

Mountain Road

Princeton Center Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on February 26, 1999 and March 10, 2006 (boundary increase) by the National Park Service. The northerly boundary for Mountain Road includes Meetinghouse Cemetery and the town pound up to Allen Hill Road.

Princeton House File: Intersection of Mountain Road and Gregory Hill Road

[1870 map Scales]



2 Mountain Rd

Historical Name: Built C.1775

House history researched by the Princeton Historical Commission 2007

(Princeton House File-card 371)

Location: Center of Town

Built: c. 1775

Lt. Gov. Gill built on present common

Bartholomew Cheever lived

Rev. Joseph Russell and Capt Henry Prentice occupied

Town bought for Baptist Parsonage

Rev. James Murdock bought of Town 1802

Col. Jacob W. Watson

Luther Nash, m. Mary Watson

Pynson Blake bought and moved it back from street

20 ft. store Blake & Allen

D.H. Gregory Co. 1840 - 1940 (1857 and 1898 maps)

Charles F. Woollett

Alfred Vanasse

Malcolm Chase & Ruth "The Village Store"

Rockwood Mason c. 1965

(Historical map references)

[1830 map (no mention of name)]

[1857 map D.H. Gregory/Store]

[1870 map D.H. Gregory & Company /Store & Post Office]

[1898 map D.H. Gregory]



6 Mountain Rd

Historical Name: Josiah D. Gregory House C. 1874

House history researched by the Princeton Historical Commission 2007

(Princeton House File-card 372)

Wachusett St. facing Common

Built: 1874

Josiah Gregory built and lived

Mrs. Emily D. Gregory, widow of J.D.

Mary H. and Louise H. Gregory and heirs

Malcolm W. Chase 1961

Norman C. Dunbar and Jacqueline 1966

(Historical map references)

[1898 map J.D.Gregory]



Baptist Church-Prospect House Hotel (PHS)

___Mountain Rd

(Princeton House File-card 373)

site in between 6-10 Mountain Rd

Location: East

Built: 1840

Baptist Church

Second building, built on east side of present Common

Wilkes Roper bought in 1860 and converted into a hotel "Prospect House"- burned 1923

I.F. Thompson 1861

George L. Bliss (Wayland C. Davis, proprietor) 1883 - 1900

Mrs. Jennie A. Young 1894 - 1900

Frank A. Drury of Worcester 1910- 1912

Harry C. Beaman bought 1913

Joseph C. Knotts of Rindge, N.H. 1922

(Historical map references)

[1857 map Baptist Church]

[1870 map I.F. Thompson Prospect House]

[1898 map Prospect House-W.C. Davis Prop.]



10 Mountain Rd

Historical Name: Rev. Samuel Clarke House 1819

House history researched by the Princeton Historical Commission 2006

(Princeton House File-card 374)

Location: East

Built: 1819

Rev. Samuel Clark built and lived. Stood at head of Common until 1838, moved to present location east of Common when third Church was built.

(Pynson Blake written in by hand)

Edwin F. Eveleth

Phineas E. Gregory

Mrs. Phineas Gregory and heirs
rented to various persons

Raymond J. Gregory

Mrs. Florence Gregory

R. Thomas Reed 1961

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ollila 1961

(Historical map references)

[1830 map on Common, no mention of name]

[1857 map Phineas Gregory]

[1870 map P.E. Gregory]

[1898 map Mrs. Phineas Gregory]

Boylston Hall (burned 1883)

(Princeton House File-card 375)

Location: East

Built 1838

Boylston Hall, built in 1842, named for Ward Nicholas Boylston; burned 1883. Site occupied by First Congregational Church

(Continued on card 376)

(Historical map references)

[1857 map Town Hall]

[1870 map Town Hall]

[1870 map Sheds]

[1870 map Hearse Hse]



14 Mountain Rd

Historical Name: First Congregational Church built on the Common 1838, Moved to its present location 1884

(Princeton House File-card 376)

Location: East

Wachusett St. facing Common

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

1st Meeting House built 1763 on "highest point of land donated by John and Caleb Mirick".

Removed 1796.

New Meeting House built near same site 1795

Committee reported "unsafe for use" 1836

taken down 1840

Third building top of present Common 1838

Moved 1884 to its present location on east side of Common where formerly stood Boylston Hall

Bell made by Paul Revere and Sons

Circular window, date 1762, fr. first Church Chandelier (Maverick Church, East Boston)

gift of John Lane Boylston

Communion service, gift of Hon. Moses Gill and Paul Revere

Bible, gift of Hon. Moses Gill 1769

(Historical map references)

[1857 map Union Church (on the common)]

[1870 map Orthodox Church (on the common)]

[1898 map Congregational Church]

The Paul Revere bell, originally purchased for the second church, was removed and placed in the present church. This bell is inscribed in ¾ inch letters REVERE and SON Boston, 1815. It weighs 874 pounds.

