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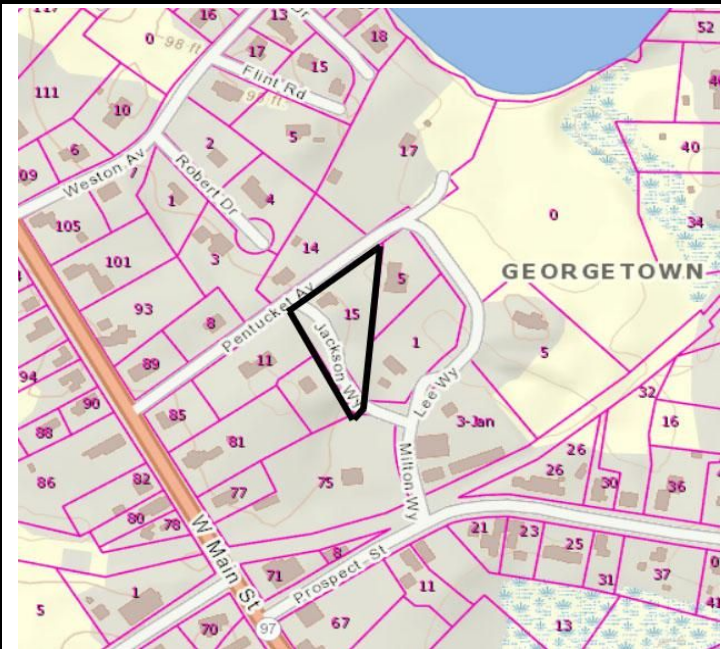
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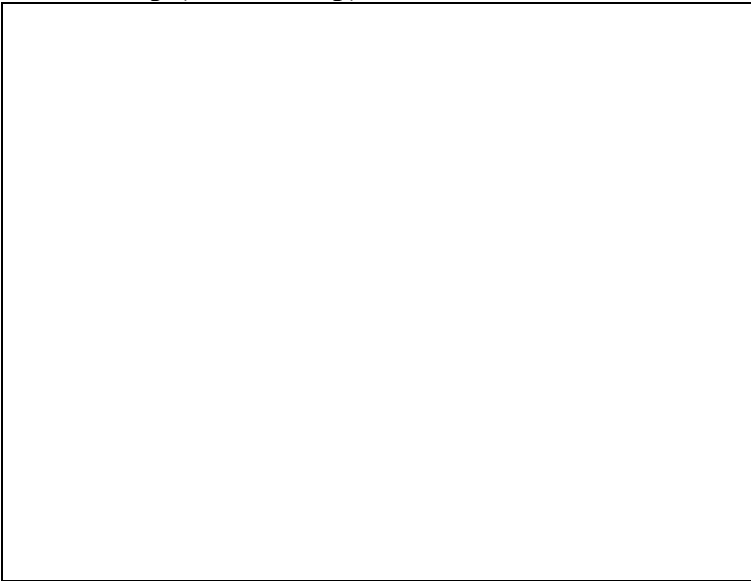
View from north.



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GEORGETOWN

15 Pentucket Avenue

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Georgetown

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Setting: Concentrated neighborhood of single-family homes in town center.

Town/City: Georgetown

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):
Pentucket Pond

Address: 15 Pentucket Avenue

Historic Name: Everett-Lee House

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

Date of Construction: ca. 1886

Source: deeds & visual assessment

Style/Form: Gothic Revival

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: stone & concrete block

Wall/Trim: wood shingles

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
none

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

NE basement wall rebuilt with concrete block,
mid-20th century

Additions on rear, picture window, mid-20th century

Condition: good

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 0.51 acre

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Everett-Lee House is a story-and-a-half wood frame single dwelling with a gable roof built about 1886. It has a center-hall plan one-and-a-half rooms deep. The entrance is positioned in the center of a five-bay front façade with four small windows in the upper half-story. End walls contain two windows on each story; the original rear window on the first floor of the north end has been replaced with a picture window. This alteration was made when a shed-roof wing was added to the rear wall; a sun porch on the rear of the extension was constructed still later. The basement wall on the north end is exposed at grade and was rebuilt using concrete blocks probably when other alterations were being made to that part of the house.

