

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

GEORGETOWN

58 Warren Street

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GEO.311

220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

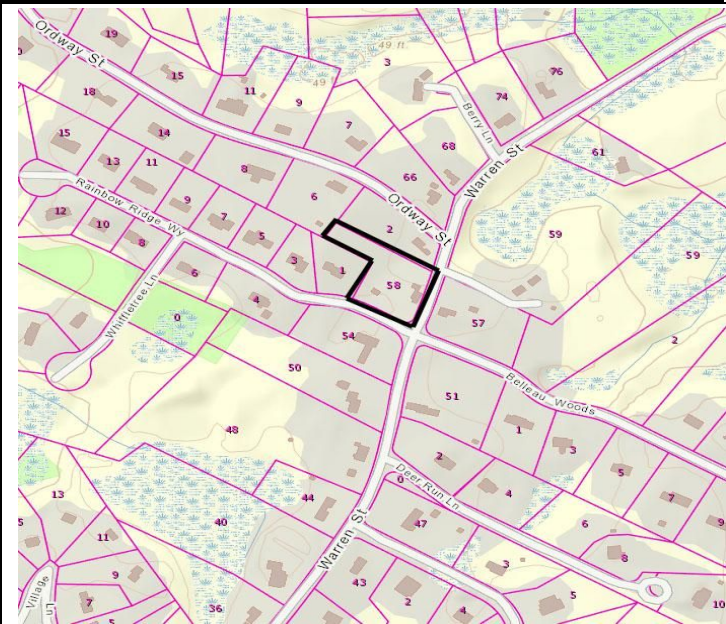
FORM B – BUILDING

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
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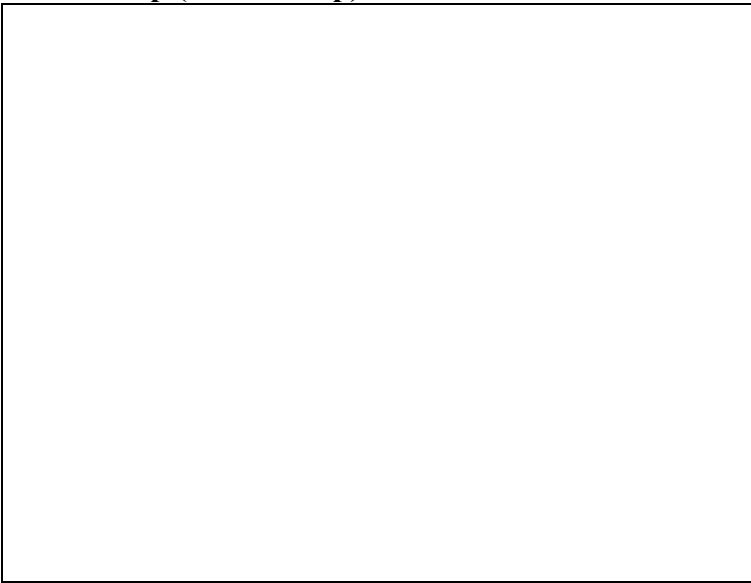
View from south.



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Setting: Early settlement area built out in mid to late 20th-century residential subdivisions.

Town/City: Georgetown

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

Address: 58 Warren Street

Historic Name: Robert & Mehitabel Jewett House

Uses: Present: single family residential

Original: single family residential

Date of Construction: ca. 1816

Source: deeds & visual assessment

Style/Form: Federal

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: stone

Wall/Trim: wood shingles & clapboards

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Garage (attached)

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Center entrance relocated

Condition: good

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 0.9 acre

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Robert and Mehitable Jewett House, built about 1816, is a small one-story, single-pile, center-hall house that has been enlarged by later additions. Its five-bay front façade has had its center entrance relocated one bay to the north and replaced with a window. The south gable end contains single windows on the ground and attic levels. The north end has been widened by an addition pushing out a portion of the rear wall and raising the roof at the ridge. There now are two windows on the ground floor and a connection to a hyphen linking the house to a one-car garage that has been converted to living space with the vehicle door replaced with a picture window. A doorway in the hyphen is tucked under an open porch.

