

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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| Inventory No: | SBR.200 |
| Historic Name: | Ward, Lyman House |
| Common Name: | Newton, Nahum - Hyde, Edmund A. House |
| Address: | 211 Middle Rd |
| City/Town: | Southborough |
| Village/Neighborhood: | |
| Local No: | 19-15 |
| Year Constructed: | c 1830 |
| 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: Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Granite; Stone, Uncut; Brick |



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FORM B – BUILDING

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

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| Assessor's Number | USGS Quad | Area(s) | Form Number |
| 19-15 | Marlboro | | 200 |

Town SOUTHBOROUGH

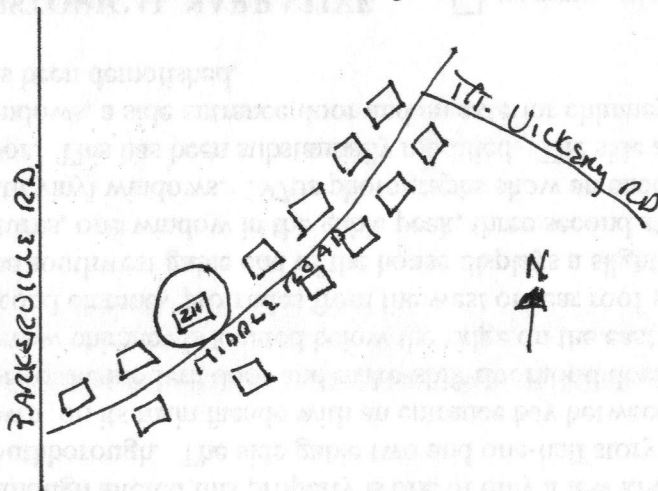
Place (neighborhood or village)



Address 211 Middle Road
Common Name Lyman Ward House
Present Use residential
Original Use residential
Construction pre-1830
Maps and Visuals
Form Greek Revival/altere
Architect/Builder unknown
Primary Material:
Foundation granite and brick and stone and mortar

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.



Recorded by Schuler/Forbes

Organization Southborough Historical Commission

Date (month / year) 3/00

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Wall/Trim wood shingles

Roof asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures none - large barn attached barn demolished.

Major Alterations (with dates) vinyl windows and shutters, shingle siding, additional enclosure of southwest side porch, northeast side extension, demolition of barn - 1990s.

Condition fair

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes **Date**

Acreage 3.44 acres

Setting Near intersection of Middle Road with Parkerville Road, among mid to late 20th c. residential construction and landscaping business on adjacent property. Post and rail fence lines front property, scattered young plant material.

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 altered this property is one of only a few known pre-1830 extant properties in the southern part of Southborough. The side gable two and one-half story house displays three evenly spaced window bays up and down on its main facade with an entrance bay between two of the bays. The entrance is awkwardly located and due to the modern door and make-shift doorhood does not appear to be part of the original construction. One narrow chimney is located below the ridge on the east roof slope between the first and middle bays, while a second chimney protrudes from the west or rear roof slope below the ridge between the middle and third bay. The southwest gable end of the house displays a slight gable peak overhang with a fairly wide rake and no returns, one window in the gable peak, three second story windows, and an enclosed one-story rectangular porch with vinyl windows. 1970s photographs show an enclosed porch with windows on all sides and an entrance door. This has been substantially modified. The side addition on the northwest side has five one-over-one vinyl windows, a side entrance door and an exterior chimney. The large attached barn shown in 1970s photographs has been demolished.

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.

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 earlier extant properties in the south part of Southborough, which appears on the 1831 map. First confirmed owner was **Lyman Ward** (b. 1807), son of Ephriam and Molly Ward, who according to the 1850 Agricultural Census had a seventy-acre farm worth \$3,000. The census of 1850 reported that he produced corn, oats and hay as well as Irish potatoes, enough of each for market as well as personal needs. Ward also had a horse, two working oxen and two milk cows as well as a significant value of slaughtered animals. Of the 117 farms in 1850 this was a mid-sized farm. Lyman Ward does not appear in the 1860 assessors report, however, **Nahum Newton** (1812-1885) does with real estate of a similar value and since he is the next known owner, it may be assumed that by 1860 the farm was owned by Nahum Newton. By 1870 Newton had an eighty-acre farm with house, barn, storehouse, two horses, four young horses, twelve cows, and three swine as well. And by 1874 Newton's outbuildings were characterized as a barn, millhouse, and carriage house. Also by then he had a pair of oxen. By the late 1800s Southborough had 179 farms ranging from 10 to 400 acres, all reported to be in a "high state of cultivation." In the 1890s the property was owned by **Edmund A. Hyde**, listed as a farmer owning the farm then with eighty-three acres, house, barn and carriage house, as well as various livestock. By the early 1900s Edmund A. Hyde had moved to Prentiss Street and was in the real estate business. He may have broken up the farm at the time of this move which was between 1905 and 1909 according to Directories and Assessor's Reports. This may account for some of the early twentieth century dwellings near this nineteenth century farmhouse. The barn has been demolished since the initial 1971 Southborough survey.

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330 WOKINGSTON BOULEVARD
MASSACHUSETTS VICKERS BUILDING
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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

Town
SOUTHBOROUGH

Property Address
211 MIDDLE ROAD
Area(s) Form No.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

☐ *see continuation sheet*

Assessors Reports: 1860, 1870, 1881, 1894, 1897, 1905, 1909.
Atlases/Maps: 1831, 1857 (L. Ward), 1870 (N. Newton), 1898 (E.A. Hyde)
Directories: 1900, 1903, 1905.
Federal Agricultural Census, 1850
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.*



Southborough
 Street address 211 Middle Rd
 ne _____
 e: original & present dwelling
 esent owner Charles Gaffney
 en to public _____
 te _____ Style _____
 ource of date _____

Development of town/city
 Architectural reason for inventorying:

Poe 1870

Architect _____

OR part of Area # _____

3. CONDITION Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered Added _____

4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material Granite

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 _____

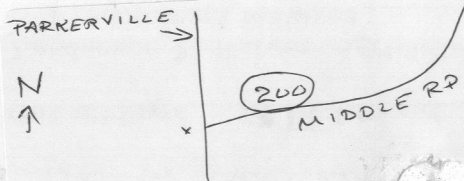
Entrance: Side Front: Center/Side Details: _____

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



Recorder _____

For _____

Photo # 5-24 Date 1971

SEE REVERSE SIDE

RELATION OF SURROUNDING STRUCTURE

1. Outbuildings attached Barn

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 - N. Newton

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| Music | Other |
| Geography | History |
| Government | Religion/philosophy |
| Education | Military affairs |
| Art/entertainment | Travel/communication |
| Architecture | Science/invention |
| Geology | Commerce/industry |

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

Source of data

Date

Object to building

Present owner

Use: original & present

Name

Street address

RESTRICTIONS

Original Owner: _____

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