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73 Andover Street

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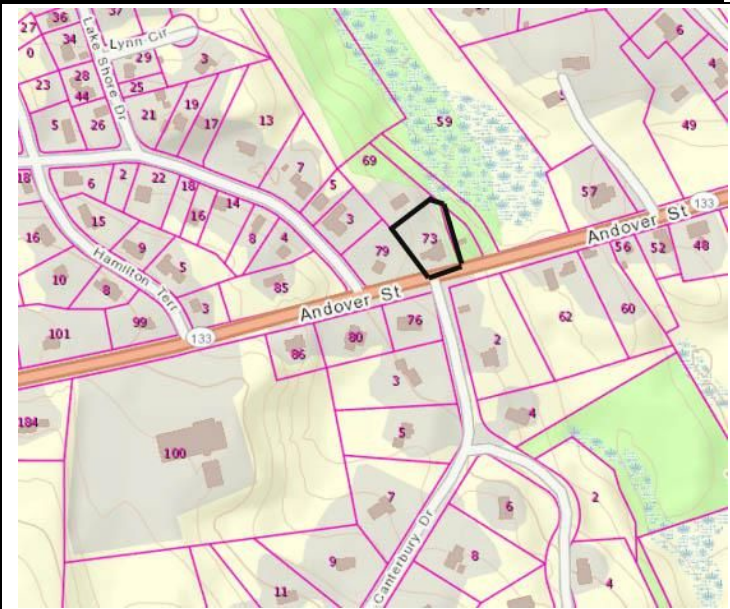
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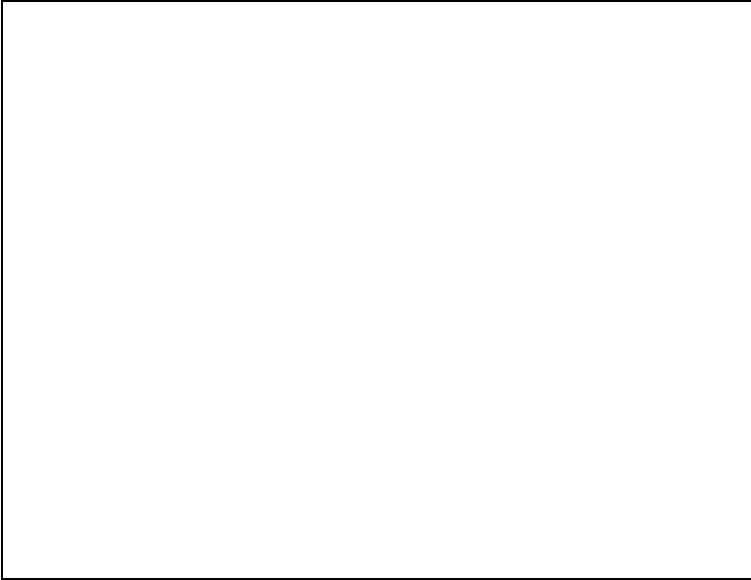
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Georgetown

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Setting: Dense concentration of houses on highway leading west out of town center.

Town/City: Georgetown

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):
Georgetown Center

Address: 73 Andover Street

Historic Name: Sawyer – Lazdowski House

Uses: Present: single family residential

Original: single family residential

Date of Construction: ca. 1850

Source: deeds & visual assessment

Style/Form: Greek Revival

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: stone & concrete

Wall/Trim: wood clapboards

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
none

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Wings added sides & rear; pavilion added to
Front, mid-20th century

Condition: fair

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 0.57 acre

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Sawyer - Lazdowski House is a two-story wood frame single dwelling with a gable roof decorated with a pronounced Classical entablature with short returns on the end walls and corner pilasters. The five-bay front façade has a three-story central pavilion added in the mid-twentieth century containing an entrance with sidelights and arched sunburst pediment surmounted by a Venetian window in the second story and a pointed arch window in the attic. Two bays of original windows with pedimented heads flank the added feature. Two gabled dormers in the roof also are later additions. Fenestration on the gable ends has been altered and one-story, flat-roof wings have been added to both. A two-story cross-gable wing with fully exposed wood frame basement has been constructed on the rear, perhaps obliterating an earlier ell. The house is sited at the front of a polygonal parcel set back behind a small yard and screened by overgrown cedars. The rear of the lot is open but roughly maintained.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The house numbered 73 Andover Street is located on land owned in the early 1800s by the children of Aaron Nelson (1740-1804), whose grandfather Joseph Nelson (1682-1744) was the first of that name to settle in what became Georgetown, about 1725.¹ In 1817 Aaron Nelson Jr. sold to his married sister Lydia, wife of Peabody Dole of Danvers, about thirteen acres of land on the north side of Andover Street. Peabody Dole died in New Boston, New Hampshire, about 1819, and Lydia Dole apparently returned to Georgetown. She continued to own the 13-acre parcel on which 73 Andover was built until she died in 1849, but she apparently did not develop it; in April of that year her children sold the property to their sibling Almira Dole Sawyer for five hundred dollars, and the deed refers to it as the "Felton lot."² The 1850 census indicates that the house was built by August 1850, and it remained in the Sawyer family until 1915.

Born in New Boston in 1805, Almira Dole married laborer and shoemaker Nathaniel S. Sawyer (1798-1865) in Rowley in 1825. The 1840 census shows Sawyer in Georgetown, and the 1850 census lists him with \$1450 in real property and living with his wife and their children Mary, Susan, and Jeremiah. In 1860 Nathaniel Sawyer was farming, wife Elmira was a shoe binder, and all three children were employed, Mary as a tailoress, Susan as a teacher, and Jeremiah and a shoemaker. Nathaniel Sawyer died in December 1865, and his widow Almira died in October 1873. The couple's children continued to occupy the property. In 1877 son Jeremiah married Martha J. Nelson, the daughter of Charles and Sarah Dole Nelson of Georgetown. Charles Nelson was the son of Lydia Nelson Dole's brother Joseph (1769-1856); thus Jeremiah Sawyer and Martha J. Nelson were second cousins.

