Jeremiah Dexter House Amendment

The property to be amended to the original nomination for the Jeremiah Dexter House (957 North Main Street, Providence) abuts the Dexter property (plat 75, lot 560) on the north and east, forming an irregular "L" shape around it (see site plan). The property to be amended (plat 73, lot 13) is part of the original farm acreage of the Dexter property and, presumably, would have been part of the dooryard. Although it is now asphalt-paved, surrounded by chain-link fence, and used for parking, it has significant historic association with the Dexter house and some potential for archeological interest, as no major grading appears to have been involved in its conversion to a parking lot. The entire Dexter farm was the site of the French Army encampment during the Revolutionary War. (See original nomination for specific information.)

Plat 73, lot 13 contains 14,456 square feet (plus or minus) and fronts 77.6 feet along Rochambeau Avenue and 58.81 feet along North Main Street. Lot 560, already nominated, contains 5,052 square feet. Combined acreage for the Dexter House lot plus proposed amendment is 19,508 square feet (plus or minus).

Lot 13 is presently owned by the estate of Benjamin J. Nevin (c/o Mr. Lovejoy, Industrial National Bank, 111 Westminster Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903). The Heritage Foundation of Rhode Island, the current owner of the Jeremiah Dexter House, has applied for a HCRS grant-in-aid to acquire lot 13. This acquisition should help immeasurably in restoring the immediate visual setting of the house to something more closely resembling its appearance in former days. At present, the Jeremiah Dexter House seems awash in a sea of asphalt. Any additional landscaped area around it will significantly enhance its sense of time and place.
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View looking southeast, with amendment area at left and at rear, Jeremiah Dexter House at right.

Photo #1
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View looking due west, with portion of property to be amended in the foreground and at right, rear ell and house in background.

Photo #2