

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	SBR.253
Historic Name:	Brewer, Peter House
Common Name:	Newton, Willis House
Address:	14 Valley Rd
City/Town:	Southborough
Village/Neighborhood:	Fayville
Local No:	48-5
Year Constructed:	c 1850
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	No style
Use(s):	Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Asbestos Shingle; Wood Foundation: Brick



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FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

48-5

Marlboro

253

Town SOUTHBOROUGH

Place (neighborhood or village)



14 Valley Road

Name Peter Brewer House

Present residential - single family

Original residential

Construction ca. 1850

maps

Form side gable - no style

Architect/Builder unknown

Primary Material:

Foundation brick

Wall/Trim asbestos shingle

Roof asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures attached two-car garage

Major Alterations (with dates) enclosed front porch, rear ell, entrance and extended roof a shelter at rear entrance - attached garage - asbestos siding - mid 20th c.

Condition fair/ good

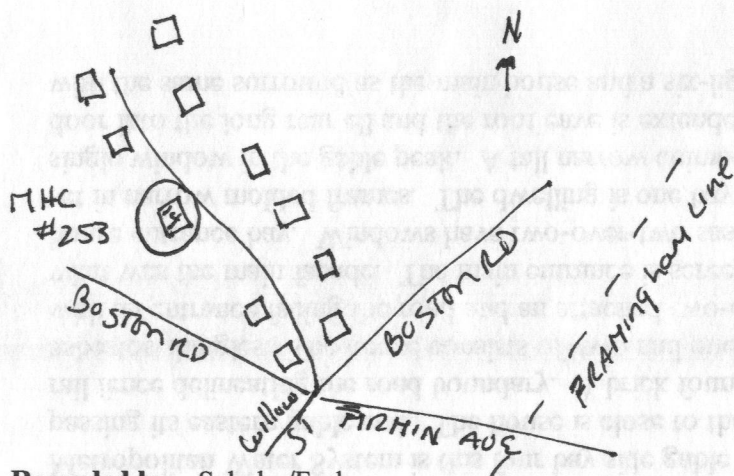
Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acres 56,263 square feet

Setting Dead end road off main route - Boston St. which is Rt. 30 - about half way up Valley Road which descends to Boston St. - only remaining nineteenth century house on Valley Rd. - all mid to late 20th c.

Sketch Map

Draw a map showing the building's location in relation to the nearest cross streets and/or major natural features. Show all buildings between inventoried building and nearest intersection or natural feature. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Circle and number the inventoried building. Indicate north.



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Organization Southborough Historical Commission

Date (month / year) 5/00

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BUILDING FORM**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**☐ see continuation sheet*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

One of the few properties in the immediate area that was not relocated at the time of the construction of the Metropolitan Water System is this four bay side gable dwelling that is oriented to southeast with the roadway passing its eastern gable end. The house is close to the road on a sloping lot that has mature trees and a post and rail fence delineating the road boundary. A brick foundation supports the dwelling that has been covered with asbestos shingles. The house consists of two and one-half story main side gable block a long rear one-story ell with an entrance facing the road and an attached two-car garage. A shed roof enclosed porch spans three bays of what was the main facade. The main entrance is screened by this porch in which there is a door opposite the house entrance bay. Windows have two-over-two sash with aluminum storms and vinyl shutters. The sash are set in narrow molded frames. The dwelling is one bay deep with two first story window, one second story and a single window in the gable peak. A tall narrow chimney is centered just behind the ridge. There is an entrance door into the long rear ell and the roof eave is extended to form a shelter. Kitchen windows are six-over-one with the same surround as the main house and a six-light window.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE☐ see continuation sheet*Discuss the 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.*

From the early 1800s Valley Road extended north to meet an east west route that led to Southborough Center or to Framingham Road towards Marlborough. Historically there was only one dwelling on this road from pre 1830s and two by the 1857 map, not to become any more densely developed until the late 1900s. First known owner of this property was Peter Brewer who had married Sophia Nurse Brewer in 1819. Upon Peter Brewer's death which was in the late 1850s the house was split between his wife and their son, Charles N. Brewer (b. 1823). In 1860 mother and son were two of seven Brewers assessed for real estate. Charles Nurse Brewer had married Louisa Gadsby in 1848. The 1870 Assessors Report notes that the ownership of the house had been split in half, however the barn was divided in thirds with 2/3 to Charles N. Brewer and 1/3 to his mother, Sophia S. Brewer. Together they had 50 acres of land which is consistent with the next known owner. By 1886 Willis C. Newton owned this property - a 52-acre farm with house, barn and carriage house. There was a large barn on the opposite side of the street which probably was associated with this property. Newton had three horses and nine cows. He remained here well into the 1900s and in 1915 Newton, a farmer of 54 years old, still had a 52-acre farm with the same buildings and similar livestock. It is not known whether he acquired the farm as a 23-year old, inherited it through marriage, or had a father with the same name.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES☐ see continuation sheet

Assessors Reports: 1870, 1881, 1886, 1894, 1897, 1906, 1909, 1915.

Atlases/Maps: 1857 (P. Brewer), 1870 (C.N. Brewer), 1898 (W. C. Newton)

Directories: 1900, 1903., 1905, 1913.

Noble, Richard. Fences of Stone, 1990.

Vital Records of Southborough to 1850.

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



PL. FAY 253
USGS FRAM

Southborough
address 14 Valley Rd.

original & present dwelling
present owner James Malcomb
to public
Style

Literature Indians Source of date
Music Other
Development of town/city Architect
Architectural reason for inventorying:
Pre 1870 OR part of Area #

3. CONDITION Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered Added

4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material Stone & Brick

WALL COVER: Wood Brick Stone Other Asbo. Shing

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

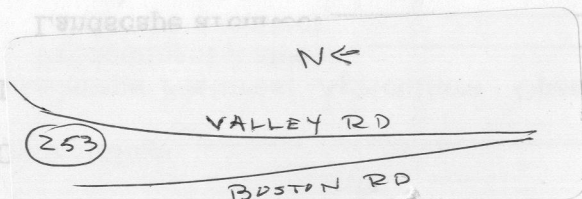
6. Footage of structure from street
Property has feet frontage on street

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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)

EXCISE: Circle one: Historic Other

BOHCES: 1 3 3 4

STORIES: 1 (3) 3 4

CHIMNEYS: 1 (3) 3 4

BOOK: High Other Low High Medium

WALL COVER: Wood

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Medium Low

4. DESCRIPTION

3. CONDITION Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered Added

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND/OR REFERENCE

1870 Atlas - C. N. Brewer

1898 " Willis Newton

Religion/philosophy
 Education
 Agriculture
 Industry
 Commerce/industry

Date

Open to public

Present owner

Use: original & present

Name

Street address

RESTRICTIONS

Original Owner: _____

Deed Information: Book Number _____ Page _____, _____ Registry of Deeds