

WEST NEWBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Historic Sites Survey Table of Contents  
Meetinghouse Hill Road

Street Address	Page ##	Individual or Group Form	WN Historical Commission Comments
<a href="#">38 Meetinghouse Hill Rd</a>	1-3	Individual	

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

## Scanned Record Cover Page

<b>Inventory No:</b>	WNB.147
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Johnson, Rev. William House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	38 Meetinghouse Hill Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	West Newbury
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	
<b>Local No:</b>	MH1
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	r 1775
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Altered beyond recognition; No style
<b>Use(s):</b>	Parsonage; Private School; Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture; Education; Religion
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Stone, Uncut



The Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) has converted this paper record to digital format as part of ongoing projects to scan records of the Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth and National Register of Historic Places nominations for Massachusetts. Efforts are ongoing and not all inventory or National Register records related to this resource may be available in digital format at this time.

The MACRIS database and scanned files are highly dynamic; new information is added daily and both database records and related scanned files may be updated as new information is incorporated into MHC files. Users should note that there may be a considerable lag time between the receipt of new or updated records by MHC and the appearance of related information in MACRIS. Users should also note that not all source materials for the MACRIS database are made available as scanned images. Users may consult the records, files and maps available in MHC's public research area at its offices at the State Archives Building, 220 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston, open M-F, 9-5.

Users of this digital material acknowledge that they have read and understood the MACRIS Information and Disclaimer (<http://mhc-macris.net/macrisdisclaimer.htm>)

Data available via the MACRIS web interface, and associated scanned files are for information purposes only. THE ACT OF CHECKING THIS DATABASE AND ASSOCIATED SCANNED FILES DOES NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LOCAL, STATE OR FEDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS. IF YOU ARE REPRESENTING A DEVELOPER AND/OR A PROPOSED PROJECT THAT WILL REQUIRE A PERMIT, LICENSE OR FUNDING FROM ANY STATE OR FEDERAL AGENCY YOU MUST SUBMIT A PROJECT NOTIFICATION FORM TO MHC FOR MHC'S REVIEW AND COMMENT. You can obtain a copy of a PNF through the MHC web site ([www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc)) under the subject heading "MHC Forms."

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Massachusetts Historical Commission  
220 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston, Massachusetts 02125  
[www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc)

This file was accessed on: Sunday, December 20, 2020 at 4:01: PM

(Attach photo here)

USGS NEW, W  
SECT 3

CARD#

MAP#

	147	MH1
--	-----	-----



2. Town West Newbury  
 Street address Meetinghouse Hill  
 Johnson-  
 Name CHASE SILLOWAY - JORDAN  
 Use: original & present Parsonage - homestead  
 Present owner Arthur Ross  
 Open to public no  
 Date late, 1700's Style colonial  
 Source of date Sarah Jane Emery  
 Architect \_\_\_\_\_

OR part of Area # \_\_\_\_\_

3. CONDITION Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered Added after a fire, the lower story was removed, house lowered to 1 story.

#### 4. DESCRIPTION

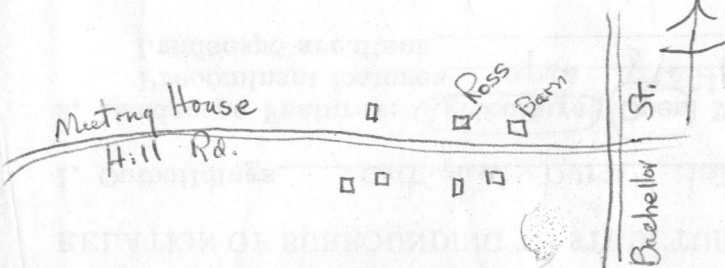
FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material stones  
 WALL COVER: Wood clapboards Brick Stone Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 ROOF: Ridge Gambrel Flat Hip Mansard \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tower Cupola Dormer windows Balustrade Grillwork \_\_\_\_\_  
 CHIMNEYS: 1 2 3 4 <sup>originally 2</sup> Center End Interior Irregular Cluster Elaborate  
 STORIES: 1 2 3 4 ATTACHMENTS: Wings Ell Shed \_\_\_\_\_  
 PORCHES: 1 2 3 4 back PORTICO \_\_\_\_\_ Balcony  
 FACADE: Gable end: Front side Ornament \_\_\_\_\_  
 Entrance: Side Front: Center Side Details: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Windows: Spacing: Regular Irregular Identical Varied 6/6  
 Corners: Plain Pilasters Quoins Cornerboards

5. Indicate location of building in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings

6. Footage of structure from street C-12  
 Property has 462 feet frontage on street

Recorder Mary A. Poore  
 For West Newbury Historical Commission  
 Photo # \_\_\_\_\_ Date April 18, 73

SEE REVERSE SIDE JUN 29 1973



# RELATION OF SURROUNDING STRUCTURE

WNB.147

3

1. Outbuildings antique barn dated 1779 also chicken coop
2. Landscape Features: Agriculture Open Wooded Garden: Formal/Informal  
Predominant features open fields, sweeping view, hill top.  
Landscape architect \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Neighboring Structures

Style: Colonial Federal Greek Revival Gothic Revival Italian Villa Lombard Rom.  
Venetian Gothic Mansard Richardsonian Modern

Use: Residential Commercial Religious Conditions: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

## GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF SITE (Refer and elaborate on theme circled on front of form)

The old parsonage when the Meeting house was on the hill - Dec 5, 1798 reference<sup>1</sup>  
Parsonage built by the Rev. Wm. Johnson<sup>2</sup> Later bought by Simeon Chase, his son-in-law.  
Master Chase kept a private school in right hand front room<sup>3</sup> before 1794.<sup>2</sup>

The meetinghouse is on the 1729 map -

Therefore the parsonage would not have been much later, tho' after 1729

## BIBLIOGRAPHY AND/OR REFERENCE

TOWN MAP OF 1856, or 1830

1. "Reminiscences of a Managenarian" by Sarah Anna Emery - p. 43 and 44 - also p. 24<sup>2</sup> and 25<sup>3</sup>

## RESTRICTIONS

Original Owner: S. Chase The Rev. William Johnson  
Deed Information: Book Number 3851 Page 524.

