

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

GEORGETOWN

127 Jewett Street

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GEO.232

220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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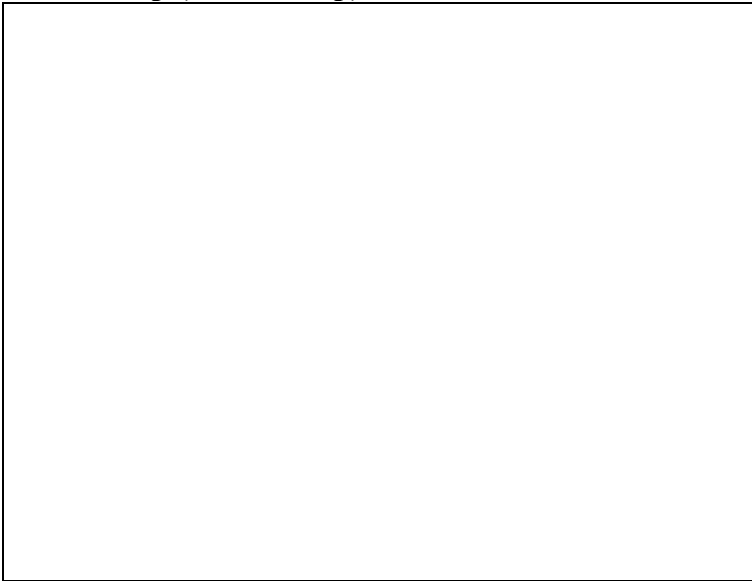
View from north.



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Setting: A mixed use area along the I-93 corridor with commercial, office. and industrial properties in proximity to historic and new residential development.

Town/City: Georgetown

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):
Byfield Parish

Address: 127 Jewett Street

Historic Name: Jewett-Hardy House

Uses: Present: single family residential
Original: single family residential

Date of Construction: ca. 1800

Source: deeds & visual assessment

Style/Form: indeterminate

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: stone, concrete

Wall/Trim: vinyl clapboards

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
One-car garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*):
Addition on north end, late 20th century
Vinyl siding added
Windows replaced

Condition: fair

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 0.93 acre

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Jewett-Hardy House is a story-and-a-half wood frame building that in scale and form conforms to small dwellings common in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, few of which survive, even at the level of alterations exhibited by this example. Changes to fenestration and exterior materials, as well as a substantial late twentieth-century addition, have otherwise compromised its historic integrity. The house either had a center entrance flanked by windows or an off-center entrance and a side-passage plan. An interior inspection is needed to determine if any features survive on the interior to aid in confirming the date of construction and design characteristics. The house is centered on the wide street frontage and situated close to the road with a parking area and one-car garage on the northerly side and fenced yards on the southerly end and rear.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

On 1 September 1796, heirs of Captain Timothy Jackman of Georgetown sold 5.5 acres of woodland in the so-called "middle grove" of Rowley West Parish (now Georgetown) to Timothy Jewett (1775-1861), the eldest son of Jeremiah Jewett (1744/45-1808) and his wife Sarah Jackman.¹ Descended from English immigrants Edward Jewett (1580-ca.1614) and his son Maximilian (1607-84), Timothy Jewett's great-grandfather, also Maximilian (1671/72-1730/31), was the first in the family to settle in the Byfield Parish section of Rowley, early in 1710. Two men named Timothy Jewett are shown in the 1810 Rowley census, one of them certainly this one, and in 1830 he is shown living in this neighborhood with two adult women. Jewett never married, and his household in 1850 included his widowed sisters Mary Dole and Sarah J. Loring and twelve-year-old George M. Dole, probably Mary Dole's grandson. In 1855 only Timothy Jewett and Loring were in the household. Sarah Loring died in January 1859, and her will and its codicil left her estate in trust to support her brother Timothy, "he having become infirm by reason of disease and his great age." In 1860 Timothy Jewett was shown as an 85-year-old shoemaker with \$600 in real estate living with shoemaker Samuel P. Dresser, his wife Maria, a shoe binder born in England, their two daughters Mary and Carrie, and a twelve-year-old boarder. He died in February 1861 more than \$300 in debt, and the administrator of his estate, his nephew Leonard Jewett, petitioned to sell Jewett's homestead—two acres with a house and barn and three acres of woodland, together valued at \$450—to clear the debt. He sold the two-acre homestead property at an August 1861 auction for \$325 to Dresser, who was also paid \$152.76 from Jewett's estate for "work done and for services in last illness."²

Dresser owned 127 Jewett Street until 1868, by which time he had moved to West Newbury and sold it to the widow Winifred McGlew for \$400.³ A native of Newfoundland, Winifred Brodrick McGlew lived at 127 Jewett Street with her children Eleanor, Annie, and Jeremiah, all born in Massachusetts between 1850 and 1860. In 1860 she and her husband Patrick, an Irish immigrant blacksmith, had lived in Newburyport with the three younger children and sons Hugh, born about 1845, and Samuel, born about 1847. The 1872 and 1884 Georgetown maps show Winifred McGlew as the occupant of the 127 Jewett Street property.

