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# FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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**Town/City:** West Newbury**Place:**

## Photograph



Photo 1. West and façade (south) elevations.

**Address:** 11 Poore's Lane**Historic Name:** Eben and Hannah Poore House**Uses:** Present: Single Family Residence

Original: Single Family Residence

**Date of Construction:** ca.1855**Source:** Majority date; 1856 Map; Visual Assessment**Style/Form:** Greek Revival**Architect/Builder:** Not Known**Exterior Material:**

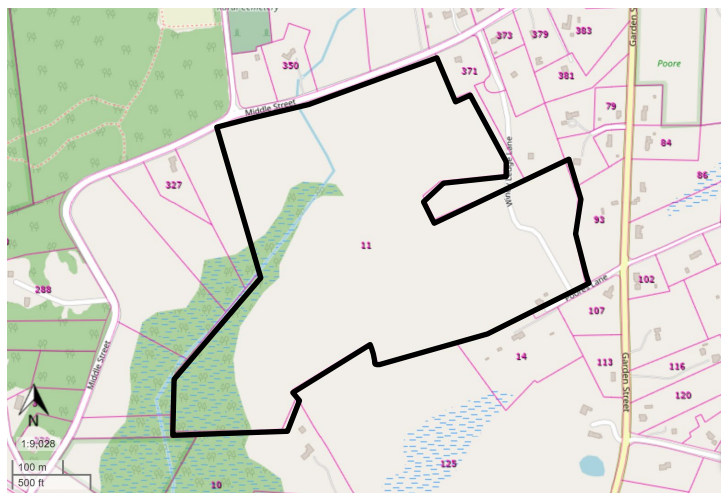
Foundation: Granite Block

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding and Trim

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:** Garage (late 20<sup>th</sup> C)**Major Alterations** (*with dates*): Synthetic siding and replacement window sash, side additions, exterior chimney (late 20<sup>th</sup> c)**Condition:** Fair**Moved:** no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:****Acreage:** 78.81 acres**Setting:** Located at the end of a short, dead-end road with one other, mid-19<sup>th</sup> century neighbor; positioned between several cross-town thoroughfares and Upper Artichoke Reservoir. Semi-rural residential area includes heterogeneous surrounding development.

## Locus Map

**Recorded by:** Stacy Spies and Wendy Frontiero**Organization:** West Newbury Historical Commission**Date:** June 2023

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**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:**

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

11 Poore's Lane is located at the eastern corner of an extremely large, irregularly shaped parcel that extends to Middle Street on its northern edge. The house stands a moderate distance behind and above Poore's Lane, atop undulating open fields. A paved driveway extends along the western side of the house; a modern garage stands to the east of and behind the house.

The house consists of a main block with a contemporaneous rear ell and several iterations of side additions. Walls are clad with vinyl siding and vinyl corner boards; a high entablature with crown molding appears to be wood. Windows typically have 1/1 replacement sash with 6/6 grilles and flat casings. The main block measures 35 feet long by 16 feet deep and rises 2½ stories to a side gabled roof with a relatively low pitch and emphatic gable returns. The center doorway on the façade displays a single-leaf door, sidelights that have largely been infilled, flat pilaster-like jambs, and a simple pedimented lintel. (Further investigation is required to determine if this is an unusually modest Greek Revival surround or a modern replacement.) A large exterior chimney rises up the right side (east elevation). The left side (west elevation) has a one-story high, one-bay wide appendage with a concrete block foundation, side entrance, and flat roof towards the front, and a two-story, two-bay-deep addition with a slightly pitched roof towards the rear. The rear ell rises two stories to a gabled roof and has an ornamental fascia similar to the main block.

Well maintained but architecturally compromised, 11 Poore's Lane is a striking example of mid-19<sup>th</sup> century architecture in outlying areas of West Newbury. Notable features include its dramatic hilltop setting, conservative five bay façade and side gable form, granite block foundation, stylish fascia at the tops of the walls, and modest center entrance surround. The installation of synthetic siding and trim and replacement window sash significantly detracts from the historic integrity of the building. No historic outbuildings appear to survive to represent the agricultural history of the property.

**HISTORICAL NARRATIVE**

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

The house was likely constructed circa 1855, around the time that Eben C. Poore came of age. Eben Calvin Poore (1834-1865)<sup>1</sup> and his wife, Hannah Coffin Thurlow Poore (1834-1904)<sup>2</sup> were married in 1861 and had four sons. The house was constructed on land he inherited from his father, Ebenezer Poore, who had died in 1837. Eben C. Poore's brother, Moses H. Poore (1822-1901),<sup>3</sup> had a house constructed across the street at 14 Poore's Lane (WNB.160) around the same time. The 1856 map shows the two houses as owned by "M.H. Poor."

