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GEORGETOWN

51 Warren Street

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GEO.309

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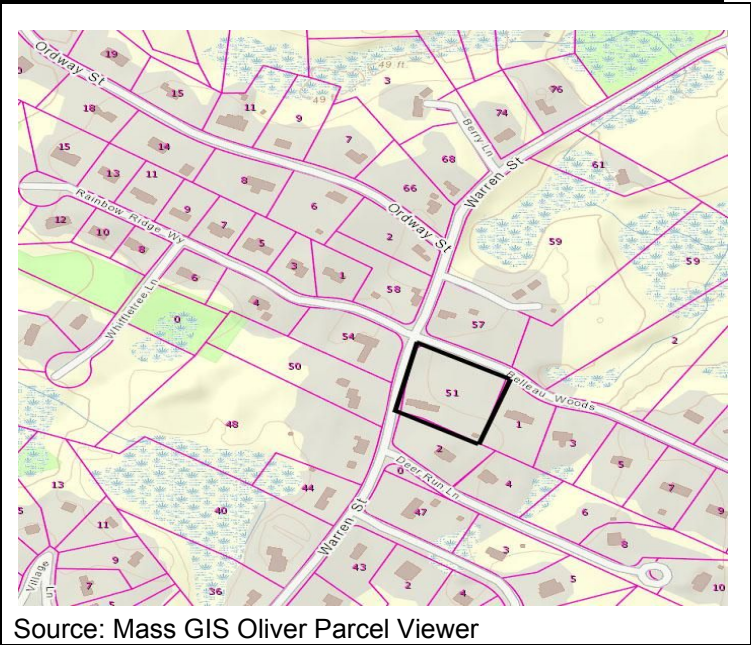
FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



View from NW



Source: Mass GIS Oliver Parcel Viewer

**Recorded by:** Kathryn Grover & Neil Larson  
**Organization:** Town of Georgetown Historical Commission  
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**Setting:** Early rural settlement now subdivided and developed with 20<sup>th</sup>-century suburban residences.

**Town/City:** Georgetown

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

**Address:** 51 Warren Street

**Historic Name:** Baker-Jewett House

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

**Date of Construction:** ca. 1812

**Source:** deeds & visual assessment

**Style/Form:** Federal

**Architect/Builder:** unknown

## Exterior Material:

Foundation: stone

Wall/Trim: metal clapboards

Roof: asphalt shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**  
Garage

## Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Bay window & side porch added, 20<sup>th</sup> century

Garage wing added, 21<sup>st</sup> century

Metal siding added

Window sash replaced

**Condition:** fair

**Moved:** no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

**Acreage:** 1.43 acre

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## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Baker-Jewett House is a two-story wood frame single-family dwelling with a gable roof built about 1812. Its asymmetrical form and end-house plan has a three-bay front façade with an off-center entrance with sidelights, molded pilasters, and a surmounting blind elliptical arch offset by two windows. The gable end is enclosed in a pediment with a full bed molding, but the addition of metal siding has obliterated or concealed any other features; an attic window is centered in the gable. The southerly side wall contains four windows on each story, grouped in pairs and leaving a space for a partition and fireplaces between front and rear principal rooms. On the opposing side, an entry hall and stair is expressed on the exterior as a windowless space on the front of the northerly wall. (End houses generally orient the rooms to the south and the hall to the north for productive solar orientation.) A room behind the stairs has a one-story box-bay window, added later in the century, probably replacing two windows such as exist above it in the second story. The alteration indicates the evolving use of this space as a dining room. A large brick chimney exiting the ridge of the roof likely connects to fireplaces in all three rooms in the front of the house. A two-story kitchen wing is attached to the rear of the house with a lower ridgeline and set back from the southerly side behind a porch. This porch has been enlarged and enclosed in more recent alterations; there are four windows in the second story above the porch and two tiers of four windows on the northerly side. A wide separation in the center corresponds with a chimney space located in the partition between the kitchen, in the front, and service areas behind it. A one-story two-car garage was added to the rear of the kitchen wing later in the twentieth century.

The house is situated in the southwest corner of a squarish lot behind a shallow front yard. A larger yard occupies the area north of the house, which is separated from the road by a picket fence. A driveway enters the property in the southwest corner and runs along the lot line and the southerly side of the house to the attached and detached garages in the rear. The rear of the parcel is distinguished by lawns and mature trees.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The house now numbered 51 Warren Street was standing on its lot on the southeast side of the road by 1812, when William Perley Baker and his older sisters Martha and Deborah acquired it and three acres from Moses Dole Jr. of Newbury for \$467. The Bakers were from Gloucester, probably the children of William Baker and Martha Low, and were all born between 1766 and 1770. On the same day they bought six acres of land adjoining the house acreage from Jeremiah Jewett Jr. of Byfield Parish. And about a month later the siblings took out a \$300 mortgage on the 3-acre property with Payne Elwell of Bradford.<sup>1</sup>

The deeds identify Martha and Deborah Baker as seamstresses, but little else has yet been discovered about them, including why they might have chosen to settle in Byfield Parish. In 1816, four years after buying the property, Martha Baker, then 50 years old, married Moses Hale Noyes, and in 1825 Deborah Baker married Samuel Cheney of Rowley; she was 57 years old. In 1827 William P. Baker bought 8.5 acres in Byfield Parish from Aaron Shute, and later that year he sold it to his married sisters along with an undivided third of the 9-acre homestead property.<sup>2</sup> The name "W. P. Baker" is attached to the 51 Warren Street property on the 1830 Georgetown map, and the 1840 census shows Baker in this neighborhood in a household of two persons, a male and female both between 70 and 80 years old.

