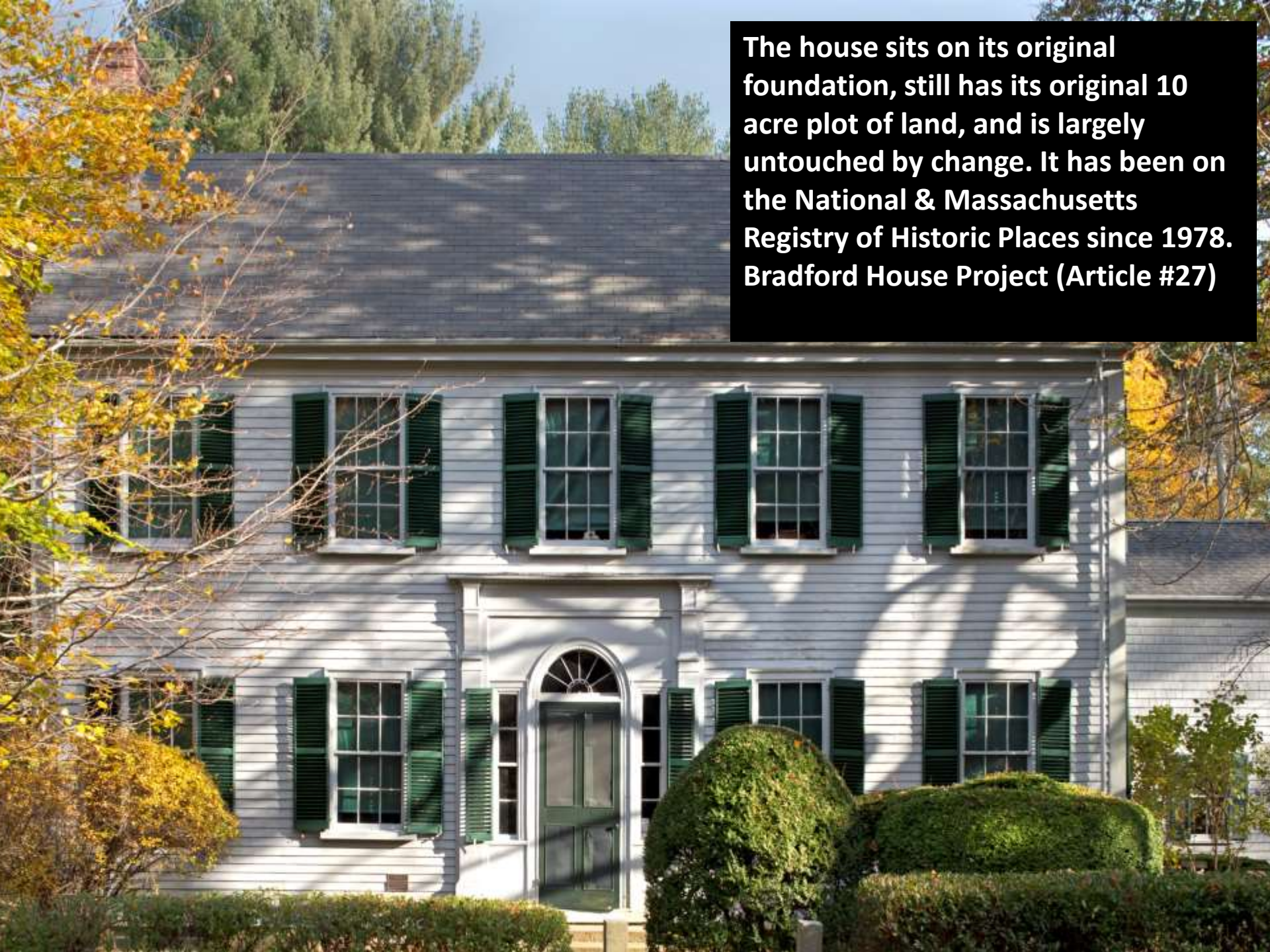




Duxbury Rural and Historical Society

Application to the Community Preservation Act

Bradford House Project (Article #27)

A photograph of a two-story white house with green shutters and a central arched doorway. The house is surrounded by autumn foliage, including trees with yellow and orange leaves and manicured green bushes in the foreground. The house has a dark roof and a chimney visible on the left. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

The house sits on its original foundation, still has its original 10 acre plot of land, and is largely untouched by change. It has been on the National & Massachusetts Registry of Historic Places since 1978. Bradford House Project (Article #27)



The parlor paint is original to the 1808 construction – incredibly rare. Very few historic structures of this age have such conditions.

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Along with the parlor, the stairwell exhibits areas of paint that are original to the 1808 construction of the house.

The stairwell also shows some extraordinary architectural features – narrow, fragile railings that are rare survivors, an intricate newel post, and moldings that are original to the house.



The Bradford sisters were raised in the house and lived in it until the 1890s.

They were involved in major social movements of the 19th century including abolitionism, temperance, vegetarianism & holistic medicine.





The Bradford family donated the house in 1968 along with thousands of family belongings, furnishings, and archival materials, making them one of the best-documented families in Duxbury.

Charlotte Bradford was awarded a military pension in 1891 for her Civil War nursing and now her grave at Mayflower Cemetery is marked with a GAR medal, an honor rarely bestowed on women's actions during the war.





**Bradford House, ca. 1880.
The woman on the front
steps is probably one of the
Bradford sisters.**

**Bradford House, ca. 1890
Bradford family on front
lawn (probably Maria
Bradford's children).**





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