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Inventory No:	WNB.95
Historic Name:	
Common Name:	
Address:	2 Stewart St
City/Town:	West Newbury
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Greek Revival
Use(s):	Public School; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture; Community Planning; Education
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Wall: Asbestos Shingle; Wood Foundation: Stone, Uncut



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FORM B - BUILDING SURVEY

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Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

1. Is this building historically significant to:
Town _____ Commonwealth _____ Nation _____

Building has historical connection with the following themes: (see also reverse side)

Scholar

Agriculture

Art/Sculpture

Education

Government

Literature

Music

Commerce/industry

Science/invention

Travel/communication

Military Affairs

Religion/philosophy

Indians

Other _____

Development of town/city

Architectural reason for inventorying:

2. Town West Newbury, Mass

Street address 475 MAIN St.

Name Louis Morrell

Use: original & present School - home

Present owner Earl Girard

Open to public _____

Date _____ Style Colonial

Source of date _____

Architect _____

OR part of Area # _____

3. CONDITION Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered Added _____

4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material Stone

WALL COVER: Wood 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 _____

PORCHES: 1 2 3 4 Front PORTICO _____ Balcony

FACADE: Gable end: Front/side Ornament _____

Entrance: Side Front: Center/Side Details: _____

Windows: Spacing: Regular Irregular Identical/Varied _____

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 50
Property has 30 feet frontage on street Main
370 in rear

Recorder _____

For _____

Photo # _____ Date _____

SEE REVERSE SIDE

JUN 29 1973

RELATION OF SURROUNDING TO STRUCTURE

1. Outbuildings _____
2. Landscape Features: Agriculture Open Wooded Garden: Formal/Informal
 Predominant features _____
 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)

This house was a former high school. Moved from across the street in 1916. Small house in back was a shop where kickins were made. Shoe factory once on front lawn of large house

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND/OR REFERENCE



RESTRICTIONS _____ 1989

Original Owner: _____
 Deed Information: Book Number 3748 Page 149, _____ Registry of Deeds

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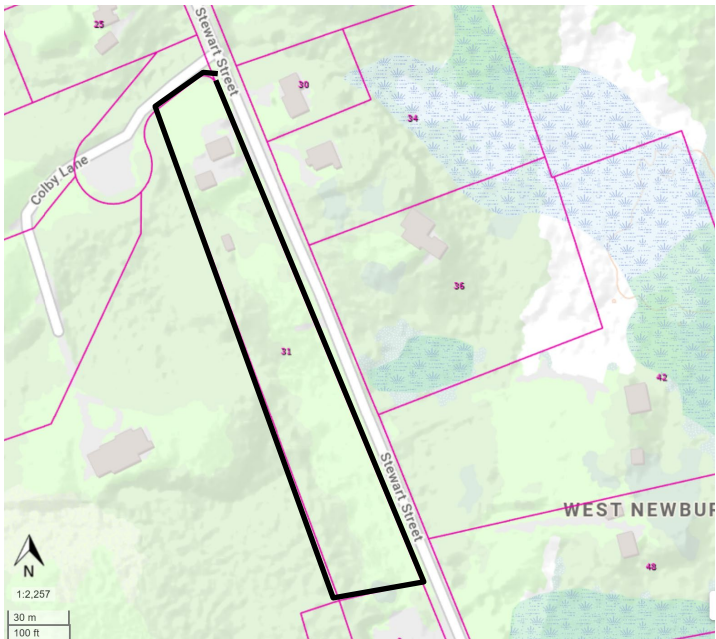
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Photograph



Photo 1. East and north elevations.

Locus Map



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Organization: West Newbury Historical Commission

Date: June 2023

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Newburyport

WNB.417

Town/City: West Newbury

Place:

Address: 31 Stewart Street

Historic Name: Ordway - Morrill House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residence

Original: Multiple Family Residence

Date of Construction: ca. 1870

Source: Census; Visual Assessment

Style/Form: Italianate

Architect/Builder: Not Known

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Concrete block and parged brick?

