

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

GEORGETOWN

48 Warren Street

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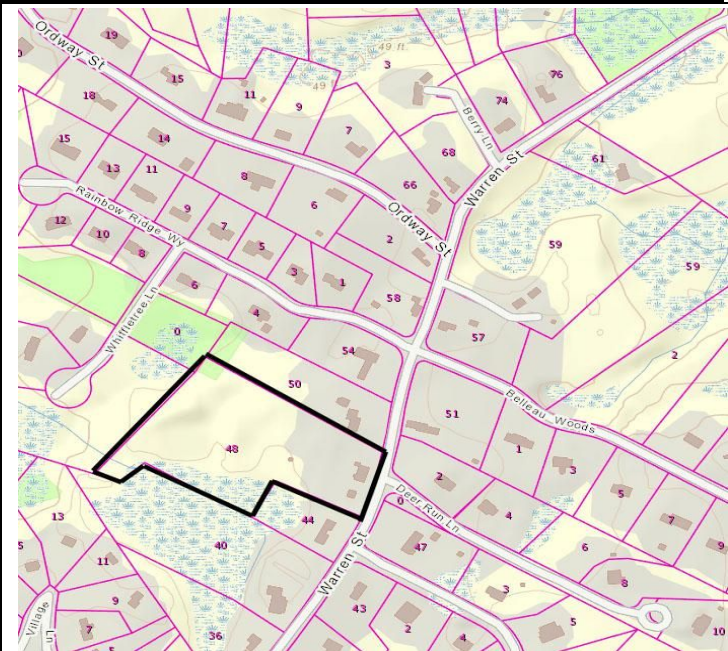
FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



View from NE.



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Locus Map (north at top)

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Georgetown

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Setting: Early rural settlement now subdivided and developed with 20th-century suburban residences.

Town/City: Georgetown

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

Address: 48 Warren Street

Historic Name: Jewett-Schwartz House

Uses: Present: single family residential

Original: single family residential

Date of Construction: ca. 1810

Source: deeds & visual assessment

Style/Form: Federal

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: stone

Wall/Trim: vinyl clapboards

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Garages (2)

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Additions on SW end and rear, mid-20th century

Vinyl siding added

Condition: fair

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 5.0 acres

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

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Jewett-Schwartz House is a two-story wood frame single-family dwelling with a gable roof built about 1810. Its bilaterally symmetrical form and double-pile center-hall plan has a five-bay front façade with a center entrance. Brick chimneys are centered in the partition walls between front and rear rooms. The eave line is distinguished by a shallow eave with molded cornice; gable eaves are tight to the end walls. The entrance is embellished by a trabeated architrave, added in the mid-nineteenth century. Gable ends contain two windows on each story, including the attic: the first story on the southerly gable end is covered by a one-story shed-roof wing addition with three windows on the southerly side. A second one-story wing with a gable roof added another room to the northerly end of the rear wall. The exterior has been covered with vinyl clapboards but it appears that original nine-over-six wood window sash survive intact.

The house is situated in the center of the street frontage set back behind a shallow front yard. The remaining are north of the house contains a yard, while there are two garages and driveways on the north side of the house. Behind a spacious rear yard, the rest of the five-acre parcel is wooded.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The house numbered 48 Warren Street was probably built about 1810, the year David Jewett (1781-1853), son of Maximillian Jewett (1743-1814) and Molly Pearson Jewett, married Sarah (often Sally) Danforth in Rowley. No deed has yet been found conveying land to this David Jewett, one of several men bearing that name in Rowley West Parish at the time; he probably built the house on land his father owned. Jewett is shown in a household of three in the 1810 census and appears to have been at 48 Warren with his wife and children Mary, born in 1810, and Maximillian, born in 1812, until his death in August 1853.¹ The 1850 census shows him in this neighborhood as a blacksmith with his two adult children and two teenage boarders in the household. His wife Sally's death record has not been located. In 1852 David Jewett, then 70 years old, married Abigail Jewett of Bradford; it was her third marriage.

In May 1853 David Jewett sold two-thirds of his homestead parcel, about an acre of land with its dwelling and barn, "directly opposite the southern end of my blacksmith shop," to his son Maximillian Jewett for \$400. The deed noted that the properties carried a \$500 mortgage that Jewett had taken with the Ministerial Fund of Byfield Parish. On the same day Jewett made out a will acknowledging the deed and leaving the other third of the property to his wife Abigail. Less than three months later he committed suicide, and in September 1854 a committee of the probate court set off to his widow two rooms on the first floor, the southwest chamber on the second floor, and the attic and cellar beneath to his widow along with other real estate, the rest of had been conveyed to son Maximillian. Among the \$974.14 in debts the estate owed was a note of \$533.44 to the Byfield Parish ministerial fund.

The 1855 census shows Maximillian Jewett, then 43 years old and also a blacksmith, in the household with his stepmother Abigail, and "M. Jewett" is attached to the house on the 1856 Georgetown map. By 1865 Maximillian Jewett, unmarried, was in the house with three boarders, and by early 1867 he had failed to pay taxes on the property or the ministerial fund mortgage (assigned to numerous others over time). The property was consequently sold at auction to Newbury physician Martin Root, who

¹ In 1817 Rowley selectmen petitioned the county probate court to appoint a guardian for this David Jewett, identified as a blacksmith and as David Jewett Jr., on the grounds that he "did, by excessive drinking, idleness & consequent mismanagement of his secular affairs, so spend & lessen his estate as thereby to expose himself and family to want and suffering circumstances, & does also thereby expose & endanger the town of Rowley aforesaid to a charge or expense for his and their maintenance and support." The court ordered a guardian for him; Jewett "considered himself aggrieved at the order" and denied all charges, but the court affirmed the earlier judgment and ordered Jewett to pay the selectmen \$22.50.

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had been the executor of David Jewett's will.² The 1872 Georgetown map attaches Root's name to the property, but he seems to have rented it for many if not all of the years that he owned it. Root died by 1882, and in that year the executors of his will sold the property to Luther Tenney (1812-1895), the son of Moses Tenney, Jr. and Hannah Whittaker, who also appears to have rented 48 Warren Street. Just before his death Tenney sold 48 Warren Street to his married daughter Rebecca Edith Rogers.³ She lived in Newbury with her husband Asa Rogers Jr. and their children and must also have used 48 Warren Street for rental income.

In June 1924, after Rebecca Edith Tenney Rogers died, her heirs sold 48 Warren Street to Edgar Schwartz, whose family owned and occupied the property for more than 40 years.⁴ Born in the Boston suburb of Hyde Park in 1895, Edgar Gardner Schwartz was a machinist and later a printer, and by 1920 he was married, had a one-month-old daughter, and was living in Lynn with his family and mother-in-law Ida Dolton, a native of Canada. The 1925 directory lists Schwartz as a farmer on Warren Street, and the 1930 census locates him there with wife Hazel and children Louise, W. Perley, and Nancy. By then he was a wood healer working in the heel shop of E. G. Williams. By 1940 the family moved to Haddam, Connecticut, where Schwartz ran a Civilian Conservation Corps camp, but by 1965 they were back on Warren Street. In 1968, after Edgar Schwartz's death, his widow Hazel transferred title to 48 Warren Street to her son Walter P. Schwartz, who with his wife Florence is the current owner of the property.⁵

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View from SE.

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View from north.

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View of garages from NE.

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Aerial view form west. Source: [bing.com/maps](https://www.bing.com/maps).