

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	SBR.85
Historic Name:	Walker, Peter - Donahue, John House
Common Name:	Colleary, William House
Address:	116 Framingham Rd
City/Town:	Southborough
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	75-37
Year Constructed:	r 1870
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	No style
Use(s):	Agricultural; Poultry Farm; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Asbestos Shingle; Wood Foundation: Stone, Uncut; Concrete Cinderblock



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FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's number

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Area(s)

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Southborough

(neighborhood or village)

116 Framingham Road

Walker/Donahue House

Present dwelling

Original dwelling

3rd quarter, 19th century

visual assessment

no style

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation rubble (fieldstone)

Wall/Trim asbestos shingle

Roof asphalt

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures small 19th-century barn, converted to dwelling

Major Alterations (with dates) large

one-story northwest wing--20th C. (See text).

Condition good

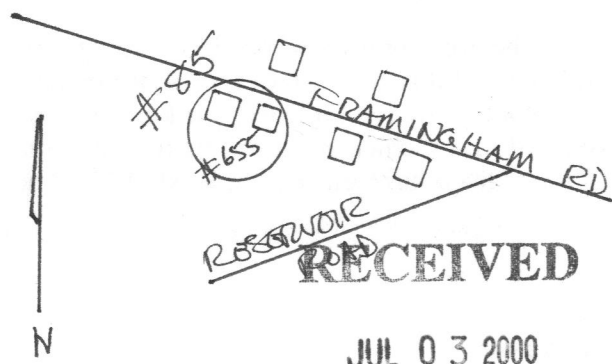
Moved [] no [x] yes Date ca. 1897

Acreage .78 acre

Setting On long through-street; new houses to S., orchard to rear. Mature hemlocks in front; garden to N. Split-rail and board fences.

Sketch Map

Draw a map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets, including route numbers, if any. Attach a separate sheet if space is not sufficient here. Indicate north.



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Organization Southborough Historical Commission

Date March, 2000

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ see continuation sheet

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This two-story, cross-gabled house stands with its main roof ridge parallel to the street, with its entry in the north, cross-gabled portion under a corner porch sheltered by the extended overhang of the north roof slope. Behind the entry is a shallow, flat-roofed north ell; beyond that the cross-gabled portion continues to the rear, where a low addition connects to a long, gable-roofed 1 1/2-story twentieth-century wing on a concrete block foundation. A one-car garage occupies the basement story of the wing.

Four bays of 2-over-2-sash windows with molded surrounds occupy the east, street side of the main house. The entry in the north end has a multi-light twentieth-century door; the corner of the roof overhanging the entry porch is supported on a turned post. The garage door in the north end of the wing is a mid-twentieth-century panel-and-glass overhead type.

Standing against the hillside just south of the house is a small gable-roofed former barn (#655) on a high foundation of fieldstone and rock-faced concrete block, which houses a two-car garage at the basement level. It is now a dwelling (114 Framingham Road), but retains its simple lines. The two overhead, panel-and-glass garage doors face the street in the lower story. All the windows in the building appear to be twentieth-century replacements, in 1-over-1 or 6/1-sash combinations. The two windows on the main south wall are surmounted by semi-circular wooden fans, added since 1971. A one-story, hip-roofed den extends to the south, on a fieldstone foundation, and a shed-roofed addition spans the west, rear side of the building.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ see continuation sheet

Explain history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Like several of its neighbors, this house is believed to have been moved from the Sudbury Reservoir area prior to the building of the Metropolitan Waterworks dam a short distance to the east in the mid-1890s, which inundated hundreds of acres of farmland in the northeast part of Southborough. According to local knowledge, it was built by farmer Peter Walker (see #83, 5 Cross Street, also Area Form V), for one of his six adult children, who were born between 1828 and 1849. The map of 1870 shows that by that time a house was already standing at this location. It belonged to **John Donahue**, a small farmer who had 5 3/4 acres, the house, a barn, woodshed, and two cows.

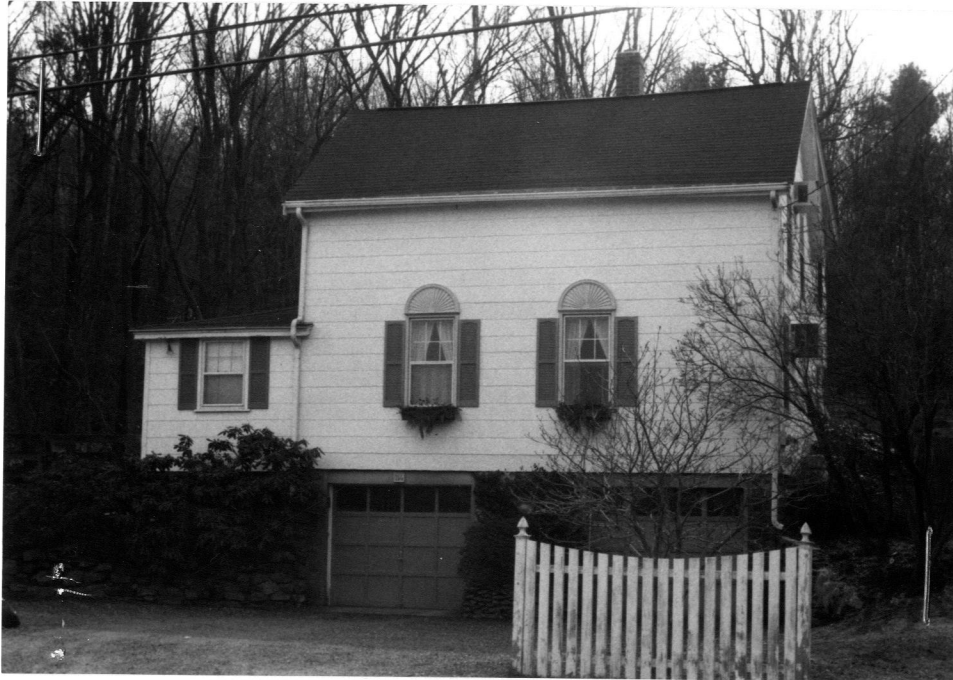
Around the time of the Civil War, Framingham Road was one of the areas of town where Irish immigrants were buying up older farms, and Mr. Donahue was apparently part of a succession of Irish-born owners who owned this property for many decades. By 1897, the owner was **William Colleary**, gardener for the Burnett family on Main Street and Deerfoot Road, who lived and raised chickens here. By his time, the property had been reduced to less than 1 1/2 acres. Mr. Colleary lived here through at least 1913. The house was later owned by the **Kelley** family.