In 1872, Hiram Tozier purchased the house and six acres from Eben C. Poore's estate.<sup>4</sup> In 1837, Hiram Tozier (1808-1881)<sup>5</sup> had married Mary Stickney Brown (1796-1888), the only daughter of shipmaster captain Moses Brown. At the time of their marriage, Hiram Tozier worked as a newspaper publisher<sup>6</sup> and later worked as a purveyor of "drugs and medicines" in Newburyport<sup>7</sup> before turning to farming.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/39900814/eben-calvin-poore>. Accessed May 15, 2023.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/39900889/hannah-coffin-poore>. Accessed May 15, 2023.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/27432457/moses-hall-poore>. Accessed May 15, 2023.

<sup>4</sup> Essex County Registry of Deeds Book 859, p. 279.

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/205012295/hiram-tozier>. Accessed May 15, 2023.

<sup>6</sup> Obituary for Mary Stickney Tozier, *The Boston Globe*, 14 November 1888, p. 5.

<sup>7</sup> 1848 Newburyport city directory.

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The 1884 map identifies the house as that of "A. A. Dow." Civil War veteran Corporal Abraham Arthur Dow (1836-1922)<sup>8</sup> fought with the H Company, 19<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Infantry and was wounded at Spotsylvania Court House, Virginia in 1864.<sup>9</sup> The 1880 census places Abraham A. Dow and his wife, Eliza Bostrese Dow (1832-1908),<sup>10</sup> in this location with their adopted daughter, Henrietta. Dow worked as a farm laborer at the time. Ten years earlier, the couple had lived in Bradford.

By the turn of the century, the house was again owned by the Poore family. When Moses H. Poore died in 1901, his real estate was divided among his three sons: Eben Stone Poore (1876-1952),<sup>11</sup> Phillip Allan Poore (1881-1973),<sup>12</sup> and Huntington Poore (1868-1950).<sup>13</sup> In 1903, Eben S. Poore sold his interest in 11 Poore's Lane to his brothers.<sup>14</sup> In 1951, William B. and Ellen Beard purchased the house and more than 100 acres from the estate of Frederick H. Poore.<sup>15</sup> The property remains in the Beard family.

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<sup>8</sup> <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/99484258/abraham-arthur-dow>. Accessed May 15, 2023.

<sup>9</sup> *Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in the Civil War*, Ancestry.com. Accessed May 15, 2023.

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/101545158/eliza-dow>. Accessed May 15, 2023.

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/39862613/eben-stone-poore>. Accessed May 15, 2023.

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/27433064/phillip-allan-poore>. Accessed May 15, 2023.

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/39888281/frederick-huntington-poore>. Accessed May 15, 2023.

<sup>14</sup> Essex County Registry of Deeds Book 1680, p. 102.

<sup>15</sup> Essex County Registry of Deeds Book 3829, p. 253.



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Photo 2. Façade (south elevation).



Photo 3. Façade (south) and east elevations.



Photo 4. East elevation.

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	WNB.160
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Poore, Ebenezer House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	14 Poore's Ln
<b>City/Town:</b>	West Newbury
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	
<b>Local No:</b>	
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	1820
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Greek Revival
<b>Use(s):</b>	Multiple Family Dwelling House; Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Brick; Stone, Uncut



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3. CONDITION Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered Added 1860 on

#### 4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High  $\frac{1}{2}$  Regular  $\frac{1}{2}$  Low Material Ledge - rocks + bricks

WALL COVER: Wood Clapboards Brick Stone Other

ROOF: Ridge Gambrel Flat Hip Mansard  
Tower Cupola Dormer windows Balustrade Grillwork

CHIMNEYS: 1 2 3 4 Center End Interior Irregular Cluster Elaborate

STORIES: 1 2 3 4 ATTACHMENTS: Wings Ell Shed Small 1 story Vestibule at center side door

PORCHES: 1 2 3 4 Front PORTICO Balcony

FACADE: Gable end: Front/side Ornament Gable end is side of house

Entrance: Side Front: Center/Side Details: 3. a. center front b. center rear c. center side

Windows: Spacing: Regular/Irregular Identical/Varied 6 over 6 on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor - 2 over 1, others (1 exception)

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 260 ft.  
Property has 200 feet frontage on street

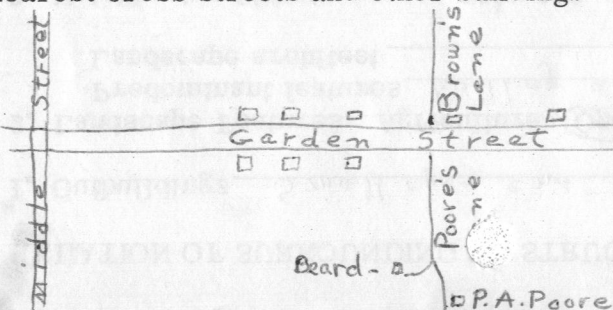
Recorder Mary A. Poore

For West Newbury Historical Commission

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Rogers St.

