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Inventory No:	HIN.440
Historic Name:	Gill, Thomas House
Common Name:	
Address:	76 Lincoln St
City/Town:	Hingham
Village/Neighborhood:	Hingham;
Local No:	271;
Year Constructed:	1743
Architectural Style(s):	Colonial;
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House;
Significance:	Architecture;
Area(s):	HIN.G, HIN.L
Designation(s):	Local Historic District (08/01/1989); Nat'l Register District (01/07/1991);
Building Materials:	Wall: Wood Shingle;
Demolished	No



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FORM B - BUILDING

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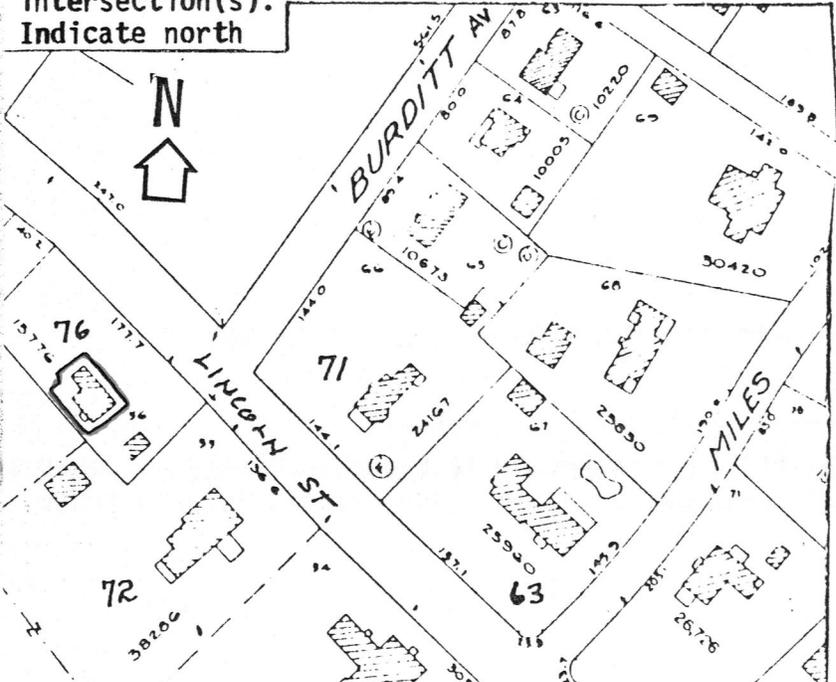
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Hingham
 76 Lincoln Street 2C
 Name Thomas Gill House
 Present Single residence
 Original Single residence
 DATE
 1743
 Title and deed search
 Expanded Cape Cod

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection(s). Indicate north



Architect _____
 Exterior Wall Fabric Wood shingles
 Outbuildings One car ridge-roof shingled garage.
 Major Alterations (with dates) 1900s, Addition of gambrel second floor. One story room to north.
 Condition Good
 Moved No Date _____
 Acreage 15,776 sq. ft.
 Setting House faces the wooded marshy expanse of Broad Cove and the west end of Burditt Avenue. It is the last period residence on the 1635 downtown Lincoln Street.
 Recorded by Fannin/Lehner
 Organization Hingham Historical Commission
 Date January 29, 1991

UTM REFERENCE _____
 USGS QUADRANGLE _____
 SCALE _____

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

The prominent Thomas Gill (1707-1761) bought his land at 76 Lincoln Street from J. Barack Jordan, a Braintree cordwainer, in 1743 and built the Cape Cod house which he owned until his death in 1761. A graduate of Harvard College, Thomas was a selectman in 1739 and a delegate to the General Court from 1742 to 1744. Probably Thomas' oldest son, Thomas Gill (1733-1812), inherited the property because it was his daughter, Ruth Lyon (b. 1756), who owned 76 Lincoln Street until 1819. Charles Gill (1784-1858), likely a cousin, owned the Cape Cod house next door at 72 Lincoln Street from the 1820s until 1858. All these Gills were descended from Thomas Gill (ab.1616-1704/5), an early Hingham settler who received a grant of land in 1635.

Trader Henry Thaxter (1790-1846) owned 76 Lincoln Street for a brief period between 1819 and 1822, selling it to Brossard French (1792-1869), a "faucet-maker" or "tapmaker." The French family kept the property, which included a shop, until 1843 when for the next ten years it was owned by Edward L. Thaxter of Norfolk County.