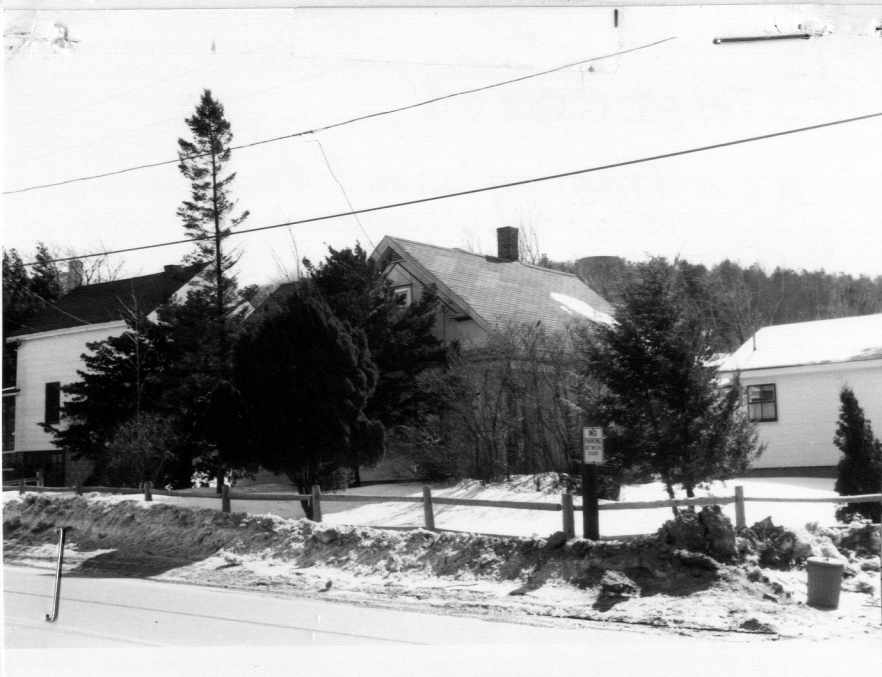
BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ see continuation sheet

Maps and Atlases: 1870 (J. Donahue); 1898 (W. Colary).

Town of Southborough: Vital Records; Annual Reports and Assessor's Reports, various dates.

☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, a completed National Register Criteria Statement form is attached.*





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Southborough

et address 116 Framingham Rd

original & present dwelling

esent owner Chas. Sawin

en to public No

e 1720? Style

orce of date Unverified

Development of town/city
Architectural reason for inventorying:

Pr 1870

Architect

OR part of Area #

3. CONDITION Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered Added 26 ft room

4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material Stone

WALL COVER: Wood Shingle Brick Stone Other

ROOF: Ridge Gambrel Flat Hip Mansard
Tower Cupola Dormer windows Balustrade Grillwork

CHIMNEYS: 1 2 3 4 Center End Interior Irregular Cluster Elaborate

STORIES: 1 2 3 4 ATTACHMENTS: Wings Ell Shed

PORCHES: 1 2 3 4 PORTICO Balcony

FACADE: Gable end: Front/side Ornament

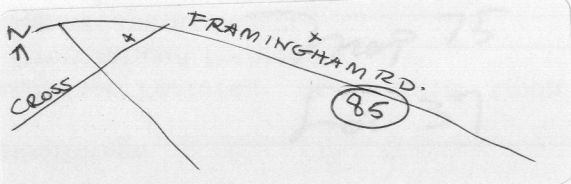
Entrance: Side Front Center/Side Details:

Windows: Spacing: Regular/Irregular Identical/Varied

Corners: Plain Pilasters Quoins Cornerboards

5. Indicate location of building in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings

6. Footage of structure from street 25 ft.
Property has 250 feet frontage on street



Recorder

For

Photo #

3-9

Date

1971

SEE REVERSE SIDE

RELATION OF SURROUNDING STRUCTURE

- 1. Outbuildings
- 2. Landscape Features: Agriculture Open Wooded Garden: Formal/Informal
Predominant features
Landscape architect
- 3. Neighboring Structures
Style: Colonial Federal Greek Revival Gothic Revival Italian Villa Lombard Rom.
Venetian Gothic Mansard Richardsonian Modern
Use: Residential Commercial Religious Conditions: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF SITE (Refer and elaborate on theme circled on front of form)

House built by P. Walker for one of his children. Moved here when MDC went in.

DESCRIPTION

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND/OR REFERENCE

1870 - Atlas
1895 W. Colleary

2774 - 439 Wakelin
2588 - 379 Kelley
2588 - 418 Kelley

RESTRICTIONS

Original Owner:
Deed Information: Book Number 4793 Page 108, Worn Co. Registry of Deeds