Brown's Lane  
Poore's Lane

Garden Street

Beard - a

P.A. Poore

RELATION OF SURROUNDING STRUCTURE

1. Outbuildings Small open end shed <sup>very old</sup> also a playhouse (new)
2. Landscape Features: Agriculture Open Wooded Garden: Formal Informal  
 Predominant features Rolling acres - fields and woods  
 Landscape architect \_\_\_\_\_
3. Neighboring Structures only one anywhere near  
 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)

No historic importance except to the Poore Family  
 Always been in the same Poore family,  
 Birth place of Clara James who played organ many years at 1<sup>st</sup> Cong'l Church, and taught district School #1  
 Birth place of Howard Poore, and early home - also of Charlotte Poore Muxrall.  
 Boyhood home of Lt. Col. Raymond Poore of WW II and Korea  
 Alma Hall, wife of the builder, taught school after her marriage, in W.N.  
 other teachers of elementary schools in the family, Charlotte Muxrall, Martha, + Jean Muxrall, and Louise Poore  
 and Marietta <sup>who</sup> taught in Georgetown

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND/OR REFERENCE

Family Bible and traditions

RESTRICTIONS

Original Owner: Ebenezer Poore  
 Deed Information: Book Number 1697 Page 236, \_\_\_\_\_ Registry of Deeds



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**Town/City:** West Newbury

**Place:**

## Photograph



Photo 1. East and façade (north) elevations.

**Address:** 14 Poore's Lane

**Historic Name:** Moses H. Poore House

**Uses:** Present: Single Family Residence

Original: Single Family Residence

**Date of Construction:** ca. 1850

**Source:** Visual Assessment; 1851 Tax valuation

**Style/Form:** Greek Revival

**Architect/Builder:** Not Known

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Not visible from the street

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards and Trim

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:** Sheds (mid to late 20<sup>th</sup> c?)

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*): Possibly front porch (3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 19<sup>th</sup> c) -- Synthetic siding on side elevations, replacement window sash, side addition (early 21<sup>st</sup> c)

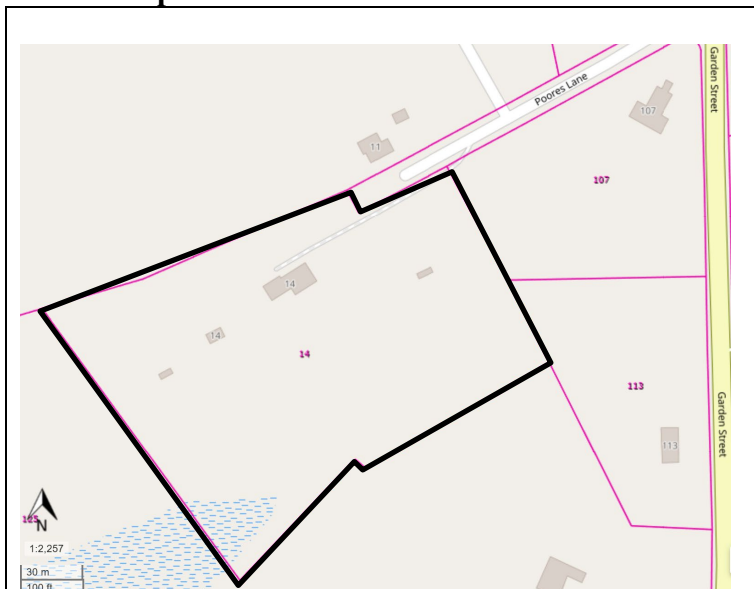
**Condition:** Good

**Moved:** no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

**Acreage:** 6.11 acres

**Setting:** Located at the end of a short, dead-end road with one other, mid-19<sup>th</sup> century neighbor; positioned between several cross-town throughfares and Upper Artichoke Reservoir. Semi-rural residential area includes heterogeneous surrounding development.

## Locus Map



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**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:**

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

14 Poore's Lane stands at the end of Poore's Lane, south of a paved driveway that serves as an extension of the street; the building faces north across open fields, with woodland at the back of its lot. The land in proximity to the building is largely flat and maintained in grass. Behind the house, the terrain slopes down to woodland at the back of the parcel.

