

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

GEORGETOWN

163 Jewett Street

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FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



View from north.



Source: Mass GIS Oliver Parcel Viewer

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**Organization:** Town of Georgetown Historical Commission  
**Date:** June 2017

Locus Map (north at top)

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Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

19-11

Georgetown

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**Setting:** Old rural crossroads subdivided for suburban development

**Town/City:** Georgetown

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

**Address:** 163 Jewett Street

**Historic Name:** Moses & Sarah Stickney House

**Uses:** Present: single family residential

Original: single family residential

**Date of Construction:** ca. 1800

**Source:** deeds & visual assessment

**Style/Form:** Federal

**Architect/Builder:** unknown

## Exterior Material:

Foundation: stone

Wall/Trim: wood shingles

Roof: asphalt shingles

## Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Two-car garage, mid-20<sup>th</sup> century

## Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Paired windows added front façade, mid-20<sup>th</sup> cent.

Dormer added to rear, mid-20<sup>th</sup> cent.

**Condition:** good

**Moved:** no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

**Acreage:** 0.5 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 Moses & Sarah Stickney House, built about 1800, is a story-and-a-half wood frame single dwelling with a gable roof and center-chimney plan. All of the exterior but the west end of the house is covered with wood shingles; the exception has wood clapboards. Eaves are tight to the walls on all sides in the eighteenth-century manner. A center entrance is unembellished and tucked under a shed-roof hood; its flanked by a single window in its original location west of the entrance and paired windows added to the east side. Gable ends contain single windows on the main levels and two windows in the attic, possibly later additions (single windows would be more the norm). A shed-roof lean-to covers two-thirds of the rear and leaves a section on the west side open. There are a door and two windows on the rear wall of the lean-to and a single window on the exposed section of the house's rear wall. A shed dormer was raised in the center of the roof above the lean-to, likely to create space for a bathroom. A large wood frame two-car garage with a tall gable roof has been added in the rear of the property.

The house is situated at the front of a small half-acre lot but benefits from an open greensward between it and Jewett Street, evidently created in a realignment of the intersection. A driveway enters the center of the property from Tenney Street leading to a parking area at the rear of the house and the front of the garage. The rest of the lot is wooded.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

On 7 January 1800, Oliver Dickinson of Rowley sold 81 square rods of land (0.5 acre) on Jewett Street, then described as "the road leading from Byfield Parish to Linebrook Parish" (in Ipswich), to Moses Stickney for \$30. Moses Stickney (1776-1834) was the youngest child of Benjamin Stickney (1739/40-1801) and his second wife and cousin Elizabeth Stickney (1737-1819), and in 1799 he married Sarah Pike, the daughter of Joseph and Lois Pike of Byfield Parish. His grandfather Benjamin Stickney (born 1701) and great-grandfather, also named Benjamin, had settled on Long Hill, just west of Byfield, by the 1730s, and Moses's older, unmarried brother Samuel (1771-1824) had inherited that property, though he and his mother had moved to Linebrook Parish after the death of Benjamin in 1801.<sup>1</sup> Moses's house site was at the west side of the junction of Jewett Street and Tenney Streets and is sometimes cited as 163 Tenney Street.

The name "M. Stickney" is attached to the house on this site on the 1830 Georgetown map, and the federal census for that year lists Moses Stickney after the household of his widowed mother-in-law Lois Pike with seven persons in his household. He and his wife had at least six children—Susan, Samuel Warren, Elizabeth Ann, Moses Parsons, Joseph Pike (who at some point changed his middle name to Moody), and Lois Maria—between 1800 and 1812.<sup>2</sup> Moses Stickney is said to have been a manufacturer and a merchant, and after his death in September 1834 his estate inventory lists 21 pair of boots, 55 pair of men's shoes, 50 pair of children's shoes, 11 pair of boot uppers, 57 pair of shoe uppers, a shoemaker's seat, cart, and tools, "chest and leather in the shop," boot trees, two sides of leather, and a "stove in the shop." The value of his personal estate stood at \$605.64 and his debts at \$564, but after setting off his widow's dower and subtracting the cost of administering the estate it stood slightly in arrears. Rather than sell Stickney's real estate, his creditors agreed to take 41 cents of every dollar they were owed.

The 1850 census shows Sarah Pike Stickney in the 163 Jewett Street house with her eldest daughter Susannah, born in 1800 and by then married to shoemaker Samuel Howe, who is shown as the owner of the real estate. Also in the household was the

<sup>1</sup> Oliver Dickinson to Moses Stickney, 7 January 1800, SECD 166:171. See also Matthew Adams Stickney, *The Stickney Family: A Genealogical Memoir of the Descendants of William and Elizabeth Stickney from 1637 to 1869* (Salem, MA: Essex Institute Press, 1869), 82-84, 143-46, 239-240.

<sup>2</sup> Another child, James W. Stickney, is listed in his father's probate records, but he is not shown among the grantors of the property in 1854.

