

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	SBR.196
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Ward, Ephriam Jr. House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	201 Parkerville Rd 3 Gilmore Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Southborough
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	
<b>Local No:</b>	13-02
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	r 1855
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	No style
<b>Use(s):</b>	Agricultural; Multiple Family Dwelling House; Poultry Farm; Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Agriculture; Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Brick; Concrete Unspecified; Granite; Stone, Cut



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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

13-02 Marlboro 196 1659

Town SOUTHBOROUGH

Place (neighborhood or village)



201 Parkerville Road (same as 3 Gilmore)

Name Ephriam Ward Jr.

Present residential

Original residential

Construction ca. 1850s

maps and visual analysis

Form Greek Revival/alterd end gable L-plan

ct/Builder unknown

r Material:

Foundation granite block, brick

Wall/Trim wood shingles/wood trim

Roof asphalt

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures barn, hen house, garage

Major Alterations (with dates) enclosed porch infill of L-plan, exterior chimney, second story addition to rear ell, exterior stairs - mid 20<sup>th</sup> c.

Condition good

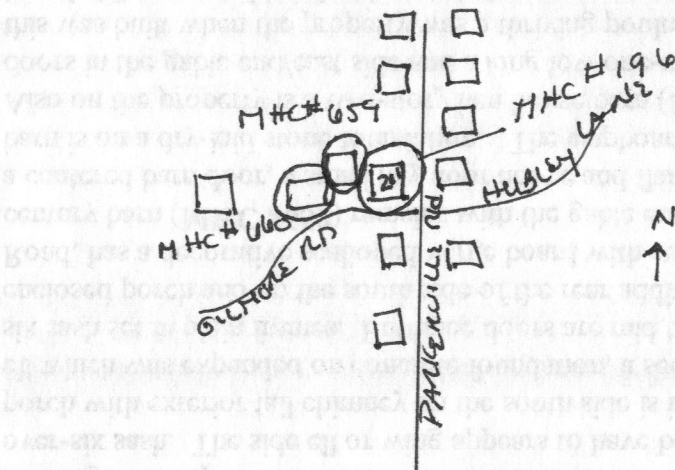
Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date n/a  
barn moved on lot in early 1900s

Acreage .91 acre

Setting Northwest corner of Parkerville and Gilmore, among mid 20<sup>th</sup> c. capes and ranches and late 19<sup>th</sup> c. farmstead on Parkerville. - Farm setting with outbuildings behind house

## 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) 2/99

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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.*

Although the one and one-half story gable front dwelling is substantially altered the relationship of buildings and the early L-plan of the plain house articulate the mid nineteenth century farming complex which has lost its farming landscape. The main house features a two-bay gable front with a single window in the peak all of six-over-six sash. The side ell or wing appears to have been added as it is on a brick foundation. The enclosed porch with exterior tall chimney on the south side is infill on concrete. The original house had a single story rear ell which was expanded on concrete foundation, a second story, and exterior stairs. All windows have six-over-six sash set in plain frames. Entrance doors are mid twentieth century and located in the front/east side of the enclosed porch and on the south side of the rear addition. The gable peak of the east side, facing Parkerville Road, has a decorative scalloped verge board with cutouts and quatrefoil design. The mid to late nineteenth century barn (MHC #659) remains with the gable end facing Gilmore Road, an overhead garage door in place of a centered barn door, a small hay door above and flanking 8/8 windows with the same in the gable peak. This barn is on a dry-laid stone foundation. The clapboard building retains wood corner posts and boxed cornice. Also on the property is a two-story hen house/barn (MHC #660) on a raised concrete foundation with carriage doors in the gable end/east side and a long low one-story five-bay shed behind with six-over-six sash. No doubt this was built when the property was a thriving poultry farm in the early 1900s. A four-bay garage of vertical board siding, probably of mid twentieth century construction is on the west side of the mid-nineteenth century barn.

## 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.*

Located north of Southville on Parkerville Road, this property is near the earliest extant properties in the southern part of Southborough. The Ward family was a well known early family with William Ward among the first Selectmen in 1727 when the Town was formed and Ephriam Ward, among the early prosperous residents with his twenty oxen used for hauling in the mid 1700s. In the 1820s Ward family land was donated for the first Baptist Church on Mt. Vickery Hill at Turnpike Road. During the nineteenth century other Wards lived north of Main Street (See Brigham-Ward Area Form K) and around the corner from this property at 211 Middle Road, home of **Lyman Ward**.

This parcel with the modest farmhouse and barn once was part of a larger farm. It appears to have been built by 1857 according to map references. In 1860 **Ephriam Ward** was assessed for \$2600 worth of real estate. The 1870 Assessors Report shows Ephriam Ward owning a thirty-eight acre farm with house and barn. The reference to E. Ward, Jr. is found only on the 1857 map to distinguish from E. Ward who appears to have lived in a house on the opposite corner, 205 Parkerville Road. By 1894 this property had passed to **Wilbur A. Ward** who was assessed for the thirty-eight acre farm with house, barn and 100 chickens, however, the historic map of 1898 still used E. Ward to label this property. As late as 1900 Wilbur A. Ward is listed as a laborer living on the Southville Road as Parkerville Road was called. Ephriam Ward (1822-1908) was listed as retired and living two miles on the Southville Road in early twentieth century directories. In the early 1900s when the property was a poultry farm, the barn was moved from the location of 3 Gilmore Road to its present location, which accounts for its mid nineteenth century form on dry-laid stone foundation. The reduction of the farm land occurred from the mid 1900s when there were a number of lots developed along Parkerville Road. The most recent division of land was in 1990s when the parcel behind this property was divided for the construction of the residence now known as 3 Gilmore Road.



# INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town  
SOUTHBOROUGH

Property Address  
201 PARKERVILLE ROAD  
Area(s) Form No.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

☐ see continuation sheet

Assessors Reports: 1860, 1870, 1894, 1897, 1900.

Atlases/Maps: 1857 (E. Ward, Jr.), 1870 (E. Ward), 1898 (E. Ward)

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.*

~~Ben~~  
TMC #659

~~Hen House~~  
TMC #620



Barn (SBR.659)



Hen house (SBR.660).



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Southborough

3 Gilmore Road

original & present dwelling

present owner C. Charest

open to public no

Style

year of date

Development of town/city  
Architectural reason for inventorying:

Architect

OR part of Area #

3. CONDITION Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered Added

#### 4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material Brick - cement

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

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

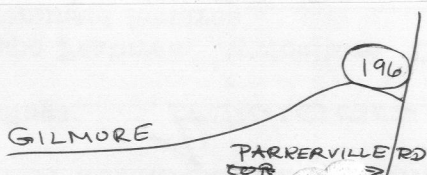
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## RELATION OF SURROUNDING STRUCTURE

1. Outbuildings

None

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 - E. Ward

Music	Other
Photography	Picture
Government	Religion/Philosophy
Education	Military Affairs
Art/Scenography	Travel/Communication
Agriculture	Science/Invention
Sports	Commerce/Industry

following premises: (see also reverse side)  
Building has historical connection with the

Architect

Source of data

Date Style

Open to public

Present owner

Use: original &amp; present

Name

Street address

## RESTRICTIONS

Original Owner:

Deed Information: Book Number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Registry of Deeds