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Inventory No:	SBR.258
Historic Name:	Newton, Jabez - Clemmons, Benjamin H. House
Common Name:	Bird, Reginald House - Waveney Farm
Address:	15 Clemmons St
City/Town:	Southborough
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	69-4
Year Constructed:	r 1780
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Georgian
Use(s):	Agricultural; Poultry Farm; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Vinyl Siding; Wood Foundation: Stone, Uncut



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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

69-4

Marlboro

258

Town SOUTHBOROUGH

Place (neighborhood or village)

15 Clemmons Street

Name Jabez Newton House

Present residential - single family

Original residential

Construction late 18th century

maps/visual

Form Georgian

Architect/Builder unknown

Foundation Material:

Foundation stone

Wall/Trim vinyl siding

Roof asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures attached two-story barn with two new overhead garage doors, vertical board siding and small square windows in gable ends, small wood shed east and behind barn.

Major Alterations (with dates) vinyl siding - late 1900s, enclosed porch on west side of rear ell, enclosed Colonial Revival entrance porch - early 1900s, new garage doors - 2000

Condition fair (siding) / good

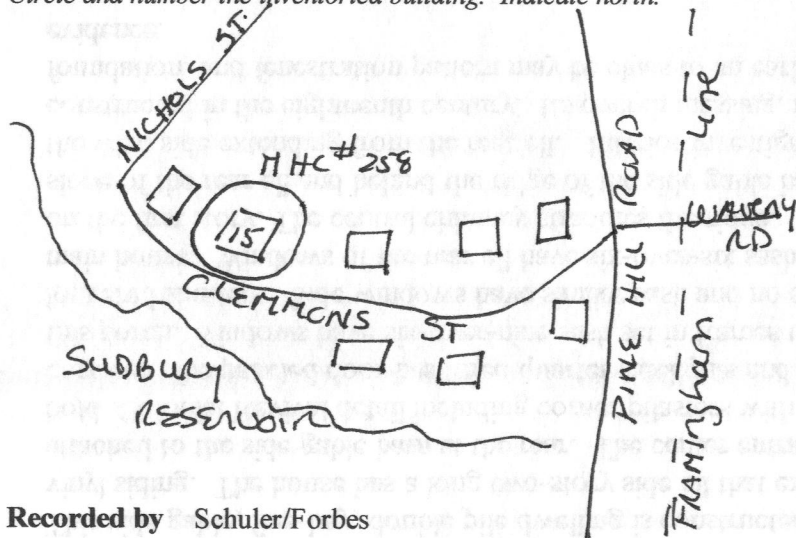
Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage approximately one and one-half acres

Setting Residential road off of Pine Hill Road, near Framingham border. Opposite reservoir among mid 20th modest residential development, large mature pine and deciduous trees and shrubs, stone wall along road to house lot and perpendicular to road also.

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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Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.

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

This side gable, five-bay, double pile dwelling is constructed on a stone foundation and has been covered with vinyl siding. The house has a long two-story side ell that extends five bays from the rear of the house and is attached to the side gable barn at the rear. The center entrance is articulated by an enclosed entrance porch with bold Colonial Revival detail including corner pilasters with molded carrying a wide entablature and projecting cornice. The paneled door has three-quarter sidelights and there are similar sidelights in each side elevation of this porch. Windows have six-over-nine sash set in frames that are covered with the siding and have wood louvered shutters. Side windows have similar sash and no shutters. A window vent is in each gable peak of the main house. Windows of the rear ell have six-over-six sash. Those on the west side of the rear ell are three-part on the first story. The central chimney straddles the ridge. There is an additional chimney on the western roof slope of the rear ell and behind the ridge of the side gable barn. An enclosed long shed roof porch is located on the west side extending from the rear ell. Interior investigation is necessary to determine whether this house was constructed in the eighteenth century. Its overall massing, roof with no eave overhang or returns, stone foundation, and fenestration pattern may be clues to an earlier date than ca. 1830 which is known by map evidence.