The house consists of a historic main block and a large side addition built in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century. The five by three bay main block measures 36 feet long by 30 feet deep and rises 2½ stories to a side gable roof with an interior chimney positioned off-center. Walls are sheathed with wood clapboards on the façade and left side (east) elevation, and vinyl on the right side (west elevation); they are trimmed with corner boards at the clapboarded elevations. Windows typically have 1/1 sash and flat casings; windows on the left side and façade are trimmed with pedimented lintels. The five bay façade (north elevation) has a high wood fascia with bed molding and a center entrance with a three-bay porch. The porch consists of square columns supporting segmental arches and a hip roof. The doorway behind has a single-leaf door, full-height sidelights, flat pilaster-like jambs, and a pedimented lintel.

A small one-story, one-bay wide connector joins the main block to a substantial recent addition, consisting of a three-bay, one-story volume with a side gable roof and a modest center entrance.

Well maintained and generally well preserved, 14 Poore's Lane is a handsome example of Greek Revival farmhouse architecture in West Newbury. Notable features include its ample proportions, conservative five bay façade and side gable roof, unusual and prominent front entrance porch, and modest but stylish Greek Revival lintels at the windows and main entrance. Replacement windows and synthetic siding compromise the integrity of the historic building. The recent large addition further detracts from the character of the main block by not being set back from the original building's façade.

**HISTORICAL NARRATIVE**

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

The house was likely constructed circa 1851 for Moses H. Poore. The house was constructed on land that Moses Hall Poore (1822-1901)<sup>1</sup> inherited from his father, Ebenezer Poore, who had died in 1837.<sup>2</sup> Based on its appearance and an examination of the 1830 and 1856 maps, the house appears to have been constructed on the site of his parents' house. The 1830 map shows the "E. Poore" house in this location and the 1856 map shows the "M.H. Poore" house in this location. The 1860 census recorded Moses H. Poore, his mother, Alma Hall Poore,<sup>3</sup> and his sister, Marietta Poore (1830-1916),<sup>4</sup> as one household. Moses and Marietta Poore's brother, Eben C. Poore, lived across the street at 11 Poore's Lane at the time (WNB. 159).

Marietta Poor was the first woman elected to office in West Newbury and the first female town officer of any kind.<sup>5</sup> Marietta Poor was graduated from the Bradford Academy for Young Ladies in 1847. "For much of her life, Poor lived with her bother Moses' family at the Poore's Lane homestead and worked locally as a teacher. Throughout the 1870s, she lived and taught in

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/27432457/moses-hall-poore>. Accessed May 15, 2023.

<sup>2</sup> In the 1973 survey form, Mary A. Poore attributed this house to Ebenezer Poore (1783-1837) based on "Family Bible and Traditions." This, however, appears to refer to an earlier building on the site.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/39862783/alma-poore>. Accessed May 15, 2023.

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/39862856/marietta-poore>. Accessed May 15, 2023.

<sup>5</sup> Grammer.

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Georgetown.”<sup>6</sup> In 1883, Marietta Poor was elected to a three-year term on West Newbury's School Committee.<sup>7</sup> “Starting in 1884, Poor also assumed the paid job of caring for the schoolhouses. She served in both roles through 1893 when Minerva Pingree Rogers was elected to the School Committee.”<sup>8</sup> In her later years, she lived with her nephew Eben S. Poor.<sup>9</sup>

In 1903, Fred H. Poor sold his share of the Moses H. Poore house and 100 acres of land to Philip A. Poor.<sup>10</sup> Phillip Allan Poore (1881–1973)<sup>11</sup> married Mary Dyer Noyes (1886-1934)<sup>12</sup> in 1905. The couple lived here with their five children. Philip Poore farmed the property. Philip A. Poore's heirs sold the house in 1973.<sup>13</sup>

Since 2017, the house has been owned by Bethany Grof Dorau, Executive Director of the Museum of Old Newbury in Newburyport and great-great-grandneice of Marietta Poore.

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<sup>6</sup> Grammer.

<sup>7</sup> “West Newbury: Town Meeting,” *Newburyport Daily Herald*, 6 March 1883, p. 3.

<sup>8</sup> Grammer.

<sup>9</sup> Obituary for Marietta Poor, 1916.

<sup>10</sup> Essex County Registry of Deeds Book 1680, p. 102 and Book 1697, p. 236.

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/27433064/phillip-allan-poore>. Accessed May 15, 2023.

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/27433084/mary-dyer-poore>. Accessed May 15, 2023.

<sup>13</sup> Essex County Registry of Deeds Book 5988, p. 8.



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Photo 2. Façade (north) and west elevations.



Photo 3. Façade (north elevation) of main block.



Photo 4. Detail of main entrance.



Photo 5. West elevation of main block.