

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

GEORGETOWN

45 Pond Street

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

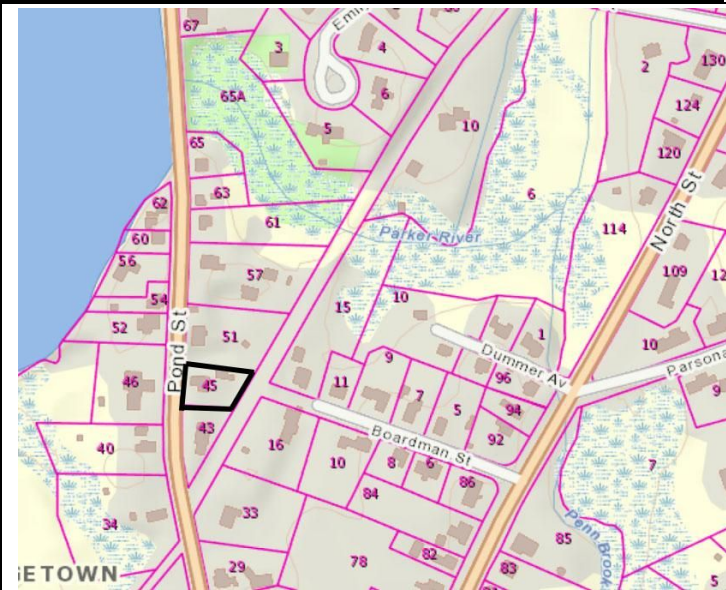
FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



View from west.



Source: Mass GIS Oliver Parcel Viewer

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Locus Map (north at top)

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

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

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Town/City: Georgetown

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

Address: 45 Pond Street

Historic Name: Dennis & Eliza Buckley 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 & concrete

Wall/Trim: wood shingles

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Domestic barn, ca. 1860

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Double window added to front, ca. 1860

Oriel added to front, mid-20th century

Large addition on rear, mid-20th century

Window sash replaced

Condition: good

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date**

Acreage: 0.29 acre

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

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Dennis and Eliza Buckley House is a story-and-a-half wood frame single-family dwelling with a gable roof built about 1860 or possibly moved here from an unknown location. Its plan and chimney placement on a rear wall associate it with a method of construction popular decades earlier. It has symmetrical fenestration organized around a single-pile side-passage plan with a chimney on the back wall shared by a story-and-a-half cross-gable kitchen wing on the rear. The front façade was raised slightly to create more of a second story. It contains two bays with an entrance and hipped roof porch fronted by columns offset by an oriel window added in the mid-twentieth century. The upper story contains a conventional six-over-six window above the entrance and a double window with four-over-four sash above the oriel. These may have been alterations to a traditional three-bay façade. Single windows are centered in the end walls at both levels; fenestration on the north wall of the kitchen wing is irregular and altered. In a later period, probably the mid-twentieth century, a two-story addition was constructed in the L created by the house and wing that extended beyond the south end of the house; its gable roof parallels that of the house and intersects that of the kitchen wing. Single windows on each story are contained on the front of the projection section and three windows are arranged on each story on the south end.

The house is sited close to the street set back behind a small yard with a mature tree. A driveway enters the north side of the lot and passes the house to end at a story-and-a-half wood frame domestic barn built about 1860 with a rear stable wing, mow door and windows intact, but with a wide overhead door added. Small yards occupy the south and east sides of the parcel; the lot is bounded by the railroad right-of-way on the east.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The house numbered 45 Pond Street does not appear on the 1830 or 1856 Georgetown maps, and deeds document that it was built (or moved) here between 1859 and 1868. The chain of title can be traced back soundly to shoe manufacturer George J. Tenney, who sold George S. Weston a lot of land on Pond Street, by his own land, in 1859 for \$35, a value that suggests it was vacant at that time. When Weston sold it in 1868, he received \$300 for the land and building from Dennis Buckley and held a \$250 mortgage on it for Buckley.¹ The Buckley family owned 45 Pond Street until 1939. However, the extant house is of a form and type that is more consistent with domestic architecture common at the turn of the nineteenth century in Georgetown, which leads to the possibility that the building was moved to the site from someplace else.

Born about 1830 in Munster, Ireland, Dennis Buckley was living in Georgetown by 1860 in the home of his father John and mother Abbie Buckley. In September 1860 he married Eliza (sometimes Elizabeth) Foley, an Irish immigrant then living in Cambridge. The 1870 census shows the Buckleys in this neighborhood with their children John, William, and Elizabeth and Dennis Buckley's mother Abbie; the census credits him with \$400 in real property, and he worked in as railroad track repairman. Buckley was doing the same work in 1880, by which time son John was a jack spinner in a cotton goods mill and William was working in a "coal house." Two more children, Dennis and Michael, had been added to the household by that time.

Dennis Buckley was a section boss for the Boston & Maine Railroad at the time he died in 1897. His will made his wife Eliza his executor and sole heir; "it is my intention," he wrote there, "that I will leave no part of my estate to my children." The 1900 census shows Eliza Buckley in the house with daughter Elizabeth, working then as a seamstress, son Dennis Francis, an attorney, and son Michael, a shoe factory cutter. The four were still living together at 45 Pond Street in 1910. Eliza Foley Buckley's death record in October 1914 shows her address as 45 Pond Street, and her son Dennis F. Buckley gave 45 Pond Street as his address when he registered for the wartime draft in 1918.

¹ George J. Tenney to George S. Weston, 1 December 1859, SECD 612:3; George S. Weston to Dennis Buckley, 8 April 1868, SECD 743:101.

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The 1920 census shows Dennis F. Buckley, a lawyer for Employers Liability Assurance Corporation in Boston, at 45 Pond Street with his sister Elizabeth, and they shared the house in 1930 as well. Dennis Buckley died in August 1930, and his sister died by March 1939. The executor of her will sold 45 Pond Street to Raymond J. and Virginia L. Kinney.² The 1940 census shows the Kinneys at 45 Pond Street with their young son, also named Raymond. The elder Raymond Kinney was born in Georgetown in 1914 and was the son of Canadian immigrants Norton W. and Jennie Kinney. He was a shoe factory machinist in 1940, but by 1950 he was owner of R. J. Kinney jewelry shop. The Kinneys owned 45 Pond Street until 1967; current owner Jeffrey S. Krieger acquired it in 2015.³

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² William E. Manley, executor will Elizabeth M. Buckley, to Raymond J. and Virginia L. Kinney, 14 March 1939, SECD 3195:590.

³ Raymond J. and Virginia L. Kinney to Charles A. and Jean M. Woodman, 14 April 1967, SECD 5437:272; Carl A. and Karen G. Fischer to Jeffrey S. Kreiger, 45 Pond St, 23 July 2015, SECD 34241:5. The 45 Pond Street parcel is shown as Parcel A on "Plan of Lots in Georgetown, Mass., Owned by Raymond J. and Virginia L. Kinney," February 1967, SECD 165 of 1967. Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.

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View from NE.

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View from SE.



Aerial view form south. Source: bing.com/maps.