

JOHN WHIPPLE HOUSE

53 South Main Street, Ipswich

This venerable frame building with overhangs, gables, and diamond-paned casement windows is one of New England's earliest houses. Begun ca. 1640, it is a remarkable example of the development of an early house over the years. Its three distinct units reflect the evolution of workmanship and detailing as Whipple descendants grew away from their English origins. The Ipswich Historical Society acquired the house in 1898, moved it to its present location on the Ipswich Green in 1927, and maintains it as a historic house museum.