

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

GEORGETOWN

68 Warren Street

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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GEO.313

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## FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING

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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

### Photograph



View from east.



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

20-60

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**Setting:** An early settlement area characterized by mid- to late-20<sup>th</sup> century residential subdivisions.

**Town/City:** Georgetown

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

**Address:** 68 Warren Street

**Historic Name:** Samuel & Miriam Jewett House

**Uses:** Present: single family residential

Original: single family residential

**Date of Construction:** ca. 1787

**Source:** deeds & visual assessment

**Style/Form:** Federal

**Architect/Builder:** unknown

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: stone

Wall/Trim: wood shingles

Roof: asphalt shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

Sheds (2)

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):

Wood shingle siding added

**Condition:** fair

**Moved:** no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

**Acreage:** 0.96 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 Samuel and Miriam Jewett House is a story-and-a-half wood frame single-family dwelling with a center-chimney hall-parlor plan and a gable roof built about 1787. Its five-bay front façade contains a center entrance with a trabeated architrave, added later and flanked by windows. The gable ends contain single windows centered on two levels, all of which appear to be in original locations. A story-and-a-half cross-gable wing extends from the rear wall in line with the north end of the house. This wing has an entrance on the north side and windows in the upper half-story. A small shed has been appended to the rear of the wing.

The house is situated in the southerly corner of an acre lot largely maintained as lawn with mature plantings screening the house from the street. A driveway enters the property north of the house and terminates in the rear of the building. Two small sheds of indeterminate age, with gable roofs and wood shingle siding, are sited in the yard behind the house.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

In October 1787, Benjamin Adams and David Boynton of Rowley sold 22 acres of the former John Searle homestead in Byfield Parish to Samuel Jewett (1746/47-1800) for 180 pounds.<sup>1</sup> A son of Jeremiah Jewett (1720-85) and Elizabeth Choate Jewett (born 1717), Samuel Jewett married Miriam Pool in 1769. No other deed is indexed with this Samuel Jewett as a grantee before 1800. Jewett and his wife had four sons—Ebenezer, William, Samuel, and Robert—between 1771 and 1790. In 1797 Samuel sold to his son William, identified in the deed as a blacksmith, half of his 55 acres of land “a little southwesterly from Byfield Meeting House & is the same on which I now dwell,” for \$400; the deed included half of all the buildings. Still, the 1798 federal direct tax lists for Rowley show Samuel Sr., and his son William occupying halves of a house wholly owned by Samuel; it was very likely 68 Warren Street.

Samuel Jewett died in 1800 without leaving a will, and the probate court declared his estate insolvent. The inventory of his real estate showed that he owned an undivided half of 23 acres with a house, a barn, and “outhouse” (William owning the other half) that was valued at \$575. In November 1800 the probate court set off half of the house and 2.75 acres to son William and the same amount of land and the lower story of the house to Jewett’s widow Miriam. The estate’s creditors received 7.6 mills on the dollar, and in April 1801 the widow Miriam Jewett, as administrator of her late husband’s estate, sold, among other property, her half of the house at auction to Humphrey Hobson for \$282.18 and the ten to eleven feet of the barn she had received as part of her dower to Benjamin Poor, who was to move it from the property. In August of the same year Hobson sold the half of the house back to Miriam Jewett for \$45. She remained there until her death in 1826, and in her will she left most of her real estate to her sons Robert and Samuel. The inventory of her estate showed her with 2.5 acres, half a dwelling house, and all of a barn.

In 1849 Stephen Jewett, one of Samuel and Miriam Jewett’s grandsons, sold a half-acre with a “small dwelling house” to William Boynton, and in 1860 Stephen’s father Robert sold Boynton a contiguous parcel. Boynton is shown as owning 68 Warren Street on the 1856 Georgetown map, but he apparently did not occupy it. In 1865 he sold the property to Emily A. Paine.<sup>2</sup> Paine, born Emily A. Swift in Sterling, Massachusetts, was the wife of shoemaker Benjamin P. Paine, and the 1865 census locates them in this neighborhood with their children Emma J., born about 1853, and Otis P., born about 1855. The four Paines were listed in the household in the 1870 census, and the 1872 map attaches the name “B. Paine” to the 68 Warren Street property.

<sup>1</sup> Benjamin Adams and David Boynton to Samuel Jewett, 2 October 1787, SECD 147:40.

<sup>2</sup> Stephen Jewett to William Boynton, 17 March 1849, SECD 408:265; Robert Jewett to William Boynton Jr., 26 October 1860, SECD 616:14; William Boynton Jr. to Emily A. Paine, 17 August 1865, SECD 800:217.

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Emily A. Paine died in 1896, and the next year her married daughter Emma J. Poor and her husband Alvin sold 68 Warren Street to Joseph W. Senior. Born in England in 1867, Joseph W. Senior was living in Newbury and working as a weaver when he married Josephine C. Hill, a Newbury native and also a weaver, in 1891. He is shown on Warren Street in the 1900 census with his wife and their son Walter C., born in 1892. In 1903 he sold the property to William S. and S. Mabelle Poole, who owned 68 Warren Street until 1940.<sup>3</sup>

Born in 1872, Sophronia Maybelle Pool was the daughter of Warren Street residents Harlan P. and Anna L. Pike Floyd. In 1893 she married farmer William Henry Poole, a native of Rochester, New York, and the 1910 census shows them on Warren Street with five wards of the state. One of them, Joseph Detoe/Detaux, was still in the house with four other boarders in 1920. William H. Poole died in 1925, and the 1930 census shows S. Maybelle Poole in the house with two teenage boarders. In late November 1940, less than a month before she died, Poole sold 68 Warren Street to George A. Barker, who owned it only briefly. The property was bought and sold often over the next two decades. From 1963 to 1990 Mary St. Story and her husband Arthur owned 68 Warren Street. Current owners John J. Lopez and Patricia A. Palucci bought the property in 2004.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Alvin C. and Emma J. Poor to Joseph Senior, 10 April 1897, SECD 1643:222; Joseph Senior to William H. and S. M. Poole, 3 September 1903, SECD 1717:298.

<sup>4</sup> S. Mabelle Poole, individually and as administrator estate William H. Poole, to George A. Barker, 27 November 1940, SECD 3242:2-3; Anne M. Leonard to Arthur D. and Mary S. Story, Peabody MA, 19 July 1963, SECD 5083:524; Robert Zick and John S. Anderson, trustees will Mary S. Story, to Andrew J. and Joy Michaud Spano, Boxford MA, 27 December 1990; Paul A. Wing and Joy Michaud, Newbury MA, and John J. Lopez and Patricia A. Palucci, 68 Warren St, 30 September 2004, SECD 23452:275. The property is shown as Lot A on "Plan of Land Subdivided for Anne M. Leonard," 16 April 1963, SECD 5106:387.



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View from south.



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View of outbuildings from east.

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## 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

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 Samuel and Miriam Jewett House, built about 1787, is a distinctive surviving example of eighteenth-century domestic architecture in Georgetown and retains integrity of location, design, workmanship, feeling and association sufficient to appear eligible for the National Register. The story-and-a-half wood frame single dwelling with a center-chimney hall-parlor plan is a house form once common in the late eighteenth century.

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The property appears to meet National Register criteria A and C for its architectural significance and its association with people and events important in Georgetown's early history.