

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

GEORGETOWN

8 Pentucket Avenue

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GEO.289

220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

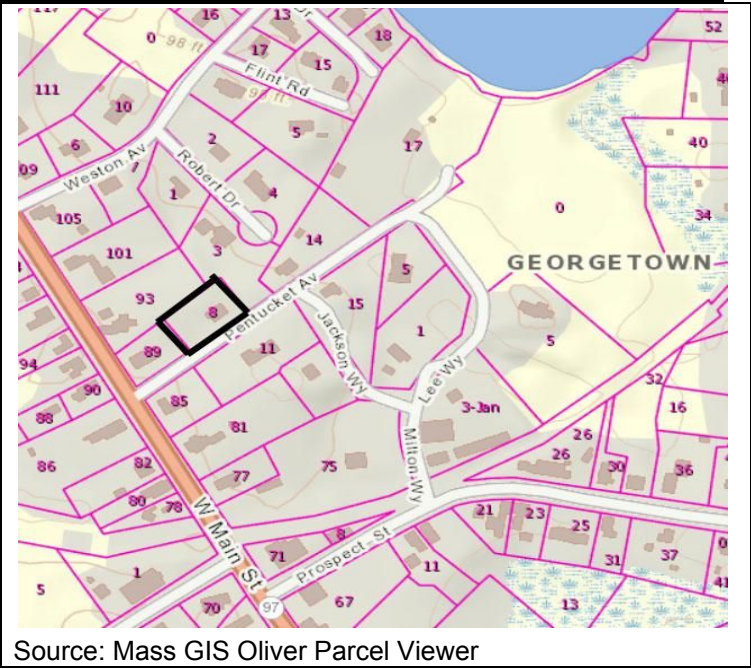
FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
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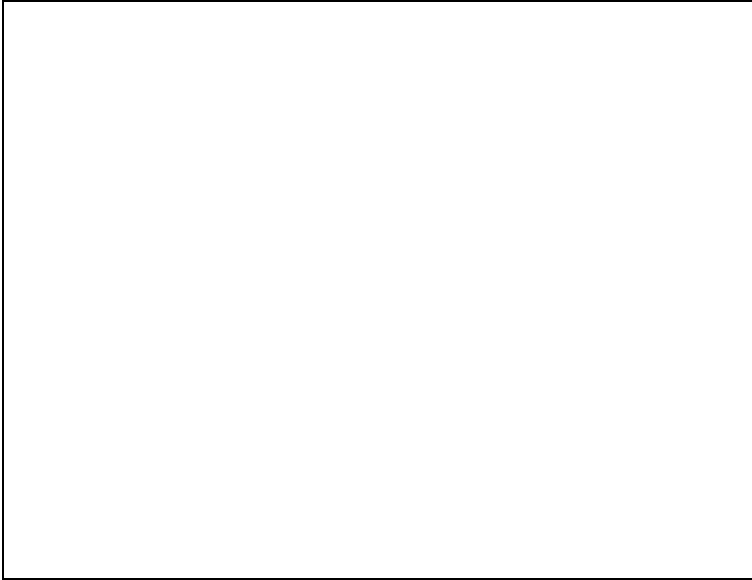
View from NE.



Source: Mass GIS Oliver Parcel Viewer

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Locus Map (north at top)



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Georgetown

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Setting: Concentrated neighborhood of single-family homes in town center.

Town/City: Georgetown

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):
Pentucket Pond

Address: 8 Pentucket Avenue

Historic Name: Phineas & Submit Hardy House

Uses: Present: single family residential

Original: single family residential

Date of Construction: ca. 1819

Source: deeds & visual assessment

Style/Form: Federal

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: stone

Wall/Trim: asbestos-cement shingles

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
none

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Asbestos-cement shingles added, mid-20th century

Condition: good

Moved: no ☐ yes ☒ **Date:** ca. 1875

Acreage: 0.28 acre

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

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Phineas and Submit Hardy House is a story-and-a-half wood frame single dwelling with a gable roof built about 1819. It has a center-chimney plan with three principal rooms—a hall and parlor in the front and a kitchen in the rear. The chimney no longer exists, and it probably was demolished when the building was moved in the later nineteenth century. The entrance is positioned in the center of a five-bay front façade with four one-over-six wood sash windows. A shallow overhang and simple cornice distinguish the eave line. The northeasterly end wall contains two windows on each story in their original configuration; the southwest end has two windows and a doorway on the first story and a double window in the attic story that is a later alteration. A shed dormer has been raised on the rear side of the roof.

The house is situated in the easterly corner of its lot close to the road frontage with a large yard occupying the westerly side of the parcel. A driveway enters from Jackson Way near the westerly end of the house.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

In February 1818, Paul Stickney sold a little more than nine acres of land in what became Georgetown to Phineas Hardy for \$234.¹ Hardy, born in Rowley in 1792, was the son of Enos and Jane Hardy, and in 1819, the year after he bought this tract, he married Submit Cowdrey of Rowley. In 1820 they had a son, William. Phineas Hardy married three times and had three children, but two of them died in infancy. Submit Hardy died in 1824, and Hardy's second wife, Elizabeth Andrews, died in 1841.

Phineas Hardy is shown as the owner of the house at 85 West Main Street (GEO.209) on the 1830 Georgetown map, and he is listed as a head of household in this part of the town in the 1830 and 1840 censuses. He also is listed in the 1820 Rowley census, although that census was organized alphabetically rather than geographically. It is likely that he resided on his property prior to the construction of the 85 West Main Street house, and the one-story Cape Cod-type dwelling at 8 Pentucket Avenue probably was the first house erected there. If this was the case, then the old house was moved to its present location sometime between 1830 and 1884 when it is first pictured on a map of Georgetown Center. (The footprint of the 85 West Main Street house drawn on the 1872 map of Georgetown Village, when compared to its current dimensions, may have included the earlier house.) The 1884 map depicts a house in this location for the first time with a right-of-way connecting to West Main Street on the northwesterly side of the house and lot at 89 West Main Street, as Pentucket Avenue had yet to be created.