The house is sited in the southwesterly corner of a triangular lot close to the intersection of Pentucket Avenue and Jackson Way. The parcel is an open yard with mature trees distinguishing the boundaries. Low stone walls run along the streets. A driveway enters from Jackson Way at the rear of the house.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

In January 1848, Jeremiah Russell of Georgetown sold Charles Boynton two acres of land bordering at the southeast corner of what is now West Main Street and Pentucket Avenue. In 1864 Boynton acquired an additional 7.75 acres bordering Pentucket Pond.¹ Boynton, described in censuses as a trader, is shown on the 1856, 1872, and 1884 maps of Georgetown in the house numbered 81 West Main Street (GEO.207), and no house on the site of 15 Pentucket Avenue, between Boynton's 81 West Main Street house and Pentucket Pond, appears on any nineteenth-century map of the town.

Born in Rowley in 1813, Boynton was the son of Eben and Jane Todd Boynton, and by 1850 he was working as a trader. His household then included his wife Sybil Hunt Boynton, their children Olive A. and Charles A., Boynton's mother Jane, then seventy-six, and a New Hampshire native named Mahala Hunt, who might have been Sybil Boynton's sister. In 1855 Sybil Boynton died, and by 1860 Boynton had married Jane Y. Hills of Newbury. The 1860 census shows Boynton with \$8000 in real estate and a personal estate valued at \$4000, and he was living with his second wife and children Olive, Charles, and Arthur, the last born about 1851. By 1870 Boynton and his family had moved to Gloucester, where he ran a stable, and by 1880 they were living in Newbury.

In September 1883, Boynton sold the 7.75-acre tract, which included the site of 15 Pentucket Avenue, to Boyd B. Jones and Ralph C. Huse, who had planned and platted a subdivision between West Main Street and Pentucket Pond in the same year (see map below).² The subdivision plan shows dwellings and outbuildings at 85 and 81 West Main Street but not in any part of the subdivision. In October 1883 Jones and Huse sold Lots 10-14, at the southeastern corner of Pentucket Avenue and Jackson Way, to George W. Everett of Danvers for \$1000.³

Born in New London, New Hampshire, about 1854, George W. Everett was living in Georgetown in 1880 with his mother Ellen, his sisters Mary and Ellen, and a boarder. He worked as an upper leather cutter and farm hand, his sister Mary was a piano teacher, and his sister Ellen taught watercolor painting. In 1884 all of them but George Everett were residing at 4 Union Street; he is shown as a mechanic living at 4 Main Street. In 1886 George married Fannie L. Hobson, a milliner and the daughter of Eben and Caroline Kimball Hobson of Georgetown. The couple likely were living in a new house at what is now 15 Pentucket

¹ Jeremiah Russell to Charles Boynton, 10 January 1848, SECD 392:105; Samuel Brocklebank to Charles Boynton, 27 September 1864, SECD 674:154.

² Charles Boynton, Newbury MA, to Boyd B. Jones and Ralph C. Huse, 4 September 1883, SECD 1114:208. See "Plan of a Lot of Land Near Pentucket Pond, Georgetown, Mass., Property of B. B. Jones and R. C. Huse," November 1883, SECP 1847:600.

³ Boyd B. Jones and Ralph C. Huse to George W. Everett, 23 October 1883, SECD 1118:198.

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Avenue, but by 1907 they had divorced, and George Everett was living in Danvers when he and his wife sold their interest in the property to Edward Lee.⁴ Fannie Hobson Everett and her son George Wilbur, born in 1886, moved back to her parents' house at 42 West Main Street, and she worked as a salesperson in her mother's millinery and fancy goods store at 47 West Main Street for most of her life.