Wall/Trim: Wood clapboards and trim

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: Garage and shed
(late 20th c) – Shed (early to mid-20th c?)

Major Alterations (*with dates*): Added and changed
windows, foundation? (20th c)

Condition: Fair

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 2.00 acres

Setting: Located on a connector street between two
cross-town thoroughfares. Heterogeneous, semi-rural
neighborhood includes regularly spaced houses to the north
of the property, towards Main Street.

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31 STEWART ST

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WNB.417

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

31 Stewart Street is located on the west side of Stewart Street, at the north end of a long narrow parcel that descends gradually down to the south. The house stands on a slight rise above street level, behind a moderate front setback. The yard is maintained principally in lawn. A paved driveway extends along both the north and south elevations of the house.

Oriented to the south, away from the street, the house measures 36 feet long and 26 feet deep and rises 2½ stories to a side gable roof with two small interior chimneys at the ridge. Walls are sheathed in clapboards and trimmed with corner boards, gable returns, and a flat fascia with sawn brackets. Windows typically have 6/6 sash (possibly 1/1 replacement sash with wood grilles) and flat trim.

The symmetrical east elevation, facing the street, has four regularly spaced windows on the first and second stories, and a single window in the half-story. The long north and south elevations are asymmetrically composed with a variety of window sizes and shapes, three or four windows on each floor, and a utilitarian, single-leaf door with flat trim positioned slightly off-center. The south elevation has a modern, angled bay window on the first story; the north elevation is more regularly composed, with three bays of windows being vertically aligned. A small appendage at the rear of the house has board and batten siding, and a standing seam metal roof; a doorway and a small 4/1 window is visible on its south elevation.

A large, modern garage (1996) with two vehicle bays and a gambrel roof stands near the southwest corner of the house. Two small sheds are positioned near the mid-point of the site, near its rear property line. One of these appears to be a modern, perhaps pre-fabricated shed. A second, somewhat larger shed, of indeterminate age, has a front-gable roof without returns and plywood siding with wood battens. Windows and doors were not observable.

31 Stewart Street is a simple example of the Italianate style in outlying areas of West Newbury. Notable features include the bracketed eaves and the formal, four-bay gable end that faces the street. Irregular fenestration on the long north and south elevations and the lack of a formal entrance are curious anomalies. Further investigation of possible alterations is merited, along with the age and possible historic uses of the shed described above.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The two-family house was likely constructed circa 1870 for shoemakers Hosea Ordway and Lewis Morrill. Hosea Wheeler Ordway (1826-1910)¹ and his wife, Caroline Smith Brock Ordway (1833-1910),² were married in 1853 and lived here with their children. Lewis F. Morrill (1843-1927)³ and his wife, Abbie F. Morrill (1833-1920),⁴ were married in 1865. A Civil War veteran of the 17th Muster Company, Unattached Infantry, Lewis Morrill was a member of the Major Boyd G.A.R. Post #151 in West Newbury.

The house was owned by the Gile - Kirkpatrick - Vynorius family from 1909 until 2019.⁵ In 1909, Annie Lee Gile purchased the Morrill half of the house.⁶ In 1919, Annie Lee Giles's husband, Benjamin N. Gile, purchased the other half of the house.⁷

¹ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/99360883/hosea-wheeler-ordway>. Accessed April 21, 2023.

² <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/101615815/caroline-smith-ordway>. Accessed April 21, 2023.

³ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/99340545/lewis-f.-morrill>. Accessed May 12, 2023.

⁴ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/208326285/abbie-f-morrill>. Accessed May 12, 2023.

⁵ Essex County Registry of Deeds Book 37513, p. 241.

⁶ Essex County Registry of Deeds Book 1999, p. 271.

⁷ Essex County Registry of Deeds Book 2427, p. 168.

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Benjamin Gile worked as a plumber. After Benjamin's death, Annie Gile remarried to Richard Kirkpatrick in 1927. The property passed to Benjamin and Annie Giles' daughter, Ruth, and then to Richard Kirkpatrick's grandson, William Vynorius.

