

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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| <b>Inventory No:</b>           | CON.427   |
| <b>Historic Name:</b>          | Lee - Rice - Brigham House  |
| <b>Common Name:</b>            |   |
| <b>Address:</b>                | 82 Fitchburg Tpk  |
| <b>City/Town:</b>              | Concord   |
| <b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>   | Nine Acre Corner  |
| <b>Local No:</b>               | F15-3448-1  |
| <b>Year Constructed:</b>       | r 1795  |
| <b>Architect(s):</b>           | Lee, Nathaniel  |
| <b>Architectural Style(s):</b> | Federal; Greek Revival  |
| <b>Use(s):</b>                 | Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House  |
| <b>Significance:</b>           | Agriculture; Architecture   |
| <b>Area(s):</b>                | CON.AT: Nine Acre Corner  |
| <b>Designation(s):</b>         |   |
| <b>Building Materials(s):</b>  | Roof: Asphalt Shingle<br>Wall: Synthetic Other; Wood<br>Foundation: Granite; Stone, Cut |



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FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's number

USGS Quad

Area(s)

Form Number

Massachusetts Historical Commission  
80 Boylston Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

F15-3448-1

CONCORD

AT

427

Town CONCORD

Sect B

(neighborhood or village)

Nine Acre Corner

Address 82 Fitchburg Turnpike

Historic Name Lee/Rice/Brigham House

Present dwelling

Original dwelling

Year of Construction 1790's

Source Wheeler; visual assessment

Style/Form Federal/Greek Revival

Architect/Builder Nathaniel Lee(?)

Exterior Material:

Foundation dressed granite

Wall/Trim synthetic siding

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures shed,  
greenhouses, garage, produce stand

Major Alterations (with dates) 20th C.:

main door hood, door and picture windows on  
wing; most trim gone.

Condition fair

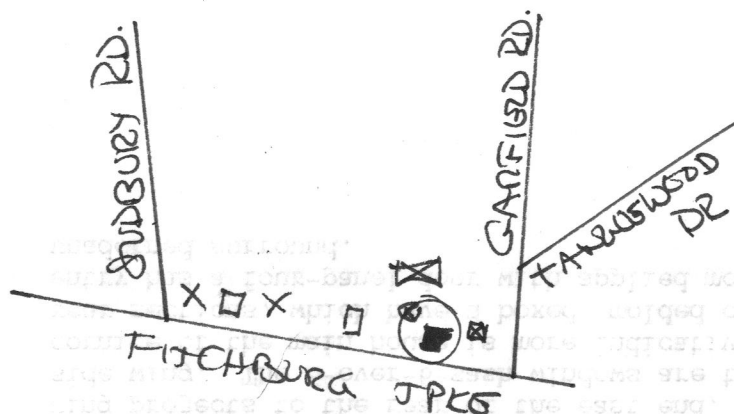
Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date N/A

Acreage 88,416 sq. feet

Setting Opposite river bend and corn  
fields; brook to west, wooded hill to  
east. Metal garage/roadside stand at  
front. Greenhouses behind, tall ever-  
greens across front of yard.

Sketch Map

Draw a map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Attach a separate sheet if space is not sufficient here. Indicate North.



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Organization for Concord Hist. Commission

Date (month/day/year) June, 1991

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

Although this is a somewhat altered house, it still contributes substantially to the early-nineteenth-century rural character of Nine Acre Corner. It is a 2 1/2-story five-bay structure with a pair of off-center chimneys behind the ridge. A short 2-story wing projects to the rear of the east end, connecting the main house to a long 2-story side wing. The 6-over-6-sash windows are typical of the 1820's-30's; the shallow cornice of the main house is more indicative of its ca. 1790's construction date. (The rear sections, which have a boxed, molded cornice, may be later additions.) The main entry has a four-panel door with applied moldings, full-length sidelights, and a flat, unadorned surround.

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.*

This farm began as part of the eighteenth-century Lee farm, which ran north from Lee's Bridge to Fairhaven Bay, and included the Mine Hill. (See #509 Garfield Road.) In 1790 Woodis and Isaac Lee sold to their brother **Nathan Lee**, "housewright, thirty acres of land with a frontage of 22 rods on the road under the mine hill." He apparently bought it to build on, for in 1799 Nathan and his wife Rebecca sold the property to **James Puffer** of Sudbury and **Isaac Lee**, who sold it at once to **Joel Rice** (ca. 1731-1819) of Northboro, with buildings.

In 1806 Joel Rice deeded half his farm to his son **Phinehas Rice**, and in 1812 the other half was mortgaged to **Jonas Lee**, who assigned the mortgage to **Israel Rice** of Sudbury, a blacksmith. In 1824 Israel Rice, then "of Concord" (indicating he may have lived in this house by then,) sold his half of the house and barn, with 15 acres of land, to **John G. Brigham, Jr.** J.G. Brigham was a wheelwright, who previously carried on his trade beside the milldam at Concord center. The property passed to his descendants through the middle of the twentieth century, first (by 1875) to **Alonso Howe Brigham**, then by 1896 to **Harry W. Brigham**, (see also #350 Fitchburg Turnpike,) and after 1933, **George Brigham**.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Maps and atlases: 1830, 1852, 1856, ca. 1871, 1875, 1889, 1906.  
Town Directories.

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