Charles Lincoln (1797-1881), a cooper, purchased 76 Lincoln Street in 1853. He was the son of the seafaring Barnabas Lincoln (1781-1850) who owned the large nearby estate comprising 46, 50, 54 and 66 Lincoln Street from 1809 to 1850. Cabinet maker Martin Lincoln (1834-1912), a longtime employee of Ripley & Newhall, inherited the property in 1885, apparently selling the house he had built at 250-254 North Street c. 1854. 76 Lincoln Street went out of this branch of the Lincoln family, which was descended from original settler Thomas Lincoln (d. 1691) "Cooper," upon Martin Lincoln's death in 1912. MJF

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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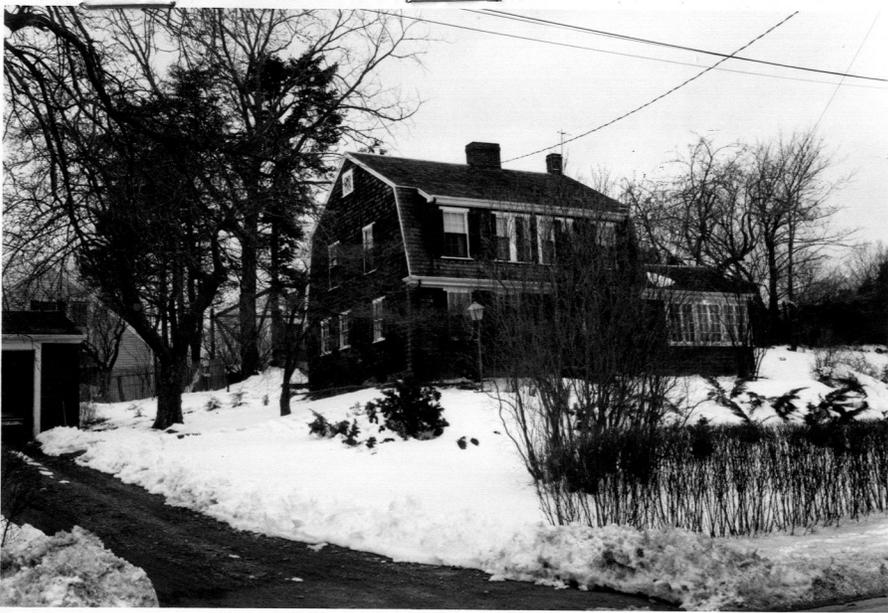
Community: Hingham	Form No:
Property Name:	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE 76 Lincoln Street
Thomas Gill House

The Thomas Gill House was built in 1743 in an archetypal Cape Cod mode, a one story ridge-roofed building set on a low foundation, with a central entrance flanked by two windows. The sash windows, set tightly under the original eaves indicate a mid 18th-century building date. The early front rooms have brick walls, as does the house next door, at 72 Lincoln Street. By the end of the 19th century, the owner wishing to enlarge the property, added a second floor, a not uncommon alteration in Hingham. Similar additions occurred, usually in the early 20th century, at 657 and 679 Main Street, at 243 and at 306 North Street, 176 South Street. At 18 Leavitt Street, another example of a raised Hingham house, the second floor was built in the then prevalent fashion, the Queen Anne Style. The second floor of the Thomas Gill House, constructed a few years later, was built in the early 1900s in the Shingle Style, then the popular mode in Hingham. A large gambrel roof replaced the original ridge roof; it might have been influenced by the gambreled Shingle Style house recently built in 1898, a block south of this residence. Shingle style characteristics include the wide enveloping gambrel roof and the continuous runs of shingles at the corners which eliminated corner posts so as to give the house the desired look of shingled walls without interruption. A low profile long shed dormer, integrated into the roof, keeps the massing compact. The effect is that of a relaxed, welcoming house which is an attractive integral component in the Lincoln Local Historic District.

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Hingham

76 Lincoln St.

nal Use dwelling

ent Use dwelling

ent Owner _____

Style Colonial

ce of Date _____

itect _____

3. CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated moved Altered _____

IMPORTANCE of site to area: Great Little None SITE endangered by _____

4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material: _____

WALL COVER: Wood shingles Brick Stone Other _____

STORIES: 1 ② 3 4 CHIMNEYS: 1 2 3 4 Center End Cluster Elaborate Irregular

ATTACHMENTS: Wings Ell Shed Dependency _____ Simple/Complex

PORCHES: ① 2 3 4 Portico Balcony 1 story sun porch Recessed _____

ROOF: Ridge Gambrel Flat Hip Mansard
Tower Cupola Dormer windows Balustrade Grillwork _____

FACADE: Gable End: Front/Side Symmetrical/Asymmetrical Simple/Complex Ornament

Entrance: Front/Side Centered Double Features: _____

Windows: Spacing: Regular/Irregular Identical/Varied _____

Corners: Plain Pilasters Quoins Obscured _____

OUTBUILDINGS _____ LANDSCAPING

5. Indicate location of structure on map below 6. Footage of structure from street 40'
Property has _____ feet frontage on street

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FOR USE WITH IMPORTANT STRUCTURES (Indicate any interior features of note)

Fireplace

Stairway

Other

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF SITE (Refer and elaborate on theme circled on front of form)

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular; Low Material: Brick Stone Other
WALL COVER: Wood Shingles
STORIES: 1 2 3 4 CHIMNEYS: 1 2 3 4
ATTACHMENTS: Wings Ell Shed Dependency
PORCHES: 1 2 3 4 Porch Balcny Entry sun porch recessed

REFERENCE (Where was this information obtained? What book, records, etc.)

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Deed Information: Book Number Page Registry of Deeds

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