



**307 Main Street
Boylston, Massachusetts**

This homestead was built ca. 1770's by Lieutenant James Holland, the son of Ephraim Holland and Thankful Howe. Ephraim was one of the early settlers of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. This structure was located in the North Precinct of Shrewsbury, an area which was incorporated as the Town of Boylston, Massachusetts in March 1786.

James Holland, born 5 June 1758 at Shrewsbury, was one of the town's local school masters and served as a Lieutenant in the Continental Army. He married Abigail Bigelow on 29 March 1792.

In 1794, after the birth of his eldest son, Nathaniel, James sold the Boylston property to Stephen Flagg, Jr. and relocated with his new family to Barre, Massachusetts.



**STEPHEN FLAGG HOMESTEAD
CARRIAGES AND HORSES (ON RIGHT)
MAIN STREET BOYLSTON
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Stephen Flagg, Jr., the son of Stephen Flagg and Judith Taylor was born 8 June 1759 in the North Precinct of Shrewsbury 1786). Stephen had married Elizabeth "Betsey" Wilkins 21 November 1781. They had eight children born in Boylston between 1783 and 1796.

About 1815, Stephen Flagg, Jr. transferred the property to his youngest son, Captain Stephen Flagg. Captain Flagg was a member of the State Militia and a member of the Boylston Baptist Society which met until 1837 in a small wooden building erected by Benjamin Fassett opposite his residence on the northerly corner of Stiles Road.



GEORGE A. FLAGG HOMESTEAD
MAIN STREET, BOYLSTON
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The structure was later one of 22 properties owned by George A. Flagg, a descendent of Stephen Flagg. This farm contained a large apple orchard and was known to have sported a cider mill on the opposite side of the street!



GEORGE A. FLAGG
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