

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	SBR.10
Historic Name:	Howe, Israel Golden House
Common Name:	Pickering, Arthur M. - Clapp, Clarence F. House
Address:	8 Lynbrook Rd
City/Town:	Southborough
Village/Neighborhood:	West End
Local No:	51-10
Year Constructed:	c 1850
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Greek Revival
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; Board and Batten Foundation: Brick; Granite



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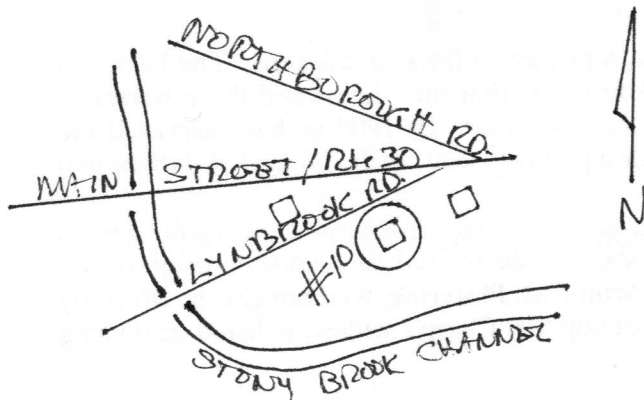
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inventory forms have been completed. Label streets, including route numbers, if any. Attach a separate sheet if space is not sufficient here. Indicate north.

Recorded by Forbes/Schuler, consultantsOrganization Southborough Historical CommissionDate December, 1999Town Southborough

Place (neighborhood or village) _____

West EndAddress 8 Lynbrook RoadHistoric Name Johnson/Howe HousePresent dwellingOriginal dwellingDate of Construction ca. 1850Source visual assessment; mapsStyle/Form Greek RevivalArchitect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation graniteSiding/Trim vinyl siding; board and battenRoof asphalt

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures _____

noneMajor Alterations (with dates) early-20th C.2 1/2-story west wingCondition fairMoved ☒ no ☐ yes Date N/AAcreage 2.5 acresSetting Near head of Lynbrook, E. of Stony Brookchannel, in open area with late-20th-centuryhouses.

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

8 Lynbrook Road is a tall, altered 2 1/2-story Greek Revival side-hall-entry, gable-front house, three-by-two-bays, with a succession of rear attachments. While vinyl siding now covers most of the architectural trim, the lines of an overhanging echinus-molded, boxed cornice with returns are still evident. Likewise the main entry, though altered by the loss of its trim and the installation of a modern 6-panel door and half-length sidelights, still has the wide proportions of the former Greek Revival doorway with full-length sidelights.

The windows throughout the house are recent 6-over-6-sash replacements. The map of 1898 shows the building with a rear southwest wing or ell with an attached barn. In 1970 the house had a one-story hip-roofed ell bisecting the southwest rear corner. Today, it has what appears to be a 1 1/2-story rear southwest wing recently expanded to the southwest, clad in board-and-batten siding. Attached to the wing's east side is a cross-gabled 1 1/2-story section with a board-and-batten first story and vinyl-sided second level. Abutting its east end is a board-and-batten two-car garage with overhead doors, also synthetic-sided on its upper section.

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.

Evidence as to the early ownership of this house is somewhat confusing. It may have been owned for a time by **Henry F. Johnson**, who inherited the property to the south at 26 Lynbrook Road (see Form #9) from his father in 1854. Louise Simpson, writing in 1904, appears to refer to it as the **Warren Parmenter House**. The map of 1857 shows two houses at approximately this location, one owned by H.F. Johnson, and the other by W. Parmenter. One was apparently torn down or moved away by 1870, when the map of that year shows only one house.

In 1861, the property was purchased by **Israel Golden Howe**, who owned it until the beginning of the twentieth century. For many years he was Southborough's "market man", taking farm products to Boston once a week for the town's farmers.

In 1870 Mr. Howe's farm was seven acres, with two cows, a pig, and a flock of chickens. The barn was separate from the house, and there was also a poultry house. At that time he owned three horses--a large number in a town where even the farmers usually had only one. By 1900 he had increased the property to nearly twelve acres, and had become primarily a poultry raiser, with 200 fowl and three hen houses.

Before Israel Howe died in 1911 at the age of eighty-six, he had retired to a smaller property on Marlborough Road. Later owners of the property were **Arthur M. Pickering**, who bought the property in 1921, and **Clarence F. Clapp**. **Classia F. Clapp**, apparently Mr. Clapp's widow, is listed as owning the property, still with almost 12 acres, in 1936.

☐ 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

Southborough

8 Lynbrook Road

Massachusetts Historical Commission
Massachusetts Archives Building
220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Area(s)

Form No.
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BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES [] *see continuation sheet*

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Pl. # 10

162 map

Southborough

address 8 Lynbrook Road

nal use dwelling

nt use

nt owner Kenneth Thomas

to public no

19th Style

Art/sculpture Travel/communication Date

Education Military affairs

Government Religion/philosophy Source of date

Literature Indians Architect

Music Development of town/city

3. CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered Added

4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material: Brick

WALL COVER: Wood Brick Stone Other Asbestos Siding

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: Sidelights

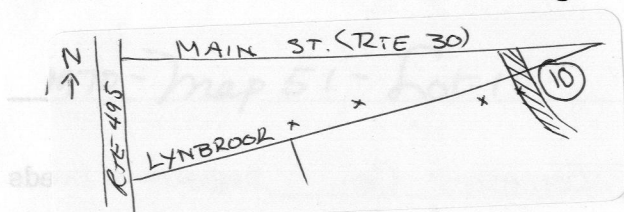
Windows: Spacing: Regular/Irregular Identical/Varied

Corners: Plain Pilasters Quoins Cornerboards

5. Indicate location of structure in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings

6. Footage of structure from street

Property has feet frontage on street



Recorder

For

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SEE REVERSE SIDE

RELATION OF SURROUNDING TO STRUCTURE

SBR.10

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 map Israel Howe

1898 " " "

10/8/1921 Arthur M. Pickering 2254-560 70

Clarence F. Clapp

other owner - Toombs

RESTRICTIONS

Original Owner:

Deed Information: Book Number 3355 Page 471, Worcester Co. Registry of Deeds