

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	SBR.220
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Whiting, Mason House
<b>Common Name:</b>	Newell, Sherwood A. - Green, Waldo House
<b>Address:</b>	98 Woodland Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Southborough
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	
<b>Local No:</b>	22-3
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	r 1835
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Greek Revival
<b>Use(s):</b>	Agricultural; 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; Stone, Cut; Granite



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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

22-3 Marlboro 220

Town SOUTHBOROUGH

Place (neighborhood or village)



s 98 Woodland Road

c Name Mason Whiting House

Present residential

Original residential

Construction 1822-1846

map/road records

form Greek Revival/gable front form

ct/Builder unknown

r Material:

tion granite block and brick

## 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.

Wall/Trim wood shingles/wood trim

Roof asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures none

Major Alterations (with dates) some window changes in side ell - mid to late 1900s.

Condition fair/good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 43,581 square feet

Setting Rural road just north of the Mass. Turnpike and opposite farm that now is a series of shingled cottages including five dwelling units. House is on bend in road and land drops off behind.

Recorded by Schuler/Forbes

Organization Southborough Historical Commission

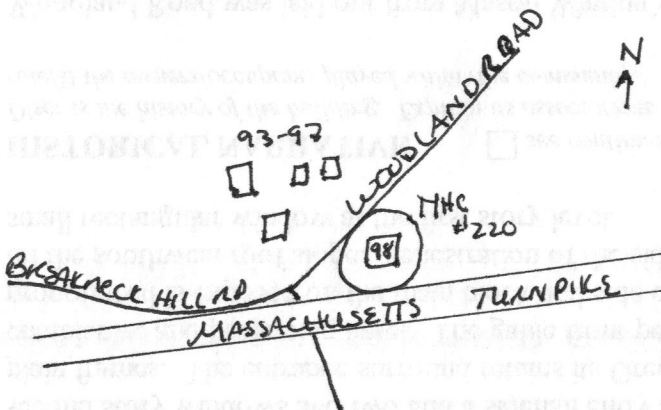
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**BUILDING FORM****ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**☐ see continuation sheet*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

Situated close to the road with some mature trees and on a lot that drops off behind is this three-bay, gable front house displaying an L-plan. The main block rests on a granite foundation and the rear ell on brick. The shingle siding may have replaced earlier clapboards. The three-bay facade has a single window in the gable peak, three second story windows and two and a sidehall entry at the first story level. Windows have six-over-six sash set in plain frames. The entrance surround retains its Greek Revival form with capped pilasters carrying a plain entablature and projecting lintel. The gable front peak has a wide rake and returns and the fascia board which is pronounced is exposed on the main block and side ell. The house has twin interior chimneys nearly at the ridge on the southwest roof slope. Fenestration of the side ell has been altered to a large one-over-one window and a small rectangular window at the first story level.

**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.*

Woodland Road was laid out from Mason Whiting's house northeast to the Boston & Worcester pike (Route 9) in 1846. Thus it was another connection in the southeastern part of Southborough between Cordaville and Fayville and led directly to the newly constructed Baptist Meetinghouse which was on the north side of the Turnpike opposite the northern end of Woodland Road. Even by 1870 Woodland Road was sparsely settled. The first map showing this property was the 1857 with "E. Whiting" as owner of the property. In ca. 1822 **Rufus Whiting** had sold fifty acres of his 110-acre 14 Oregon Road farm to his son, **Mason Whiting**. There is a house in this approximate location on the 1831 map although it appears to be on the west side of the road, however, when the road was continued in 1846 it may have been rerouted to the west side of the house. Thus Whiting could have built this house sometime between 1822 when he received the land and 1846 when his house is noted in the road description. The Federal Agricultural Census of 1850 showed Mason Whiting as having a 50-acre farm valued at \$2000. Like many of the local farmers at the time Whiting produced hay, rye, Indian corn and Irish potatoes. He had three cows and two oxen. Of the 117 farms listed in the Census this one was medium sized. Next known owner, Edward Whiting also was assessed for \$2000 worth of real estate in 1860. In many instances the valuations between 1850 and 1860 did not change. By 1870 the farm was owned by **Sherwood A. Newell** who had on his 45-acre farm, a house, barn and granary as well as one horse, three cows and one swine. By the 1880s there were 179 farms ranging from 10 to 400 acres, thus this farm would have been modest in size. The late 1890s owner was **Walter Green** who was assessed for a fifty-acre farm. Green, a teamster was 52 year old in 1909. Additional research is necessary to determine the relationship of the Greens on Woodland Road including **Mrs. Mary A. F. Dana Green** at the **Hillside School**, 29 Woodland Road and **Harriet W. Green** at 21 Woodland Road.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**☐ see continuation sheet

Assessors Reports: 1870, 1881, 1894, 1897, 1909.

Atlases/Maps: 1857 (E. Whiting), 1870 (S.A. Newell), 1898 (W.Green)

Directories: 1900, 1903.

Federal Agricultural Census: 1850.

☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*





P10 220

Southborough

address Woodland Road

original & present dwelling

ent owner ?

to public

Style

Literature Indians Music Other Development of town/city Architectural reason for inventorying: Pre 1870

source of date

Architect

OR part of Area #

3. CONDITION Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered Added

4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material Granite & Brick

WALL COVER: Wood Shingle 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 Ell gable/side

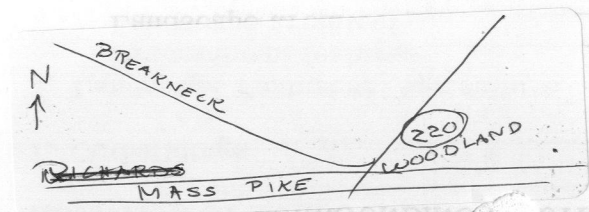
Entrance: Side Front: Center/Side Details:

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 # 6-23 Date 1971

SEE REVERSE SIDE

## RELATION OF SURROUNDING STRUCTURE

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)

ROOF: \_\_\_\_\_

MAINT COAT: \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

4. DESCRIPTION

## BIBLIOGRAPHY AND/OR REFERENCE

1870 Atlas - S. A. Newell

1898 Atlas - Waldo Green

Following themes: (see also reverse side)

Building has historical connection with the

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Open to public \_\_\_\_\_

Present owner \_\_\_\_\_

Use: original & present \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## RESTRICTIONS

Original Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

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