In 1796 the Hon. Moses Gill (1733 -1800), presented the church with a gift of two silver chalices made by Paul Revere and Son. Presently, they are on loan to the Worcester Art Museum. The pulpit Bible was also a gift from Hon. Moses Gill in 1769.

A crystal and brass chandelier, a gift from John Lane Boylston (1789-1847), was hung in the sanctuary, a few years after the Revere bell was installed. The chandelier may have come from the Maverick Church in East Boston prior to it hanging here.

When the church was moved in 1884 an annex was built, and a new organ made by Cole Organ Company was installed in 1904. The cost of the organ was \$2750 of which Edward Goodnow pledged \$500.

The Beaman Christian Education Wing addition was built in 1989 at the rear of the church (architects Wadsworth, Sanders and Chenot).

Joyce Anderson, PHC



19 Mountain Rd

Princeton House File-card 377)

Location: West

Built: c. 1880

Prentice C. Doolittle built and lived; ran the stagecoach

Mrs. Caroline Skinner Doolittle, widow

Maud A. Doolittle - daughter

Harold C. Mason

William W. Claghorn 1951
John and Nicole Patterson circa 2007

(Historical map references)
[1898 map P.C. Doolittle]



18 Mountain Rd
(Princeton House File-card 378)

Location: East

Land from Ward N. Boylston to Town - October 21, 1818

Town granted leave by General Court for the inhabitants to sell at auction April 1875

Town of Princeton to Joseph Merriam - 6 acres at auction \$425.00 May 1875

Jos. Merriam to John Brooks - 6 acres \$800.00 April 1, 1896

Russell trustee for John Brooks (John Brooks heirs on 1898 map)

Russell sold to Dr. Elisha Sears Lewis August 27, 1908

House:

Lewis to Howe July 3, 1929

Arthur B. Howe to Worcester County Institute for Savings

Worcester County Institute for Savings to H.E. Coppel January 22, 1935

Coppel to Mrs. Marion Hinrich December 9, 1943

Lomasney rented until 1949

Hinrich sold to Wm. Jordan 1950

Jordan sold to Irving Bottcher 1952

Doric Bottcher sold to Carl Aphorpe 1959

Alden Jacobson 1967

John J. Hughes C. 1970

John and Ellen Hubbell bought

Calvert 1992



20 Mountain Rd
(Princeton House File-card 379)

East (back of main house)

Sanatorium: 1914

Owners same as main house until Hinrich sold to Wm. C. Stout April 24, 1946

Stout sold to Fred N. Webster July 1948

Hinrich sold 25 ft. southerly strip to Ethel Mirick in 1949

Hinrich sold 30 ft. adjacent to Mirick strip in 1949



21 Mountain Rd
(Princeton House File-card 380)

West

Samuel Lackey taxed in 1819

used for renting

James Gatley

Mrs. Charles G. Washburn

"Liberty", her chauffeur, given use of house for his lifetime

Rockwood Mason 1940

Rev. C.W. Robbins occupied ½

Harold C. Mason occupied ½

Swenson occupied ½

Edith Mason

Leary 1979

(Historical map references)

[1870 map J. Gatley]

[1898 map Mrs. James Gatley]



22 Mountain Rd

Historical Name: First Congregational Church Parsonage 1870-1978

House history researched by the Princeton Historical Commission 2008

(Princeton House File-card card 381)

East

Built: 1869

Parsonage of the First Congregational Church

Ministers occupied:

Rev. G.M. Howe

Rev. A.D. Love

Rev. Charles A. White

Rev. Charles E. Reeves

Rev. Benjamin Swift

Rev. J.S. Strong

Rev. F.F.G. Donaldson

Rev. Bruce Roberts

Rev. James Burns

Rev. George M. Raun

Rev. William Darby

Rev. Edmund Keller

Rev. Robert E. Carter

Rev. P. Yesu Rathnam

Occupied by John Brooks and family in 1873 - 1874 while his new house was being built.

Occupied also by I.F. Thompson 1874 - 1875

(Historical map references)

[1870 map Parsonage]

[1898 map Parsonage]



30 Mountain Rd

(Princeton House File-card 382)

East

Built: 1889

Charles F. Washburn of Worcester built

Charles G. Washburn, son

Mrs. C.G. Washburn (Caroline Slater)

John Coonley

Roy H. Wall 1950 - The Meeting House (restaurant)

Deming S. Cross 1961

Sold to John A. Knutson and Donald Warnock (1970)

Sold to Susanne Reed and Elizabeth Sjogren

Inn at Princeton

Don and Maxine Plumridge County Inn at Princeton

Sold to Brooks

(Historical map references)

[1898- map Charles G. Washburn]

33 Mountain Rd

(Princeton House File- card 383)

West

Built: 1937

by R.S. Hamilton (Allen land)

Theo. Brown owned of Moline, Ill.

