



**Fowler-Clark-Epstein Farm**



# National Register Significance

- Eligible under Criteria A & C
- Significant associations with the City of Boston's agrarian history and suburban development
- Rare surviving example of late 18<sup>th</sup>/early-19<sup>th</sup> century farmstead in Boston
- Well-preserved example of Georgian-style farmhouse and Italianate-style barn



Fowler-Clark-Epstein House (Photographed August 9, 2018)



Fowler-Clark-Epstein Barn (Photographed August 9, 2018)

# Village of Mattapan, Dorchester

- Mattapan originally a village in Dorchester (settled in 1630)
- Economy was primarily agricultural
- Mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, the Old Colony Railroad connected Dorchester with Boston
- 1870, Dorchester annexed to Boston and Mattapan became a neighborhood in the city



Fowler-Clark-Epstein House (Photographed December 11, 2015)

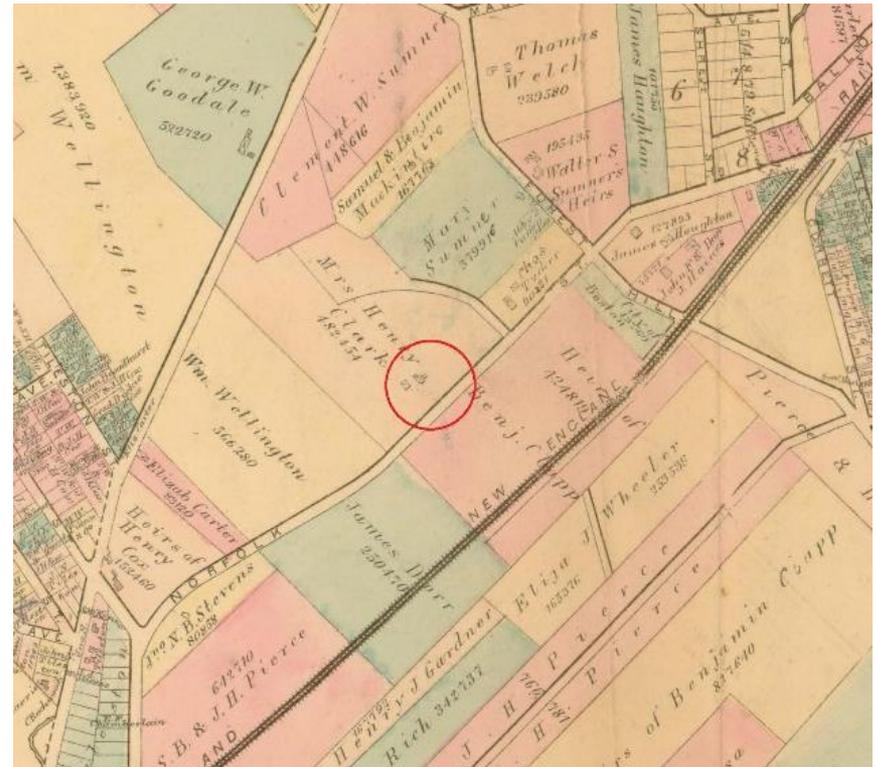


Fowler-Clark-Epstein Barn (Photographed December 11, 2015)



# Henry and Mary Clark Farm

- Acquired by Henry and Mary Clark in 1837
- Clarks built the extant barn ca. 1860
- Second generation of Clarks subdivide farm in 1895; lots sold and developed between 1910 and 1918
- Farm owned by three generations of Clarks until 1940



Clark Farm circled in red on 1874 *Atlas of the County of Suffolk, Massachusetts, Volume 3, Plate Q.* (G. M. Hopkins, Philadelphia, PA).

# Jorge and Ida Epstein Farm

- Sold to Jorge and Ida Epstein in 1941
- Epstein operated architectural salvage from the property, est. in 1955
- Epsteins (in trust) owned the property until 2015
- Sold to Historic Boston Inc., current owners



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# The Barn

- Italianate-style architectural details
- Intact original exterior and interior finishes



Fowler-Clark-Epstein Barn (Photographed August 9, 2018)

# The Landscape

- Epstein incorporated salvaged materials into the landscape



Garden wall with terra cotta panels (Photographed August 9, 2018)

# 2016-2018 Renovation

- The Fowler-Clark-Epstein Farm utilized Federal and Massachusetts Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits to aid in its rehabilitation.
- This project included the recladding of all exterior elevations, the installation of historically appropriate wood window, and interior improvements to the house and barn
- Grounds converted into Urban Farming Institute gardens



Fowler-Clark-Epstein Farm (Photographed August 9, 2018).



Fowler-Clark-Epstein Farm (Photographed March 30, 2018).