The long complex is centered in the street frontage set back behind a narrow yard; a parking area has been paved north of the house. A solid fence runs along the frontage on both sides of the house, behind which a large open yard extends back to the rear property line.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

In 1816 Robert Jewett (1790-1870) bought a tract of 23 acres of land in this section of Byfield Parish from David Jewett Jr. of 48 Warren Street (GEO.308), who had acquired it less than a month earlier from Thomas Gage Jr. of Rowley and Moses Dole of Newbury.¹ The earlier deed refers to it as the "Flagg land." Jewett had married Mehitable Dole four years earlier, and his father Samuel had died in 1800, when he was ten years old. The home of his father and mother Miriam Pool Jewett was at 66 Warren Street (GEO.312).² The 1830 map attaches the name R. Jewett to the house on this site, though the census for that year seems to show him further south on Warren Street. Jewett owned several parcels with dwellings on the street, though by his death he owned only his house, barn, outbuildings, and 30 acres of land on both sides of Warren Street. One of his sons may have occupied this house; the 1856 map attaches the name "E. Jewett" to the house, which would suggest that his son Eben William, born in 1817, was living there, though by 1851 he had moved to Ipswich.

Buying and selling property was common in this branch of the Jewett family, and it is not entirely clear who occupied this house. By 1899 the estate of James Jewett (1814-98), Robert Jewett's eldest son, owned a half-acre lot and its buildings at this location, but he and his wife Martha Carleton Jewett appear to have lived at 51 Warren Street. Robert Jewett lived either here or at 76 Warren Street. He is shown in the 1850 census with his wife Mehitable, sons James, Ira, and Gorham, and the family of John O. and Charlotte Davis. By 1855 Robert Jewett's son Stephen had died in California, and his household included Stephen's widow Martha P. Carleton Jewett, who had married son James in 1852. Mehitable Dole Jewett had died by 1860, and Robert Jewett lived with his son Gorham and a housekeeper, Hepsabeth Churchill. In 1861 he remarried, to Rebecca Ann Knapp of Newburyport, and the 1865 census shows Robert Jewett, his second wife, and son Gorham in the household. Both he and Rebecca Knapp Jewett died in 1870, and the 58 Warren Street house passed to son James.

In October 1899, the administrator of James Jewett's estate sold 58 Warren Street to Georgianna M. Kneeland, and from that year though 1915 the property changed hands frequently. In 1915 Ella Francis Goodwin acquired 58 Warren Street and owned it, later with her husband Harry Ordway, through 1958. Harry Montgomery Ordway was born in Newburyport in 1874; he and his father were both grocers, and Harry Ordway was a manufacturer and retailer of extracts by 1898. He and his first wife Minnie Tibbetts Ordway had divorced between 1915 and 1920, and he married Ella F. Goodwin; they are shown in Essex in the 1920 census, he as a grocery store manager and she as a grocery salesperson. By 1930 Harry Ordway was running a poultry farm at 58 Warren Street, and they are shown in the household together in the 1940 census. In November 1958, after their parents'

¹ Thomas Gage Jr., Rowley, and Moses Dole, Newbury, to David Jewett Jr., 29 March 1816, SECD 2210:124; David Jewett Jr. to Robert Jewett, 23 April 1816, SECD 210:125.

² On Jewett see Frederic Clarke Jewett, *History of Genealogy of the Jewetts of America* (New York: Grafton Press, 1908), 40-41, 64-65, 125, 229.

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deaths, the Ordway children sold 58 Warren Street to William S. and Margaret B. Phillips, who owned it only briefly. Robert and Donna Mae Hudson owned the property from 1968 to 1998, and current owners Vincent and Amanda Gaudenzi acquired the property in 2014.³

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³ Almira A. Lunt, administrator estate James Jewett, to Georgianna M. Kneeland, 17 October 1899, SECD 1593:294; Cora A. Davis, Brockton MA, to Ella Frances Goodwin, 2 July 1915, SECD 2305:464; Ralph E. and Dora B. Ordway, Newton NH, and Ray and Mildred Ordway Guertin, Brunswick ME, to William S. and Margaret B. Phillips, 27 November 1958, SECD 4523:597; Richard A. and June W. Grant to Robert and Donna Mae Hudson, 18 December 1968, SECD 5581:124; Robert and Donna Mae Hudson, Danvers MA, to Tamee H. MacMillan, 18 December 1998, SECD 15347:173; Michael P. and Brooke E. Linehan to Vincent and Amanda Gaudenzi, 5 December 2014, SECD 33719:577.