Wm. Cade and Elise Brown Cade 1969

38 Mountain Rd

(Princeton House File-card 384)

East

Built: c. 1934

Rockwood H. Bullock

(H.G.O. Colby and Francis Colby land)

Vida M. Smith (Mrs. Charles)

Mullen 1970 ?

Patrick J. Morrissey

House burned. New house built 1980's

51 Mountain Rd
(Princeton House File-card 385)
West
Built: 1973
John Peterson



54 Mountain Rd
(Princeton House File-card 386)

East
Built: 1903
Hamilton Perkins of Boston built
Mrs. Elizabeth B. Perkins, widow
Mrs. Marjorie W. Freeman of Haverhill 1925
Mrs. Florence Schofield Thayer and William Schofield of Worcester
Carl G. Johnson of Worcester - used as an Inn "Princeton Manor" 1938
Emry Swan - "Princeton Manor and Convalescent & Rest Home" 1948
Building burned 1967
Sold to Alexander Simonatis
converted to apartments 1970 - 1972



58 Mountain Rd
(Princeton House File-card 387)

East
Built: 1902
Henry C. Delano of Boston built house on site of The First Meeting House
Constantine F. Hutchins of Boston - tenant for several summers
Fred S. Morton of Worcester bought 1917
Samuel T. Hobbs of Worcester bought 1925
Bradford Schillander
Howard Byram 1952
Edward C. Camp Jr. 1959

64 Mountain Rd
(Princeton House File-card 388)

East
Ceil S. Bell built 1950-52
Jay and Sheila Goodnow



___Mountain Rd
(Princeton House File-card 389)

West

Meeting House Cemetery

Built: 1768 N. of Old Cemetery

Voted that "ye pound be built with stone 30 feet square within ye walls, 6 feet high from ye ground with a stick of timber round ye whole upon ye Top."

The pound was located on the Thomas Allen property.

PHC Note: In 2007 the pound was donated by JoEllen Ferm former owner of 32 Allen Hill Road to the Town of Princeton.

___Mountain Rd
(Princeton House File-card 390)

West

(next to pound)

Built: 1818-19

Presbyterian Meeting House - Rev. Alonzo Phillips 1820

Disaffected members of the First Church built N.W. of the new Meeting House and the Old Town House used as School house #1. Became Congregational in 180. The two churches became united about 1836.

Building destroyed. Foundations of Church and sheds still visible, 1940 on land owned by Mrs. Thomas Allen.



92 Mountain Rd

House formerly located on Merriam Road (PHS)

Historical name: Mirick Tavern 1757

House history researched by the Princeton Historical Commission 2006

(Princeton House File-card 391)

East

Built: c. 1755

Owners and occupants:

Caleb Mirick - bought land in 1752

Caleb Mirick Jr.

Elisha G. Mirick

George L. Mirick

Arthur E. Fay

Mrs. Anna C. Fay, widow of Arthur E. (1898 map)

Sisters Mary A., Anna C., Patience W. and Lois Fay Powell

(Historical map references)

[1830- map C. Mirick]

[1870 map G.L. Mirick]

[1898 map Mrs. Anna Fay]



Slate tablet-Ten Commandments

Mountain Road (to the right of 97 Mountain Road)

After the death of her husband, Arthur, Anna Fay (1853-), with the help of eight of her nine children, established a printing office. From about 1900 on, while working on their farm of 110 acres, she and her children, printed a local newspaper, The Labor's Friend, , as well as a monthly magazine titled, 'Our Commonwealth.' After being in the printing business for nineteen years she retired and sold the equipment, keeping a slate tablet. She wondered what she could do with it, until the inspiration came 'to make it an instrument of God's law'. The 1300 letter tablet was carved by Sylvester D. Sargent of Gardner. It is 8'high and 3' wide and is made of a slate taken from her printing shop.