Edward Lee, a native of Nova Scotia, was an ice dealer and "ice hoist proprietor" who had emigrated to the United States in 1879. He was living in Georgetown by 1900, and by 1910 his sons Ernest and L. Sherman worked for him as ice teamsters. In 1919 Lee sold a large parcel ranging along Pentucket Pond and including 15 Pentucket Avenue. with four other tracts, to the Georgetown Ice Company, and the ice company later that year sold these to its president, Ichabod Bunker of Boston. This parcel bordered the pond, Porter Milton Ice Company, and Lee's other land, and it included a dwelling house (15 Pentucket Ave.), the ice houses, the ice hoists, and all the machinery for raising and storing ice, and a spur rail line that ran to the ice houses (see map below). In 1921 the company deeded the fifth tract back to Lee, who in 1934 sold the 15 Pentucket Avenue house and most of the rest of the Jones-Huse subdivision to Georgetown's Carleton Home. In 1941 the Carleton Home trustees sold 15 Pentucket Avenue to L. Sherman Lee and his wife Bessie Emerson Brocklebank, who married in Georgetown in 1914.⁵ Leonard Sherman Lee, born in 1891, was the son of Edward Lee and his wife Helen Jones Lee.

The 1930 Georgetown census shows L. Sherman Lee as a coal yard teamster and a tenant in the house with his wife, their five children Leonard, Kenneth, Richard, Thelma, and Norma, and a niece, Hilda B. Lee. They had earlier lived at 89 West Main Street, two doors north of Lee's childhood home, and he probably moved with his family to 15 Pentucket Avenue by 1925. He is shown there in the 1957 directory, and he died the same year. In January 1960 Lee's widow sold the property to Mahlon L. and Norma Johnson, who sold the house to Pentucket Avenue Realty Trust in 2002.⁶

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MAPS

⁴ George W. Everett, Danvers MA, to Edward Lee, 6 February 1907, 1860:352; Fannie L. Everett to Edward Lee, 25 February 1907, SECD 1860:351

⁵ Edward Lee to Georgetown Ice Company, Boston MA, 18 March 1919, SECD 2407:587; Georgetown Ice Company, Boston MA, to Ichabod Bunker, Boston MA, 30 December 1919, SECD 2428:579; Ichabod Bunker, Boston MA, to Edward Lee, 18 February 1921, SECD 2477:81; Edward Lee to trustees Carleton Home, 29 January 1934, SECD 2982:497; Trustees Carleton Home to Bessie E. and L. Sherman Lee, 12 June 1941, SECD 3261:413.

⁶ Bessie E. Lee to Mahlon L. and Norma Johnson, 19 January 1960, SECD 4639:574; Norma M. Johnson, 15 Pentucket Ave, to Marcia L. Perkins, trustee 15 Pentucket Avenue Realty Trust, 4 February 2002, SECD 18549:341.

