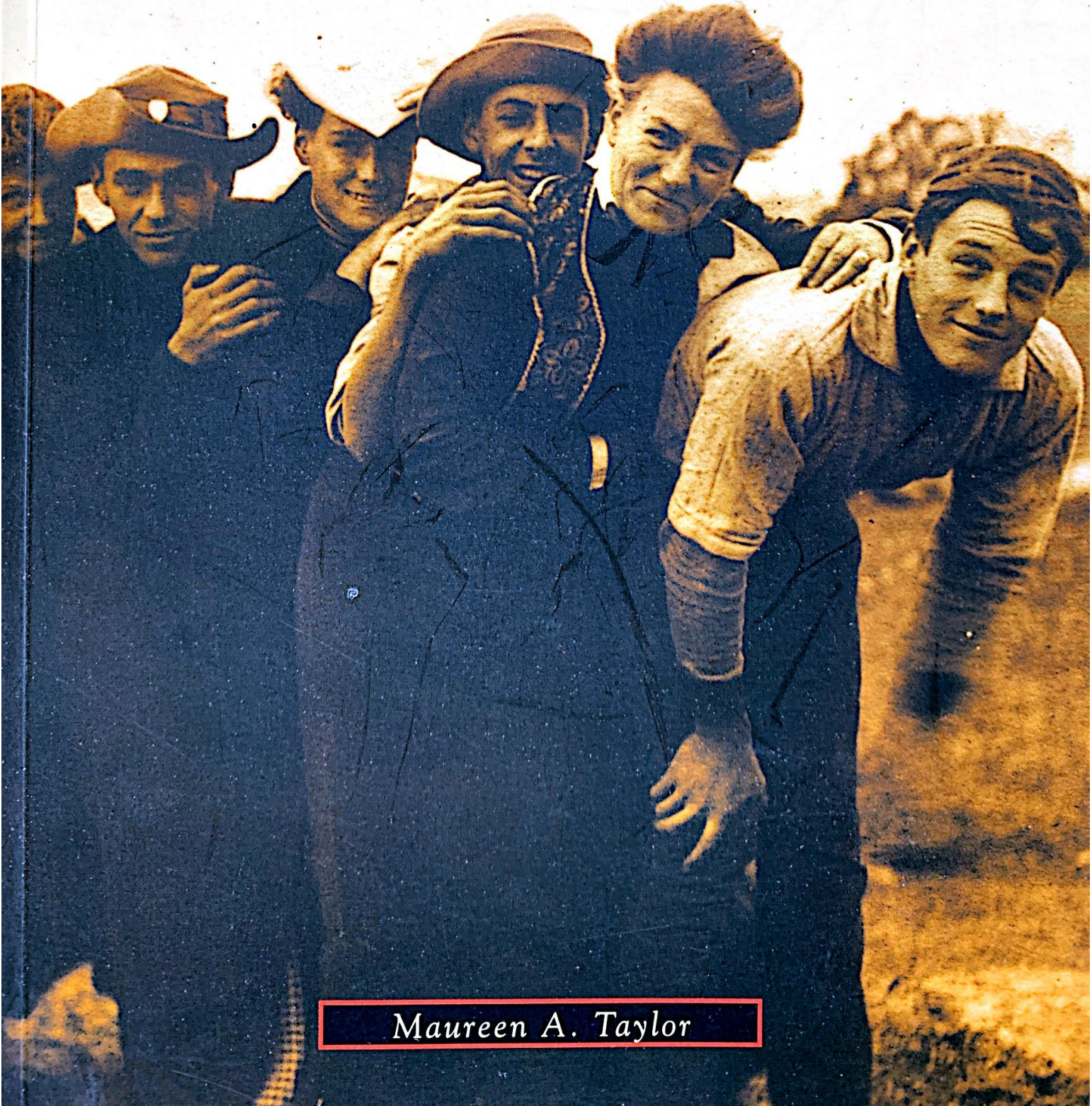
Broadfields. State of Allan Forbes - 1957 - Not shown Polo field & Tennis Court - PFL