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Photo 2. South and east elevations.



Photo 3. Shed: South and east elevations.

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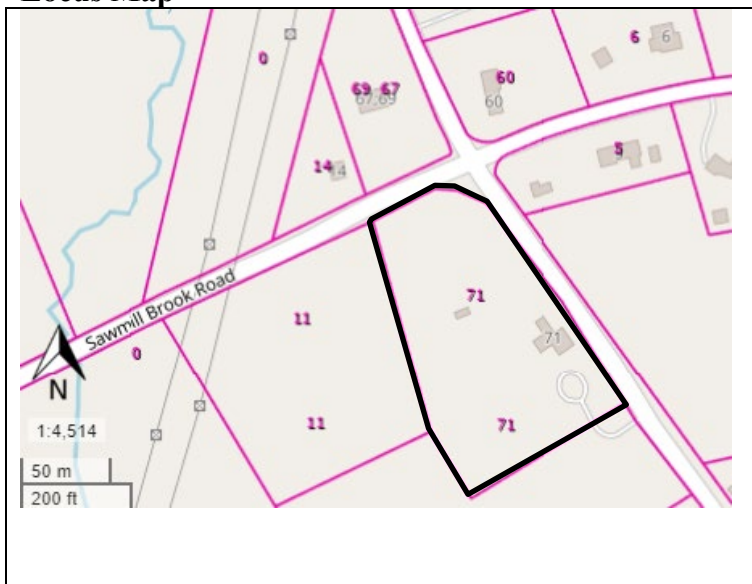
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Southeast and façade (northeast) elevations.

Locus Map



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Newburyport

WNB.168

Town/City: West Newbury

Place:

Address: 71 Stewart Street

Historic Name: John and Mary Merrill House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residence

Original: Single Family Residence

Date of Construction: ca. 1771

Source: Fox, 1977

Style/Form: Colonial

Architect/Builder: Not Known

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Stone, Uncut

Wall/Trim: Wood clapboards and trim

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: N/A

Major Alterations (*with dates*): Side and rear additions
(early – late 20th c?)

Condition: Good

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 3.18 acres

Setting: Located at a prominent intersection in a lightly settled, semi-rural neighborhood. Heterogenous residential development typically set on large lots with open fields and woodlands.

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71 Stewart Street stands on a steep rise above Stewart Street, on a large trapezoidal lot that occupies the southwest corner of its intersection with Sawmill Brook Road. A dry-laid fieldstone retaining wall lines the Stewart Street frontage. The modest front setback is maintained in mulch and low ground cover in front of the house and young trees to the sides of the house. The yard near the south side and rear of the house is maintained mostly in lawn, while street trees and woodland occupy much of the rest of the lot. A gravel driveway extends into the property, south of the house. The house consists of a main block with a set of additions at the right side and rear.

The five by three bay main block measures 39 feet long by 29 feet wide and rises 2½ stories to a side gable roof with a center chimney and no gable returns. Walls are sheathed with clapboards and trimmed with corner boards and with bed molding at the eaves. Windows typically have 6/6 sash and band moldings. The five bay façade (northeast elevation) has a center entrance with a single-leaf door, slender pilasters, and a small pediment. The right side (northwest elevation) displays a variety of ancillary appendages, including a long, one-story addition with a shed roof (its high point being attached to the main block), irregularly placed 6/6 windows, and a single-leaf door under a shed-roofed hood facing the street. Extending past the north end of the main block of the house is a two-story, rear addition that appears to have a shed roof; one window bay faces the street. (The house was extensively described in Fox, 1977.)