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View from east.

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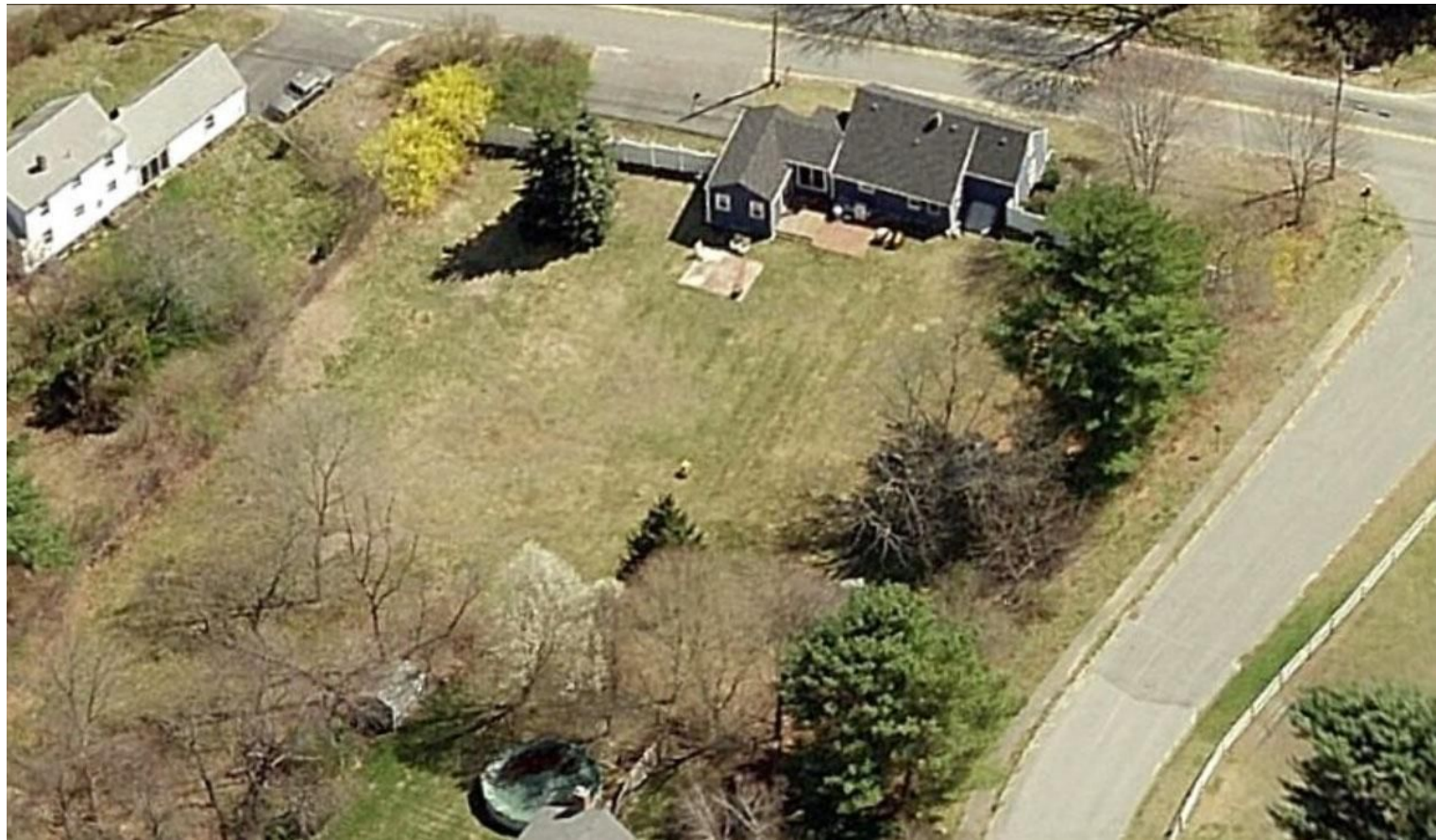
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View from NE.



Aerial view from west. Source: bing.com/maps/