In 1887 McGlew sold the property to Willard C. Hardy for the price she had paid for it almost twenty years earlier, and two years later Hardy transferred it to his mother, Lucinda H. Hardy.⁴ Born a Hardy to John Brocklebank Hardy and his wife Lavinia Harriman of Rowley, she married Aaron W. Hardy, son of Sewall and Elizabeth Hardy, in Groveland in 1856. Hardy was an

¹ Eliphas and Hannah Chapman, Bethel MA (now ME) to Timothy Jewett, 1 September 1796, SECD 174:187. Hannah Chapman was the daughter of Timothy Jackman and the second wife of the Rev. Eliphas Chapman; they moved to Bethel in 1791. The deed specifies that the land was the same tract Timothy Jackman "late of Newbury" had acquired from Asa Harriman; see Asa Harriman to Timothy Jackman Jr., 12 July 1771, SECD 131:251.

² See Sarah J. Loring and Timothy Jewett probate records are on AmericanAncestors.org and Ancestry.com. Leonard Jewett, administrator of estate Timothy Jewett, to Samuel P. Dresser, 8 August 1861, SECD 628:48.

³ Samuel P. Dresser, West Newbury, to Winifred McGlew, 9 May 1868, SECD 745:73.

⁴ Winifred McGlew to Willard C. Hardy, 10 November 1887, SECD 1211:14; Willard C. Hardy to Lucinda H. Hardy, 10 May 1889, SECD 1252:278.

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extraordinarily common name in Bradford, where both were born, and it is not yet known to what extent they may have been related. In 1850 their parents' households were enumerated next to each other in Groveland. By 1880 Aaron and Lucinda Hardy had moved their family from Groveland to Georgetown, where he worked as a shoemaker; his eldest son Willard C. Hardy, then sixteen, also made shoes, and there were four other children in the household—Ernest, Herbert F., Warren, and Walter P.—born between 1867 and 1875.

Aaron Hardy committed suicide in Georgetown in 1896, and where Lucinda Hardy was living in 1900 is unclear. The Jewett Street house was by then occupied by her son Warren Tilton Hardy, who worked as a planer in the box factory owned and operated by his older brother Willard; brothers Ernest, Herbert, and Walter also worked in the same shop. Also in the household was Warren's wife Hattie J. Pickard of Georgetown, whom he married in 1897, their infant daughter Alberta, and two boarders. In 1906 Lucinda Hardy died in the Newbury part of Byfield parish at the age of 72. Her children conveyed 127 Jewett Street in the same year to their brother Warren, who is shown there in the 1910 census with his wife, daughter Alberta, and three more children, Francis H., Hallie M. and Guy G.⁵ By 1920 Warren and Hattie Hardy had five children in the household, three of them born since 1910. By 1940 Warren T. Hardy and his wife were living alone at 127 Jewett Street, and they probably occupied the house until their deaths. In November 1966, their son Guy, administrator of his father's estate, sold the property to Sidney N and Bernice Rogers, and the property changed hands three more times before being sold to current owners John and Paul Van Durme in 1999.⁶

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MAPS

⁵ Susan A. Rogers, Frank W. and Roselind L. Osborne, Jacob L. Hardy, Willard C. Hardy, Ernest L. Hardy, Herbert F. Hardy, and Walter P. Hardy to Warren T. Hardy, 20 August 1906, SECD 1840:140.

⁶ Guy G. Hardy, administrator estate of Warren T. Hardy, to Sidney M. and Bernice E. Rogers, 29 November 1966, SECD 5411:715; Robert E. Morency Jr. and Angela L. Morency to John and Paul VanDurme, 127 Jewett, 31 March 1999, SECD 15576:90. The property was subdivided in 1969; see "Plan of Land in Georgetown as Surveyed for Sidney Rogers," October 1969, SEC Plan 2 of 1970.

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View from SE.

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