<sup>1</sup> Moses Dole Jr. Newbury, to William P Baker, and Martha Baker and Deborah Baker, all Gloucester, 30 November 1812, SECD 200:2; Jeremiah Jewett Jr., Rowley, to William P. Baker, Gloucester, Martha Baker and Deborah Baker, all of Gloucester, 30 November 1812, SECD 200:1; William P. Baker, Martha Baker, and Deborah Baker, Gloucester, to Payne Elwell, Bradford, 26 December 1812, SECD 200:2 (mortgage deed).

<sup>2</sup> Aaron Shute to William P. Baker, 11 January 1827, SECD 243:278; William P. Baker to Martha, wife of Moses Noyes, and Deborah, wife of Samuel Cheney, 23 June 1827, SECD 244:196; Samuel Cheney in right of wife Deborah, and Moses Hale Noyes in right of wife Martha, to William P. Baker, 1 February 1830, SECD 258:520.

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In 1843 Baker and his sisters sold what was by then a 20-acre homestead with its buildings to Stephen Jewett (1819-50), one of the sons of Robert and Mehitabel Dole Jewett, who that year had married Martha P. Carleton of Rowley. The 1850 census shows the couple in this neighborhood in a house with two of Stephen's brothers and the widow Abi Carter Worcester, whose husband James had died in 1843; they lived in the house next west of 51 Warren Street. Stephen Jewett went to California in the same year and was accidentally killed there, and on 1 January 1852 his widow Martha married Stephen's older brother James Jewett (1814-98), who had been living in this neighborhood in the home of his parents. The 1856 map of Georgetown attaches the name "J. Jewett" to the 51 Warren Street house and the house next east of it.

James Jewett was a farmer, and the 1865 census shows him and his wife Martha in a household with two boarders, a seamstress and a farm laborer; his father Robert's household was enumerated just before his. By 1880 James and Martha Jewett lived at 51 Warren Street with two domestic servants. The couple died within six weeks of each other in 1898.

In 1900 the 51 Warren Street property, identified as the homestead of the late Martha P. Jewett, was sold to James E. Senior of Newbury.<sup>3</sup> Senior, born in West Shefford, Canada, about 1864, was living in Newbury and working as a weaver in 1890 when he married Clara Rogers Arline; he might have occupied 51 Warren Street with his wife and their sons Richmond and William in 1900. The 1901 directory shows both James E. Senior and Joseph W. Senior on Warren Street, and in 1904 James sold the property to Joseph.<sup>4</sup> They were not brothers, according to marriage and other records, but they were probably related. By 1910 James E. Senior had moved to North Street and later to Pearson Street near the Newbury line, and the 1910 census shows Joseph W. Senior, born in England, on Warren Street (probably at 68 Warren) with his wife Josephine C. Hill of Newbury and their son Curtis W. Senior, born about 1893.

In 1910 Joseph W. and Josie Senior sold 51 Warren Street to Walter G. Card of Lynn, and the property afterward changed hands with unusual frequency until 1936, when Cleon W. and Mildred A. Rice acquired it. Cleon Wilson Rice was born in Rowe, Massachusetts, in 1885, and he worked at General Electric Company in Lynn; he lived at 51 Warren Street with his wife Mildred and two sons until 1954. Henry Hebert and Thomas J. Hebert of Lynn owned 51 Warren Street from 1959 to 2006, when Thomas J. and Karen R. Hebert subdivided the property, placed 1.43 acre and the 51 Warren Street house in trust, and deeded it to their children, the trustees and current owners.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> James E. Senior to Joseph W. Senior, 7 November 1904, SECD 1762:142.

<sup>5</sup> James E. Senior to Joseph W. Senior, 7 November 1904, SECD 1762:142; Payson E. and Olivia A. Carter to Cleon A. and Mildred A. Rice, 11 May 1936, SECD 3072:375; Cleon W. and Mildred A. Rice to William H. and Sylvia H. Kastberg, Melrose MA, 19 March 1954, SECD 4053:495; William H. and Sylvia H. Kastberg to Henry Hebert and Thomas J. Hebert, Lynn MA, 23 April 1959, SECD 4553:583; Thomas J. and Karen R. Hebert, 51 Warren St, to Patricia Ann Hebert, Nashville TN; Kathleen M. Hebert-Chick, Somersworth NH, and Thomas J. Herbert Jr., Bradford MA, trustees Hebert Family Irrevocable Trust, 6 September 2006, SECD 26152:571. The 51 Warren Street property is shown as Lot 51 on sheet 1 or 3 of "Subdivision Adjustment Plan Belleau Woods, Georgetown, MA, Owner-Applicant Thomas & Karen Hebert," SECD 289:84.

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View from NW.



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View of garage from west.



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Aerial view from south. Source: [bing.com/maps](http://bing.com/maps).