

An Armchair Tour of the Parson Barnard House



Welcome to the home built by the
Reverend Thomas Barnard!



Built in around 1715....



It was purchased by the North Andover Historical Society in 1950, and currently represents 4 time period between 1715 and 1830. Let's step inside...



The house has changed over time but many of the earlier features are still visible—like this lathe under the plaster.



Or this paint progression sample left
behind a door.



We'll start our tour upstairs...



We are in the Thomas Barnard Room, representing the earliest occupancy of the house: 1715-1718.



Sleep tight—don't let the bed bugs
bite!



The all-important Tape loom and an a rare 17th century American chair



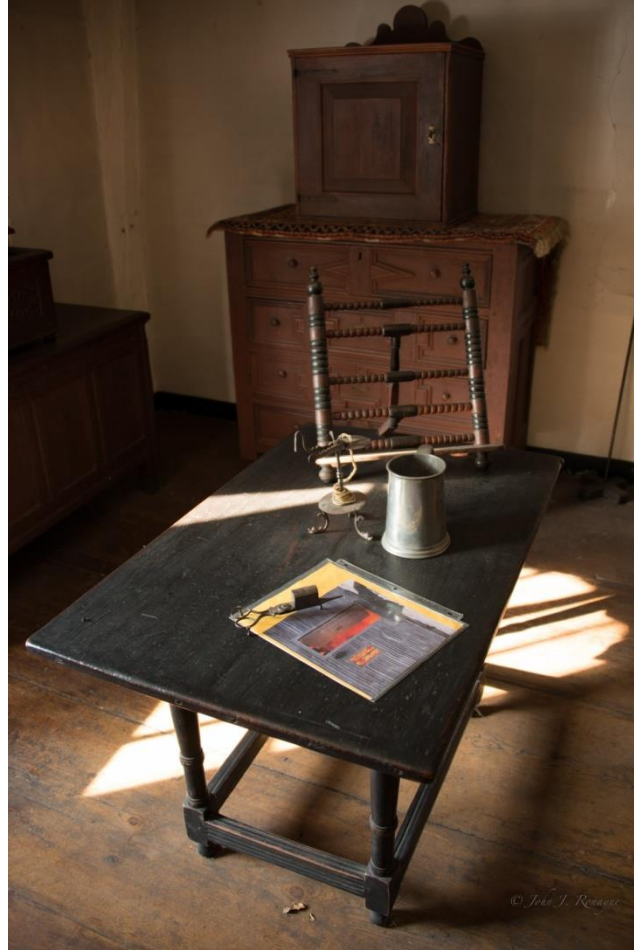
Wash basins and chests to hold
everything



A rare example of stump work
displayed in a New World home



A multipurpose table, book stand and more chests



Jointed stool and bed key



Replaced floor boards and a secret compartment???



Flax was one of the most important fibers and grown early in the New World.



John Barnard's room, ca. 1720-1750



Faux raised paneling



Closet designed for storage of food service items



The all important wig



And desk



Where the men met and enjoyed a
bit of supper



A chest painted in imitation of the Chinese lacquer style



Harvard Yard depicted



The heart of the room: the fireplace
with an early fireback.