Well preserved and well maintained, 71 Stewart Street is a fine example of Colonial architecture in outlying areas of West Newbury. Notable features include its historic rural setting, prominent location at a crossroads, stone walls at the street edge, commanding position close to but well above the road, unusually deep width, five bay façade and delicately detailed center entrance, and historic fenestration and sash.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The house was likely constructed circa 1771 for John and Mary Merrill on land owned by John Merrill's father, Roger Merrill.¹ John Merrill (1750-1821) married Mary Little (1750-1828) in 1771. In 1796, John and Mary Merrill's daughter, Lydia (1772-1852), married physician Daniel Noyes Poore (1758-1837). "Dr. Poor" is noted as the owner of this house on the 1830 map. Daniel and Lydia Poore were the grandparents of Benjamin Perley Poore, who, through his father, inherited land that became Indian Hill Farm (95 Indian Hill Street, WNB.30). "Dr. Poore was born at Indian Hill and after his graduation and medical study began his practice in his native town. After his marriage most of his early life was spent in the Merrill house...Later in life he built a residence on the main street [near] the corner of Main and Bridge Streets...In Doctor Poore's old age, his health and extensive practice called for another town physician and Dr. Dean Robinson came to town in 1811."²

In 1843, Lydia Poor sold the house to Samuel Rogers.³ In 1851, Samuel and Joanna Rogers sold the house and 40 acres to yeoman James Stewart (also Stuart).⁴ A Scottish immigrant, James Stewart (1813-1861) lived here with his wife, Caroline, and their daughter, Margaret, who later inherited the property. In 1864, Margaret Stewart Patten and her husband, Jonathan Patten, sold the property to Samuel Rogers, Junior.⁵

¹ Fox, 2.² *Contentious Citizens*, p. 130-131.³ Essex County Registry of Deeds Book 336, p. 90.⁴ Essex County Registry of Deeds Book 363, p. 59.⁵ Essex County Registry of Deeds Book 676, p. 206.

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In 1872, Ezekiel G. Nason purchased the house from the Rogers family.⁶ Ezekiel G. Nason (1827-1908)⁷ and his wife, Mary L. Sulley Nason (1828-1916),⁸ were married in 1851 and lived here with their children -- sons Henry and Parker (see 347 Main Street, WNB.84), and daughter Mary Nason Hudson. The Nason family owned the house until 1935, when it was sold to the George Flint family, who maintained a primary residence in Boston.⁹ The Flint Family owned the property until 1955.¹⁰

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⁹ Essex County Registry of Deeds Book 3040, p. 256 and p. 258.

¹⁰ Essex County Registry of Deeds Book 4149, p. 416.

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Southeast elevation.



Façade (northeast elevation).



Detail of main entrance.

Addition on right side (northwest elevation) of main block):
Façade.

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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 ☐ DCriteria Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GStatement of Significance by Stacy E. Spies and Wendy Frontiero*The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.*

The John and Mary Merrill House at 71 Stewart Street is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C at the local level. Well-preserved and well-maintained, 71 Stewart Street is a fine example of Colonial architecture in outlying areas of West Newbury. Notable features include its historic rural setting, prominent location at a crossroads, stone walls at the street edge, commanding position close to but well above the road, unusually deep width, five bay façade and delicately detailed center entrance, and historic fenestration and sash. The house retains integrity of location, design, feeling, materials, setting, association, and workmanship. Information on the integrity of the interior and the nature and extent of modern alterations would be needed to confirm this recommendation.

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Historic Name:	Merrell, Roger House
Common Name:	
Address:	Stewart St
City/Town:	West Newbury
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	1770
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Colonial
Use(s):	Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Granite; Stone, Cut



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Street address STEWART ST

Name

original & present FARM, RESIDENCE

Present owner MR+MRS ERNEST HEMINGWAY

Open to public NO

Date 1770 approx Style colonial

Date of date

Architect

OR part of Area #

3. CONDITION Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered Added

4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material granite

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

PORCHES: 1 2 3 4 PORTICO Balcony

FACADE: Gable end: Front side Ornament

Entrance: Side Front Center Side Details: plain pilasters and side lights

Windows: Spacing: Regular Irregular Identical Varied

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 50
Property has 600 feet frontage on street

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MIDDLE

1. Outbuildings _____
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Predominant features _____
Landscape architect _____
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