

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	SBR.238
Historic Name:	Smith, Capt. Isaac House
Common Name:	Newton, Sullivan Ball House
Address:	69 Turnpike Rd
City/Town:	Southborough
Village/Neighborhood:	Fayville
Local No:	38-66
Year Constructed:	c 1810
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Federal; Greek Revival
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	SBR.D: Fayville
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Vinyl Siding; Wood Foundation: Brick



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220 Morrissey Boulevard
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Town Southborough

Place (neighborhood or village) _____

FayvilleAddress 69 Turnpike RoadHistoric Name Capt. Isaac Smith HouseUses: Present dwellingOriginal dwellingDate of Construction early 19th centurySource previous owner's researchStyle/Form Federal, updated to Greek RevivalArchitect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation brickWall/Trim vinyl siding with wood trimRoof asphalt

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures _____

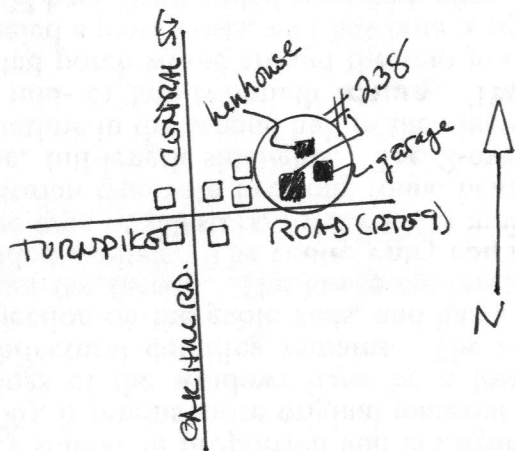
early-20th C. garage and henhouseMajor Alterations (with dates) Grk. Revival

update ca. 1840s; ell and barn removed; porch
added--ca. 1900.

Condition goodMoved [x]no [] yes Date N/AAcreage 1.48 acresSetting In line of primarily residentialbuildings on busy Rte 9 commercial corridor

Sketch Map

Draw a map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets, including route numbers, if any. Attach a separate sheet if space is not sufficient here. Indicate north.

Recorded by Anne Forbes, consultantOrganization Southborough Historical Comm.Date JUL 08 1999 June, 1999

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☒ *see continuation sheet*

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

If its traditional construction date is correct, this is one of several houses of the Colonial and Federal periods in Southborough which were later updated with Greek Revival details. It is a 2 1/2-story, two-room-deep, side-gabled building with a five-bay facade and two-bay gable ends. Very similar in proportion and configuration to its near neighbor at **79 Turnpike Road** (Form #236), it retains more original material in spite of its twentieth-century vinyl siding. While the casings of the windows have been lost or covered, most of the rest of the Greek Revival architectural detailing remains. The cornice is molded and boxed, with returns and a roof projection on the gable ends, and has a fully-developed frieze with bed molding and architrave across the facade. The house corners are trimmed with wide recessed-paneled pilasters with molded capitals. The center entry continues the vocabulary of the house entablature, with the same type of pilasters, frieze, and a molded, projecting cornice. The door is a glass-and-panel Victorian type with two long round-headed lights and applied moldings, and is flanked by five-pane, full-length sidelights. The 2-over-2-sash windows would probably have been installed sometime in the second half of the nineteenth century. Their vinyl or aluminum shutters date to the mid- or late-twentieth century. Twin chimneys rise from the roof ridge, and a small hip-roofed porch wraps around the rear northeast corner of the house. The porch is supported on paneled square posts, and has both a square-doweled balustrade and frieze screen. The porch would have been added sometime after 1898, when a long ell or wing, with attached barn, is still shown extending from the northeast corner of the house. (Cont.)

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☒ *see continuation sheet*

Explain 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.

Although tradition places the date of this house to 1802, the Boston & Worcester Turnpike on which it fronts was not built until a few years later. The proportions of the building indicate that it could possibly have been constructed as early as 1807-1810; if that was the case, then its handsome Greek Revival details would represent an updating probably of the 1830s.

The earliest known owner of the building was **Isaac Smith**. He married Mary Richardson in 1815, and if it was he who built the house, that would probably place its construction date to that time or later. By 1824 he was a Lieutenant in the Southborough militia; he later saw action as a Captain in the US-Mexican War in 1847, when several Southborough militia members were called up to fight in the Mexican campaign. He appears to have lived here for most of the rest of his life, and is still shown as the owner in 1870, at which time he owned the house, barn, a carriagehouse/woodshed, and part interest in a wheelwright shop that may have stood on the property.

By 1898 the owner was one of the many members of the Newton family who had owned property, operated stores and manufacturing shops, and lived along the Turnpike in Fayville over much of the nineteenth century. The map of that year shows the owner as **S.B. Newton**. This was apparently **Sullivan Ball Newton**, who died in 1907 at the age of seventy. (Cont.)

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Maps and Atlases: 1831; 1857: I. Smith; 1870: I. Smith; 1898: S.B. Newton.

Noble, Richard. Fences of Stone: a History of Southborough, MA. Portsmouth, NH: Peter Randall, 1990.

Southborough Militia: Records of Militia Officers, 1824.

Town of Southborough: Vital Records; Assessor's Reports, various dates.

☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, a completed-National Register Criteria Statement form is attached.*

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Community

Property

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Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Southborough

Capt. Isaac Smith
House

Area(s)

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION, cont.

Also on the property are two early-twentieth-century outbuildings--a long one-story henhouse clad in novelty wood weatherboarding, and a two-car gable-front clapboarded garage with well-preserved wooden panel-and-glass folding doors. The detailing of the garage, which includes recessed-panel corner pilasters and a boxed, molded cornice with frieze, reflects that of the house.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE, cont.

This change in ownership may actually show a family connection. Isaac and Mary's eldest daughter, Lydia, was the wife of Curtis Newton--Selectman, Town Moderator, auctioneer, and Justice of the Peace. Sullivan Ball Newton was their nephew, son of Curtis's brother, Sylvester.



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 Open to public No
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Architectural reason for inventorying:

Pre 1870

OR part of Area # _____

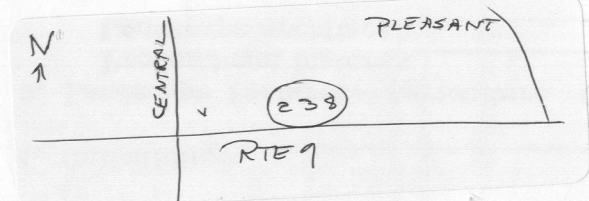
3. CONDITION Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered Added Removed ell

4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material Brick
 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 Back 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 # 7-19 Date 1971

SEE REVERSE SIDE

RELATION OF SURROUNDING STRUCTURE

SBR. 238

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)

Built in 1802 By Captain Smith

Only 3 other owners

Newton
Barrett
Fantony

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND/OR REFERENCE

1898 Atlas - S.B. Newton

RESTRICTIONS

Original Owner: _____

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