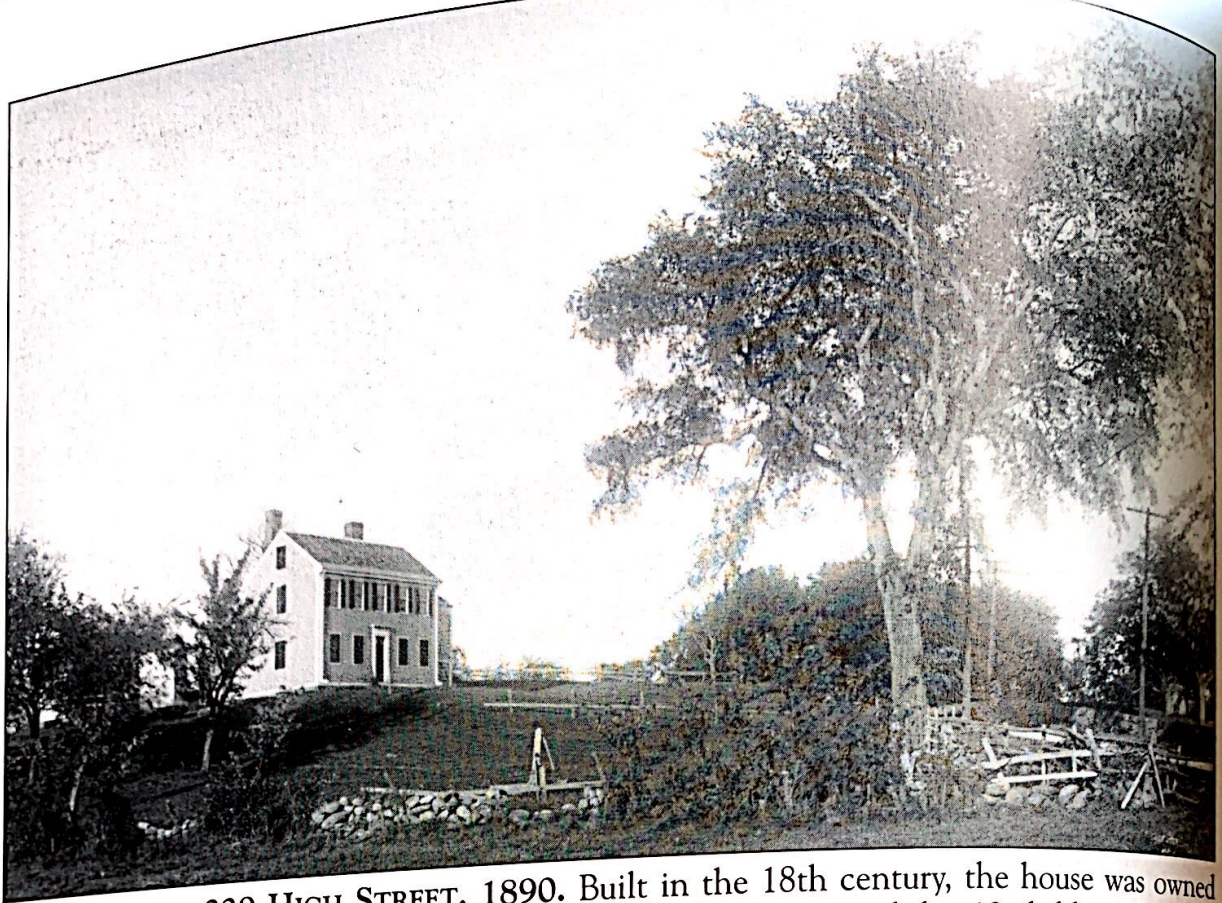
POLO FIELD + TENNIS COURT -

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WESTWOOD



Maureen A. Taylor



THE HOUSE AT 229 HIGH STREET, 1890. Built in the 18th century, the house was owned by the Colburn family for many years. Isaac Colburn lived here with his 12 children. In 1911, the house was moved up the hill. In 1922, additions were added to both sides and the central portion was rebuilt. (WPL.)



THE COLBURN FAMILY. The following is written on the back of this photograph: "Children of Isaac Colburn (1766-1845) and Elizabeth Dexter (1771-1813): Elizabeth (1789-1869) married Edward Jones; Nabby (1791-1888) married Timothy Smith; Isaacus (1793-1879) married Louisa Fisher; Polly (1795-1869) married Silas Bacon; Hezebah (1797-1895) married Nathan Everett; Sally (1797-1891) married Noah Cole; Hannah (1798-1835) married Jason Ellis; Katy (1800-1872) married Otis Farrington; Lucy (1802-1891) married Cortus B. Lincoln; John Dexter (1804-1889) married Clarissa Crebore; Julia (1806-1889) married Aolather Richards; Lyman Richards (1809-1866) married Josa Wight." (DHS.)