By this time, the Hardy house and the rest of the property had been conveyed to Boyd B. Jones and Ralph C. Huse, who had begun to buy land along the southeast side of Pentucket Pond with an eye toward subdividing it into house lots. The plan Jones and Huse filed with the county included the 8 Pentucket Avenue property but did not depict the house. In 1906 they sold their shared interest in houses at 85 West Main Street and 8 Pentucket Avenue and 25 undeveloped lots in the subdivision to Edward Lee.² Lee, an ice dealer and "ice hoist proprietor" who had come to the United States from Nova Scotia in 1879, lived at 85 West Main Street into the 1930s and probably rented 8 Pentucket Avenue. In 1934 he deeded all but 3 lots in the Jones and Huse subdivision to the trustees of Georgetown's Carleton Home, and two years later these trustees sold the house at 8 Pentucket Avenue to Alice M. Thurlow, who lived in Newburyport and appears to have rented the house to others. In 1959 Thurlow sold the

¹ Paul Stickney to Phineas Hardy, 12 February 1818, SECD 228:192.

² Mary A. Hardy to Boyd B. Jones and Ralph C. Huse, 14 September 1883, SECD 1115:216; Mary A. Hardy to Boyd B. Jones and Ralph C. Huse, 14 September 1883, SECD 1115:216 (mortgage deed); Boyd B. Jones, Haverhill MA, to Edward Lee, 22 November 1906, SECD 1851:386. See "Plan of a Lot of Land Near Pentucket Pond, Georgetown, Mass., Property of B. B. Jones and R. C. Huse," November 1883, SECP 1847:600.

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property to Georgetown realtor Doris A. Marston. Current owners Norman E. and Maureen F. Dowd acquired the house in 1990.
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³ Edward Lee to trustees Carleton Home, 29 January 1934, SECD 2982:497; Trustees Carleton Home to Alice M. Thurlow, 11 April 1936, SECD 3070:408; Alice L. Thurlow, Greenfield MA, to Doris A. Marston, 13 June 1959, SECD 4573:470; Paul J. and Linda M. Hodges to Norman E. and Maureen F. Dowd, 29 November 1990, SECD 10641:2; Paul J. and Linda M. Hodges to Norman E. and Maureen F. Dowd, 29 November 1990, SECD 10641:2:.

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FIGURES

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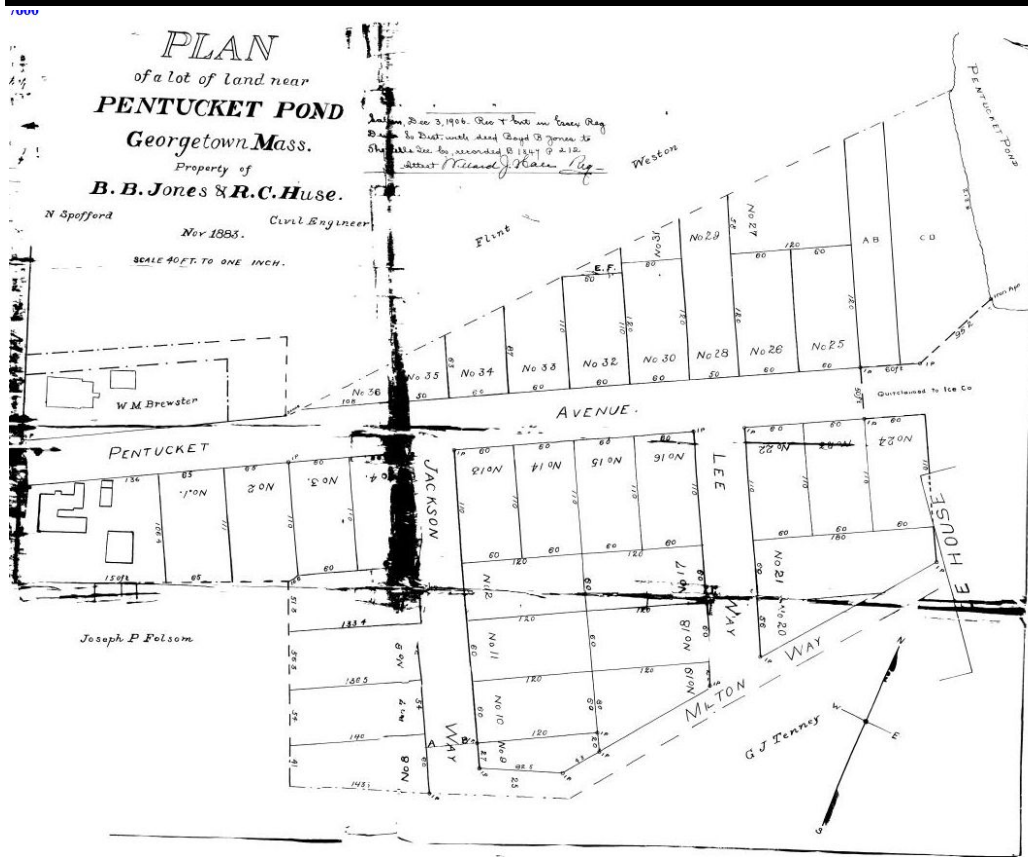
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Plan of Jones & Huse subdivision, 1883 plan (SECP 1847:600). The subject property is located on the vacant flag lot behind the W. M. Brewster house on the left side of the map.

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View from south.

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View from east.

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