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Inventory No:	SBR.331
Historic Name:	Newton, Charles H. House
Common Name:	
Address:	164 Middle Rd
City/Town:	Southborough
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	20-2
Year Constructed:	r 1895
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	No style
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Vinyl Siding; Wood Foundation: Brick



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FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD

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

20-2

Marlboro

331

Town SOUTHBOROUGH

neighborhood or village)

164 Middle Road

Name Charles H. Newton House

Present residential

Original residential

Construction 1890s

maps and visual

Form altered gable front

ct/Builder unknown

r Material:

Foundation brick

Wall/Trim vinyl siding, no trim exposed

Roof asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures none

Major Alterations (with dates) enclosed porch and exterior chimney on south side, enclosed entrance porch on south side, vinyl siding and shutters - late 1900s.

Condition fair

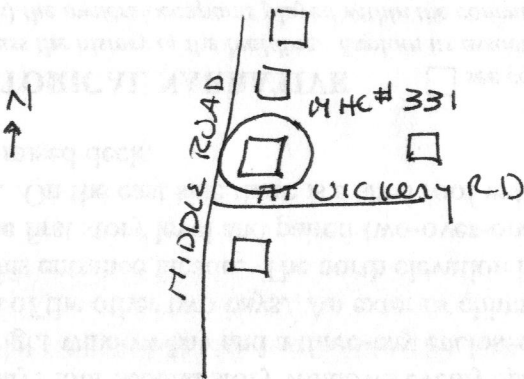
Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage .57 acre

Setting Northeast corner of Middle and Mt. Vickery Roads, facing Mt. Vickery with a Middle Road address. Low granite blocks line property at corner, 2 foot high stone wall lines Mt. Vickery side with brick section in line with entrance, some mature trees, near modest 20th c. housing.

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

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BUILDING FORM

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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

The large plain house on a small corner lot has been altered but has the look of a functional turn of the century dwelling. The house is oriented to Mt. Vickery Road although the address is Middle Road. The brick foundation and the two-over-one sash as well as the overall massing are the only hints of its earlier appearance. The house has been covered with vinyl siding and shutters also are synthetic. On the west side facing Middle Road there are three window bays with two of the first-story bays having paired two-over-one sash. The left end second story bay has been altered to a smaller window than others. The entrance facade, facing Mt. Vickery displays four second story windows evenly spaced. At the first story level there is a gable front projecting bay in the right window bay and a three-bay enclosed hipped roof porch which has an entrance door and two window in each of the other two bays. An exterior chimney rises from the enclosed porch between the first and second bay on this entrance facade. The north elevation has two regular sized two-over-one sash and a small center window at the first story level and paired two-over-one sash with a large modern roundheaded transom over the paired sash. On the east side there is a shed roof entrance porch which is reached by a steps from the Mt. Vickery side to a raised deck.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

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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.

Middle Road, also known as the road to Southville in the mid to late 1800s, was sparsely populated with small farms south of the old toll road (now Route 9) and between the road to Southville - Parkerville Road into which Middle Road ends, and the road to Cordaville to the east connected by Mt. Vickery Road. This property was one of the later farmhouses constructed on Middle Road. It appears to have been the property of **Charles H.**

Newton who in the early 1900s directories is listed as doing jobbing, although there is no indication what type of piece work. He was the father of Charles H. Newton, 2nd who lived on Marlboro Road and later Lyman Street in the early 1900s and was a well known local figure as manager of the Deerfoot Farm Creamery and later superintendent of the Deerfoot Company as well as Town Clerk. The designation as Charles H. Newton 1st and 2nd was the way in which they were referred to in town records rather than as Sr. and Jr. This property first appears on the historic maps in 1898 and has a barn located off the southeast corner closer to Mt. Vickery Road. Additional research is necessary to determine whether this is part of the extensive property owned by Charles H. Newton, 1st in 1897 which included a house, barn, cider mill building, Miller house, Miller barn, shop, farm of 23 acres, the use of Miller farm of 16 acres and additional land of Woodward and Winchesters. It is not known whether "Miller" refers to a miller or the Miller family some of whom were located in Southville. At the time of this assessment Charles H. Newton, 2nd would have been 28 years old and was assessed for a bicycle and no real estate. The 1900 directory lists only one Charles H. Newton on Middle Road one and one-half miles from the Center working as a jobber. The first time that Charles H. Newton 2nd was listed at a location was the 1903 directory which placed him on Marlborough Road, while his father remained on Middle Road. By 1906 Charles Newton 1st had only the Miller house, Miller barn, a shop and 16 acres 80 rods. Additional research is necessary to determine whether this house was one of the Newton properties.

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