The bed with curtains and the new
shutters—inside for light and heat
control



And a trundle bed for the
children stored underneath

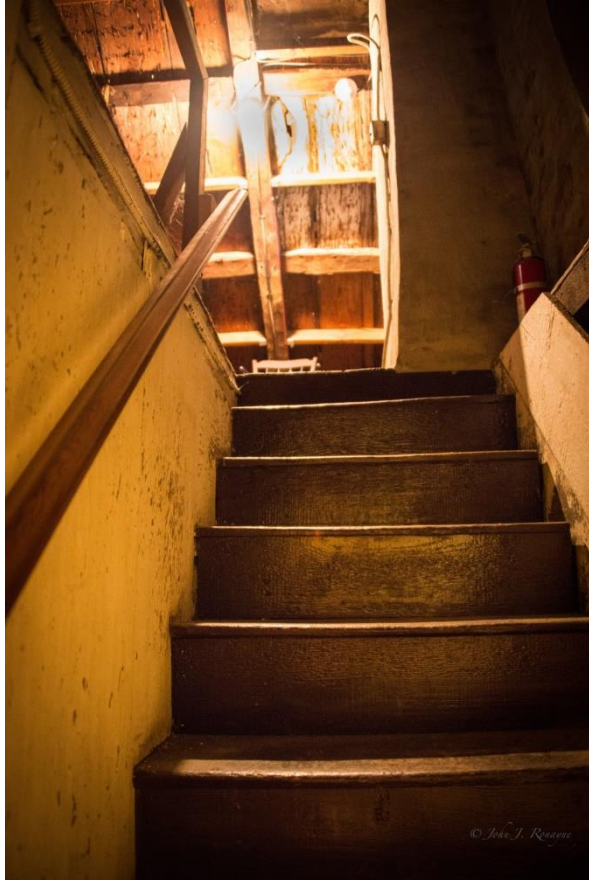


Shaving equipment

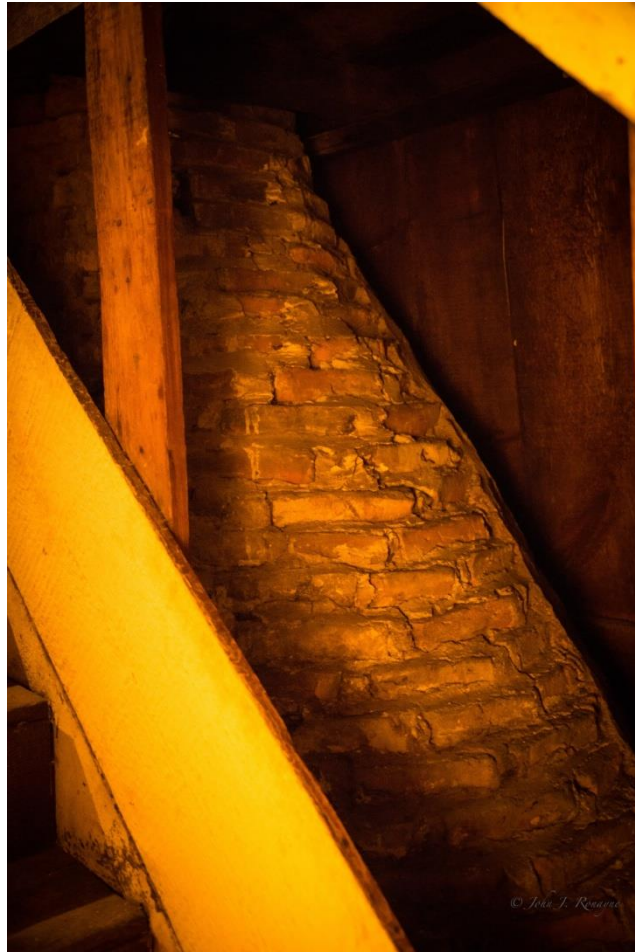


To the attic





The chimney



Drying and storing herbs



A fireplace screen for summer



A quilting frame



Windows from the Franklin Academy days

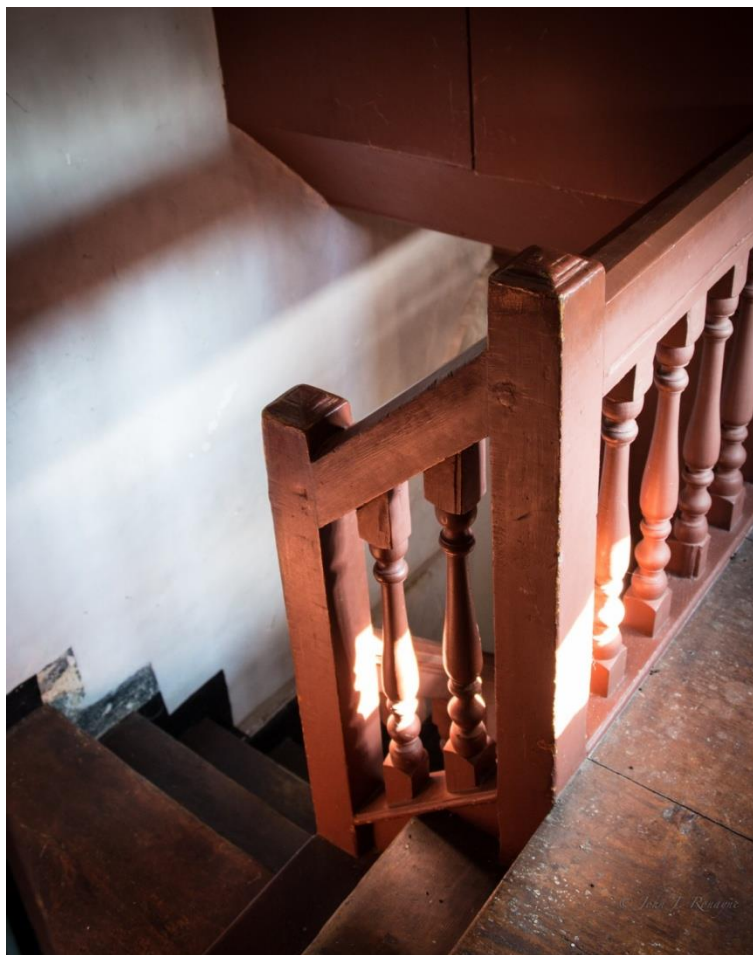


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View from the Attic room



And back down to the first floor



William Symmes Room, ca 1760- 1800



The original fireplace behind Mrs. Symmes' remodeled fireplace wall.



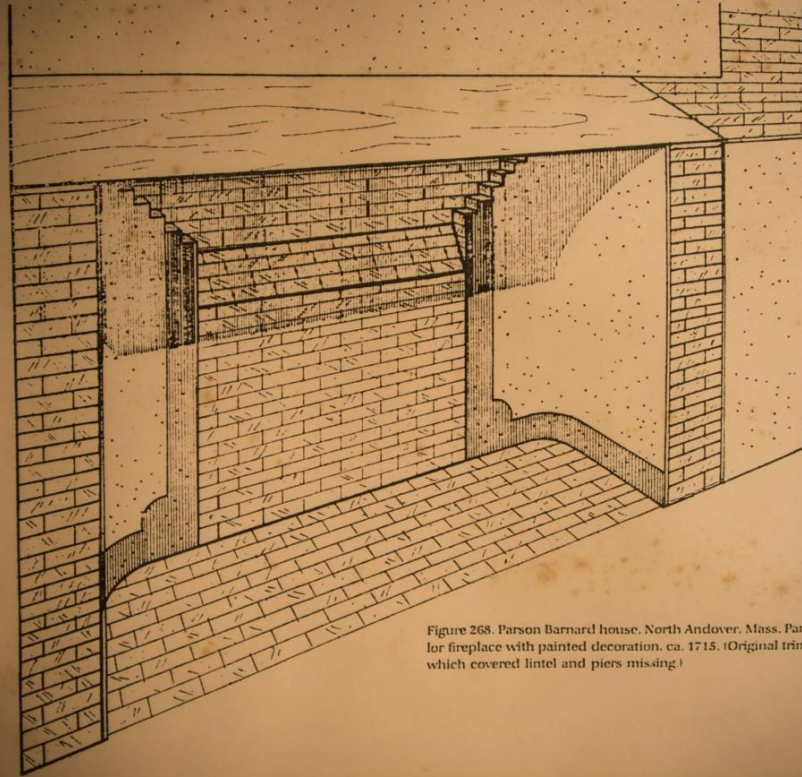


Figure 268. Parson Barnard house, North Andover, Mass. Parlor fireplace with painted decoration, ca. 1715. (Original trim which covered lintel and piers missing.)

Books were more available



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Paintings now decorated the walls.



Clocks were becoming popular and households displayed more textiles.



A delicate tea table



The candle safe



A painted copy of a Barnard Family portrait



A flint for lighting



Pipes



A wine cellarette



Let's cross the hall...



Simeon Putnam Room, ca 1820- 1840



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This room offers a real look into the
house's past



Original fireplace



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Wallpaper dating device—very lo-tech but effective



Those walls do talk....



Wallpaper and a federal side table
reflect the time period.



The 18th century chaise shed



And finally, the 1950s addition at
the rear.