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Howes' daughter Sophia, born in 1842. Sarah Stickney died in 1851, and in 1854 her heirs deeded the 81-rod parcel with its buildings "formerly owned and occupied by Moses Stickney now deceased" to daughter Susannah Stickney Howe.<sup>3</sup> The 1860 census shows Samuel and Susannah Howe in the house with Sophia, then an 18-year-old shoe binder. Three years later Sophia married Newburyport native and shoemaker Daniel Dawkins, and the 1865 census shows the two couples sharing the house. By 1870 Howe was living without her husband (no death record has yet been found for him) with her daughter, Dawkins, and their 5-year-old daughter Susan, and in 1880 the four were still recorded there with a boarding shoe factory worker.

Susan Stickney Howe died in December 1889, and the 1900 census shows Daniel and Sophia Dawkins in the house by themselves. In 1908 Daniel Dawkins died at the age of seventy, and two years later Sophia Stickney Dawkins sold the 81-rod parcel and a 20-acre pasture to Frank B. Aiken of Prescott, Massachusetts (later flooded to become part of the Quabbin Reservoir). Aiken is shown in the 1914 directory as a farmer with a house on Jewett at the corner of Tenney Street, while Sophia Dawkins had gone to live with her daughter Susan, who in 1888 had married Newbury native George Edward Dawkins and was living with him on Thurlow Street.<sup>4</sup>

Frank Aiken sold 163 Jewett Street to Martha Prindall of Lynn in 1917, and the property changed hands five more times by 1925, when John Milton and George M. Joannides acquired it.<sup>5</sup> One of the two owned 163 Jewett Street until 1945. George Mical Joannides was born in Angora, Turkey in 1885, and came to the United States in 1912; he was working in a morocco leather factory in Lawrence in 1910 and in a shoe factory in Newburyport in 1920. John Milton was also born in Turkey, at Mirzifoum, and was working as a cook when he registered for the draft in World War I. By the Second World War Joannides worked at the cafeteria at General Electric's plant in Everett, while Milton was a cook at the Fox and Hounds Club in Boston and lived in Medford. They appear to have rented the 163 Jewett for some time to the family of George Gilman Mooney, to whom they sold the property in 1945.<sup>6</sup> The 1940 census shows Mooney rented on Jewett Street and living with his wife Louise and their nine children.

Born in Georgetown in 1895, George G. Mooney was the son of John Mooney of Rowley and his wife Hannah O'Brien Mooney of Salem. His father had a farm on Tenney Street. By 1917 George G. Mooney was working as on the Georgetown farm of George H. Pingree, and he served in the 18<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Infantry Division for more than two years during the First World War. In 1921 he married Taunton native Louise Mary Martinique. By 1930 the couple was living on Central Street, they had five children, and Mooney worked at a nursery. He was a maintenance man at the time of his death in 1957, and his widow sold 163 Jewett Street in the same year to Anne D. Tenney. In 1976 Tenney sold this half-acre parcel and its buildings with three other tracts to George L. and Elizabeth Pittman; the Pittmans sold their interest in these properties to Henry and Priscilla Tenney in 2001.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Samuel W. and Mary Stickney, Moses P. and Jane Frances Stickney, Joseph P. and Sophia Stickney, Luther and Elizabeth Stickney Cheney, Otis and Lois Maria Stickney Thompson to Susanna Stickney Howe, 24 November 1854, SECD 515:146.

<sup>4</sup> Sophia S. Dawkins to Frank B. Aiken, Prescott MA, 25 October 1910, SECD 2051:237. Whether Daniel and George Edward Dawkins were somehow related in unknown; the latter's marriage to Susan P. Dawkins was his second and her first.

<sup>5</sup> Peter J. and Mary Corcoran to John Milton and George M. Joannides, 28 May 1925, SECD 2641:177.

<sup>6</sup> George M. Joannides, Boston MA, to John Milton, Boston MA, 18 October 1944, SECD 3385:334; John Milton, Medford MA, to George G. and Louise M. Mooney, 12 July 1945, SECD 3418:313.

<sup>7</sup> Louise M. Mooney to Anne D. Tenney, 28 December 1957, SECD 4430:469; Anne D. Tenney to Henry A. and Priscilla B. Tenney and George L. and Elizabeth Pittman, Merrimack MA, 5 May 1976, SECD 6309:261; George L. and Elizabeth T. Pittman, Merrimack MA, to Henry A. and Priscilla B. Tenney, 31 May 2001, SECD 17271:186.

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View from SE.



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View from north



View from west.



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View from north.

## National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

Check all that apply:

- ☒ Individually eligible      ☐ Eligible **only** in a historic district  
☐ Contributing to a potential historic district      ☐ Potential historic district

Criteria:    ☒ **A**    ☐ **B**    ☒ **C**    ☐ **D**



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Criteria Considerations:    ☐ A    ☐ B    ☐ C    ☐ D    ☐ E    ☐ F    ☐ G

Statement of Significance by Neil Larson  
*The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.*

The Moses & Sarah Stickney House, built ca. 1800, is an essentially intact, distinctive example of domestic architecture in Georgetown built at the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The story-and-a-half wood frame single dwelling with a gable roof and center-chimney plan is an iconographic New England form. Constructed for members of the Stickney and Pike families who were early settlers in the Byfield Parish section of Georgetown, and occupied by them into the 1900s, the house is an important landmark representing the town’s 18<sup>th</sup>-century rural character in the midst of late 20<sup>th</sup>-century suburban development. The property appears to be eligible for the National Register under criteria A and C.