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4 Church Street

Built circa 1800 this building was purchased in 1803 by Captain Jason Abbot from his brother-in-law, Dr. Eliakim Morse. Jason had married Eliakim's sister, Mary Morse in 1783. Eliakim and Mary were children of the Reverend Ebenezer Morse, the first minister of Boylston, Massachusetts who had quite the controversial dismissal from the ministry of this parish due to his vocal Loyalists political opinions during the Revolutionary War. Captain Abbot had run this as the *Abbot Tavern* from 1806 to 1809, eventually selling to his competitor, Squire Aaron White who was the proprietor of the lucrative *Taylor Tavern and Store* located across the Town Common. Squire White remodeled the building and sold it as a family dwelling to Charles Bray and his wife who were pictured with their horse and buggy in the "Then" photograph. Ironically, in other real estate dealings, Captain Jason Abbot and Squire Aaron White would sell the adjacent land which overlooked the Town Common for a location to build the Third Meeting House of Boylston, a place for the new minister to preach.