97 Mountain Rd

(Princeton House File-card 392)

West

Built: 1915

by Mrs. Abbie Fay

Miss Mary Fay lives there

Paul Fay and wife

___Mountain Rd (Princeton House File-card 393)

East

Built: 1972

Mr. and Mrs. Clement P. Clark



152 Mountain Road

Rustic Lookout associated with Fernside c. 1890



162 Mountain Rd

Historical Name: Benjamin Harrington House

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places- May 2002

(Princeton House File-card 394)

East

Owners and occupants:

Joseph Eveleth built first house 1761

Benjamin Harrington built 2nd and present house 1835

Nathan Danforth & Henry Boyles

Wilkes Roper - 1870 - boarding house

"Fernside" Vacation house bought 1890 as a vacation home - M. Josephine Allen, Trustee

Girls Vacation House Assoc. Trustees

Jocelyn and Richard Morrison (ran as a bed and breakfast)

MacLean Hospital Division of Harvard University

(Historical map references)

[1830 map Benjamin Harrington]

[1857 map Nathan Danforth]

[1870 W. Roper 'Summer House']

[1898 map Wilkes Roper]



173 Mountain Rd

(Princeton House File-card 395)

West

Built: 1896

Owners and occupants:

Edwin Temple built

Gertrude Cumings of Boston owned & occupied with

Dr. Alice H. Bassett

Sara Ware Bassett

Girls Vacation House Assoc. Trustees

Edward Hallen 1961

___Mountain Rd

(Princeton House File-card 396)

West

Built: 1973

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence G. Smith



205 Mountain Rd
(Princeton House File-card 397)

West

Built: c. 1790

Owners and occupants:

Paul Matthews

Moses Cheever

Benjamin Harrington owned and let

Henry Boyles

Levi Temple

Edwin Temple 1896

Walter Haskins 1905

John Sullivan, lawyer of Worcester

Prof. Harold Smith & Persis S. - Worcester

Richard C. Guest

(Historical map references)

[1830 Hobbs]

[1857 map Henry Boyles]

[1870 map L.G. Temple]

[1898 map Walter Haskins]

___ Mountain Rd
(Princeton House File-card 398)

West

Corner Echo Lake Rd

Built: c. 1907

Mrs. Walter Haskins

Prof. Harold Smith

Everett W. Needham

Commonwealth of Mass.

various tenants

Nason H. Arnold

William S. Brooks

Thurston Rice

Empty 1970

torn down 1969 ?



___ Mountain Rd
Wachusett Mountain State Reservation
(Princeton House File-card 399)

West

Built: 1904
Superintendent's House
Commonwealth of Mass owns:
Superintendents of Mt. Reservation
Guy Chase 1904-07
Everett W. Needham 1907-47
Earle F. Vickery 1948-

____Mountain Rd
(Princeton House File-card 400)

West
Henry Boyles built and lived
Micah Hobbs
Frank E. Reed of Worcester
F.T. Elms
Commonwealth of Mass. owned
Elliot F. Santon occupied
torn down in 1969

(Historical map reference)
[1870 map Micah Hobbs]



227 Mountain Rd
(Princeton House File-card 401)

West
Owners and occupants:
Frank S. Robbins of Worcester built and owned (1898 map)
Everett W. Needham owned
Judson M. Goodnow owns
left to Antionette Goodnow (3rd wife)



Mountain House Hotel (PHS)

____Mountain Rd
(Princeton House File-card 402)

West
Built: c. 1764
Site: Left side of Mt Rd across from 258

MOUNTAIN HOUSE:
Elisha Hobbs settled on No. 8 Watertown farms and built farm house
John Gill Hobbs, grandson, son of Moses H. and Marcy Gill

Micah Hobbs, grandson of E. Hobbs
Daniel Howe enlarged 1856
Mrs. Rebecca Howe (Bullard)
Samuel C. and Moses H. Bullard 1859
enlarged 1880
Moses H. Bullard 1887
Gilbert Derby of Fitchburg owned from 1894-1903
Various owners -
George E. Doherty of Somerville 1914
Hotel burned July 1914

(Historical map references)

[1870 map M.H. Bullard/Bowling Alley]



**258 Mountain Rd
(Princeton House File-card 403)**

East

Built: 1879

OLD BOWLING ALLEY TEA HOUSE:

part of Mountain House property - saved from the fire of 1914

Mrs. Everett W. Needham bought and remodeled

Miss Christine Mason 1927 - 1963

Mr. Russell Vickery owns - c. 1967

Granger



Grand View House (PHS)

**____ Mountain Rd
(Princeton House File-card 404)**

East

Built: 1859

GRAND VIEW HOUSE:

Daniel Howe built

Mrs. Rebecca Bullard Howe

William R. Howe enlarged 1893

house burned 1899 - rebuilt as home by Porter

Everett E. Rice, 1919

John M. Matthews owns -c. 1958

(Historical map references)

[1870 map Mrs. B. Howe]



272 Mountain Rd
(Princeton House File-card 405)

East

Built: 1956

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Rice



280 Mountain Rd
(Princeton House File-card 406)

East

Built by Albert Hall

-----Escola

Gerald Silven

 Mountain Rd
(Princeton House File-card 407)

East

William Barney c. 1884

Herbert H. & Gladys M. Walley - camp

Sold

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