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.*

The 1897 construction of the Sudbury Reservoir and Dam #5 changed the surrounding landscape dramatically and isolated this northeastern most part of Southborough, making it accessible only after passing through part of Framingham to the south or Marlborough to the north. Until that time Pine Hill Road from the north ended at what today is called Clemmons Street where the road turned west and crossed the upper part of Southborough to Marlborough Road. The east-west route was obliterated by the Reservoir. Today, Clemmons Street is a short residential street off of Pine Hill Road and it is Pine Hill Road that connects to the south with Boston Road. This property is important as one of the only late eighteenth or early nineteenth century dwellings that survives in this northeast part of town. Although this house was constructed by the early 1800s and probably in the late 1700s, nothing is known of owners until the mid-nineteenth century when Jabez Newton lived here. The only earlier Jabez Newtons appearing in the Southborough Vital Records was born in 1774 and his father born in 1740. A Jabez Newton was the head of a household with a dwelling house according to the 1798 Direct Tax Census and the 1790 Southborough Census. Of course neither could be the later Jabez Newton associated with this property in the mid- to late-1800s. While his name appeared on the 1857 map, he was not included in the 1850 Agricultural Census nor the 1860 assessors report. In 1870 Jabez Newton had a twenty-four acre farm with a house and a barn. He also was assessed for a 2 1/2 acre Pine Hill wood lot. By 1897 Benjamin H. Clemmons (also spelled Clemmens, Clemmins and Clemons) lived on the twenty-six acre farm with house and barn and hen house. Clemmons had 100 fowl, four cows and two horses. In 1909 when Clemmons was a 43-year old farmer, his holdings were similar. In 1912 the property had been acquired by Reginald and Violet Bird as part of their expansive Framingham farm at 35 Waveney Road (See Framingham MHC # 567). The Birds owned a number of houses, outbuildings, and land along Pine Hill Road. Of the non-resident tax payers Mrs. Bird was the largest private individual tax payer to Southborough. The Metropolitan Water District and the Railroad were assessed for more property. The Birds continued to be assessed for this property, called the "Clemons house" into the 1930s. In all likelihood it served as a farmer's house for their large farm which eventually became Waveney

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town
SOUTHBOROUGH

Property Address
15 CLEMMONS STREET
Area(s) Form No.

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Farm as it was sold in 1946 to Waveney Farm, Inc. Additional research is necessary to confirm an eighteenth century date, which may be possible if the farm passed in the same family.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

☐ *see continuation sheet*

Assessors Reports: 1870, 1881, 1894, 1897, 1903, 1906, 1909, 1915, 1921, 1936.

Atlases/Maps: 1831, 1857 (J. Newton), 1870 (J. Newton), 1898 (B.H. Clemmens)

Directories: 1900, 1903.

MHC Historic Resource Survey, Framingham; B-Form #567

Noble, Richard. Fences of Stone, 1990.

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



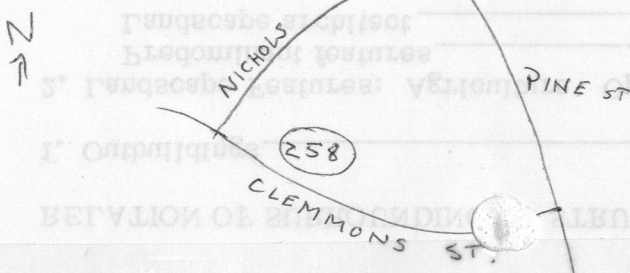
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367 From
Southborough
Address Clemmons St
Original & present dwelling
owner
public 2nd
Style

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
WALL COVER: Wood Clapboard 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 attached Barn
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 6/9 & 6/6
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

Recorder
For
Photo # 7-2 Date 1971
SEE REVERSE SIDE

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)

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND/OR REFERENCE

1870 Atlas - J. Newton

1898 " Clemmons

RESTRICTIONS

Original Owner: _____

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