The 1880 census shows Jeremiah Sawyer as a shoe manufacturer living with his wife Martha, and the industrial census for Georgetown compiled in the same year shows him with invested capital of three hundred dollars and two hands at work ten hours a day for eight months out of the year; he used fifty sides of sole leather, forty sides of upper leather, and other materials valued together at five hundred dollars to make one thousand pair of shoes valued at one thousand dollars. At some point after 1880, Jeremiah Sawyer moved for at least part of the year to Deland, Florida. The 1884 Georgetown map attaches the name "Mrs. Sawyer" to the 73 Andover Street house, in 1900 she was boarding in the Georgetown household of Joshua Howe, and the 1905 directory shows her with a house on Elm Street but living in Florida.

¹ Henry M. Nelson, "Town of Georgetown History," in D. Hamilton Hurd, ed., *History of Essex County, Massachusetts* (Philadelphia: J. W. Lewis and Col, 1888), 1:812. Aaron Nelson died intestate, and his inventory showed him as owner of \$10,982 in real property at his death in 1804. His holdings included a 60-acre homestead property valued at \$3000, 117 acres and buildings "called the Burpy and Dole land," 132 acres in ten other parcels, two woodlots in Boxford, and a pew in the meetinghouse at the head of Elm Street.

² Aaron Nelson to Lydia Dole, 21 March 1817, SECD 372:236; Luke L. Dole, Charles and Sally P. Nelson, all Georgetown, and Peabody Dole, Bradford ME, to Almira Sawyer, 4 April 1849, SECD 419:31.

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Jeremiah Sawyer died in Deland in December 1910, and Martha J. Sawyer died there in August 1914. Her will, made out in January 1914, stipulated that if her husband's remains had not already been moved to Georgetown her estate to pay for their removal and burial in the family lot; she added that if she too were to die in the South her remains must also be brought to Georgetown. The Sawyers are buried in Union Cemetery.

In August 1915 Sawyer's executor sold 73 Andover Street, still a thirteen-acre parcel, to Edward A. Jones for thirteen hundred dollars.³ Born in Bristol, Maine, in 1886, Edward Jones was a farmer, and he married Hazel Rose Colby, a native of Detroit then working at General Electric Company in Lynn, in November 1915. The Joneses owned the property for six years and sold it in 1921 to Felix Selicki of Haverhill, who in turn sold it in 1924 to Blanche Barbara Bangs, the wife of Maine native Fred P. Bangs; the couple lived on King Street and appear to have rented out 73 Andover Street until 1935, when they sold the property to David Lufkin Haskell of Boston. Haskell is shown at 73 Andover Street in the 1940 directory and 1940 census. A cotton mill office manager in Boston, Haskell occupied part of the house with his wife Florence and daughter Barbara; electric company accountant H. Louis Carter also lived in the house with his wife Alice and four children.⁴ David Haskell was born in Essex in 1900, and in 1928 he married Florence C. Brown of Georgetown, who lived with her parents Fred H. and Jennie Thurlow Brown at 62 Andover Street. In 1945 Haskell took a job as office manager for the Manchester Hosiery Mills in Manchester, New Hampshire, and moved his family to that city. Joseph K. and Rose L. Webb of Lynn owned and occupied the house for less than two years and sold it in June 1947 to Albin Lazdowski of Beverly and Louise E. Reeves of Salem.⁵ Born in 1924 in Salem, Lazdowski was the son of Polish immigrant brass foundry moulder Adolph Lazdowski and his wife Mary, who had come from Poland in 1911. In the early 1940s Albin Lazdowski was working as a chauffeur and living with his widowed mother in Salem; the 1953 directory shows him as a truck driver for the Newburyport firm Graf Brothers and living at 73 Andover Street. Albin and Ruth Lazdowski owned the property until 1987, when they subdivided the thirteen-acre tract and sold the house and 24,070 square feet to current owners Thomas J. and Diane M. Berube.⁶

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³ Almira C. Wilson, executor will Martha J. Sawyer, Deland FL, to Edward A. Jones, 16 August 1915, SECD 2305:290.

⁴ Edward A. Jones to Felix Selicki, Haverhill, 28 December 1921, SECD 2502:405; Felix Selicki, Boston, to Fred H Hyde, Haverhill, 20 June 1924, SECD 2605:411; Fred H. Hyde, Haverhill, to Blanche B. Bangs, 24 June 1924, SECD 2605:411; Blanche B. Bangs to David L. Haskell, Boston, 29 April 1935, SECD 3034:37.

⁵ David L. Haskell, Manchester NH, to Joseph K. and Rose L. Webb, Lynn, 29 September 1945, SECD 3425:106; Joseph K. and Rose L. Webb to Albin Lazdowski, Beverly, and Louise E. Reeves, Salem, 30 June 1947, SECD 3555:539.

⁶ Albin Lazdowski to Thomas J. and Diane M. Berube, 73 Andover St, 28 September 1987, SECD 9208:218. The 73 Andover Street property is shown as Lot 1 on "Plan of Land in Georgetown, Mass., as Surveyed for Albin and Ruth A. Lazdowski," 14 September 1798, SECP 150:27.

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View from SE.



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View from NE.



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