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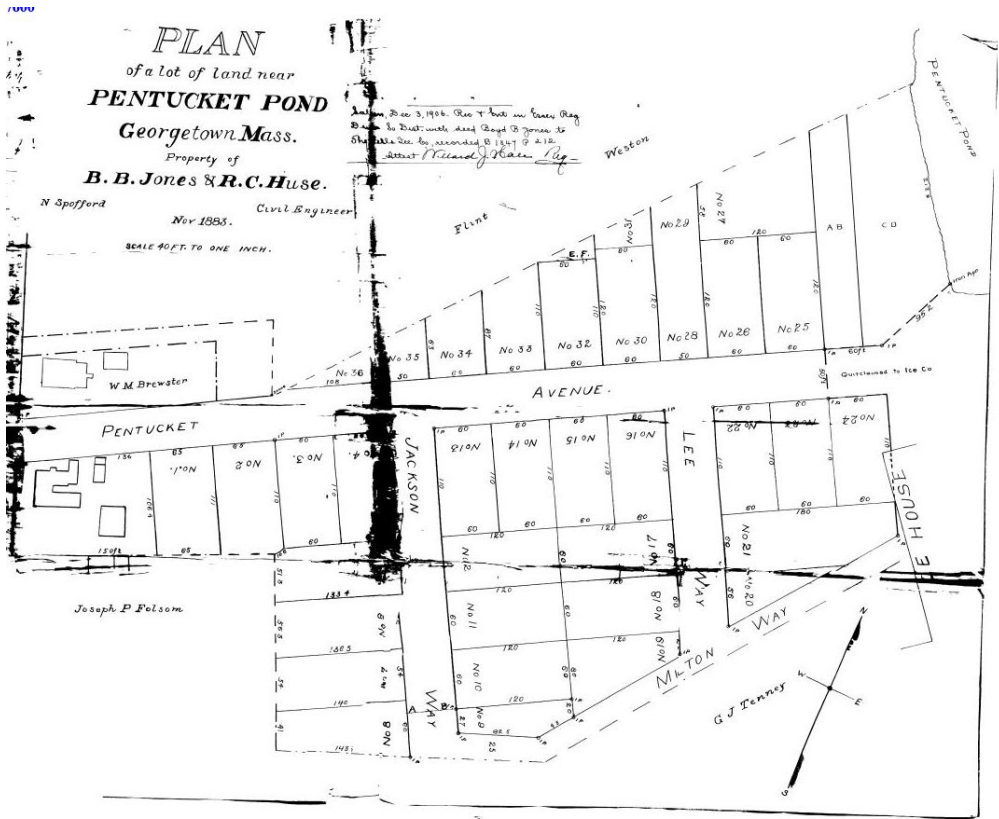
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FIGURES



Map of Jones-Huse subdivision, 1883. Lots 10-14 on SE corner of Pentucket Ave. and Jackson Way were purchased by George W. Everett in 1883. SECP 1847:600.

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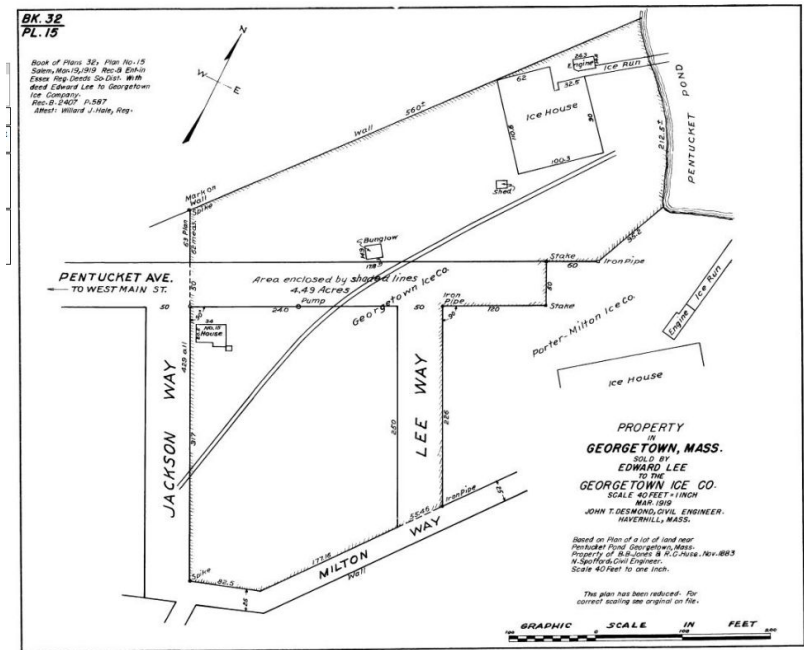
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Plan of land of Edward Lee, 1919. Subject house pictured on corner.
SECP 32:15

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View from west.

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View from south.