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Inventory No:	MLT.297
Historic Name:	Wolcott, Gov. Roger - Wolcott, William House
Common Name:	
Address:	1726 Canton Ave
City/Town:	Milton
Village/Neighborhood:	Blue Hills
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	c 1885
Architect(s):	Leland, Joseph Daniels Company
Architectural Style(s):	Colonial Revival
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	MLT.J: Blue Hills - Upper Canton Avenue Area
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Stucco; Wood



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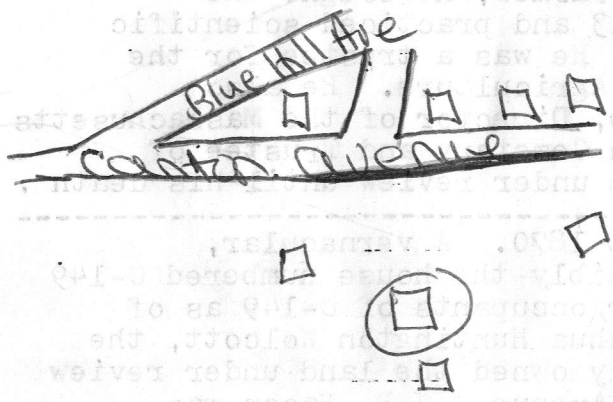
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hip: Private individual
Private organization

Public

original owner Gov. Roger Wolcott

location in relation to nearest
cross streets and other buildings
or geographical features.
Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1885/c. 1935

Source Teele; History of Milton;
Mrs. Charles Devens

Style Colonial Revival

Remodeled by c.

Architect Joseph Leland (1935)

Exterior wall fabric stucco

Outbuildings caretaker's house; late
19th century barn, with cupola, for
original residence

Major alterations (with dates) original
house reduced and remodeled in
c. 1935

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage c. 14

Recorded by Edie Clifford

Organization Milton Historical Commission

Date May 1986

Setting

(Milton Record: 12/4/1943 and 8/19/1944) Joseph Leland lived in Milton at 823 Brush Hill Road and was Chairman of the Planning Board and served on the Committee that drafted the zoning by-laws. He was the architect of the U.S. Post Office in Cambridge; Pittsfield High School; Margaret Pillsbury General Hospital in Concord, N.H.; and was chosen as the architect for the Milton Hospital.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community) The house under review is the remodeled kitchen and dining room section of the original Governor Roger Wolcott summer residence, a wooden sheathed structure, possibly C-148 on Teele's 1885 map. After the death of the Governor's wife in 1934, the original house was reduced in size and the remaining section was remodeled by Joseph Leland into the imposing residence that exists today. The front facade is symmetrically organized around a center entrance. Dentil molding lines the eaves of the hip roof. Simulated quoins define the corners of the house.

The late 19th century barn, with cupola, for the original house still exists on the property. Also on the estate is the caretaker's ***

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history (see below) and how the building relates to the development of the community)

Governor Roger Wolcott (1847-1901) was a lawyer, who managed estates. He served as Lieutenant-Governor of Massachusetts from 1892-1895, and Governor from 1896-1898. He was the son of Joshua Huntington Wolcott from Connecticut.

Mrs. Roger Wolcott (1853-1924) was born Edith Prescott, the daughter of William Gardner and Josephine Augusta (Peabody) Prescott. Her grandfather was William H. Prescott, the noted historian, and her great, great grandfather was Col. William Prescott who commanded the American forces at the battle of Bunker Hill. In 1874 she married Roger Wolcott.

William Prescott Wolcott (c. 1880-1947) was one of the sons of Governor and Mrs. Wolcott. A gentleman farmer, he bought the Crocker Farm, Ponkapoag Pond, Canton in 1913 and practiced scientific methods of livestock breeding and farming. He was a trustee for the Massachusetts Society for the Promotion of Agriculture. He also served as President of the Eastern Dog Club, Director of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Trustee of the Milton Cemetery and Trustee of the Milton Hospital. He lived in the house under review until his death.

 ***house, dated by the Assessor's Office at 1870. A vernacular, clapboarded structure, this dwelling is possibly the house numbered C-149 on Teele's 1885 map. Teele lists the owner/occupants of C-149 as of 1885 as J. H. Wolcott and J. B. Bacon. Joshua Huntington Wolcott, the father of Governor Roger Wolcott, originally owned the land under review and lived across the street at 1733 Canton Avenue. J.B. Bacon was possibly the caretaker.

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