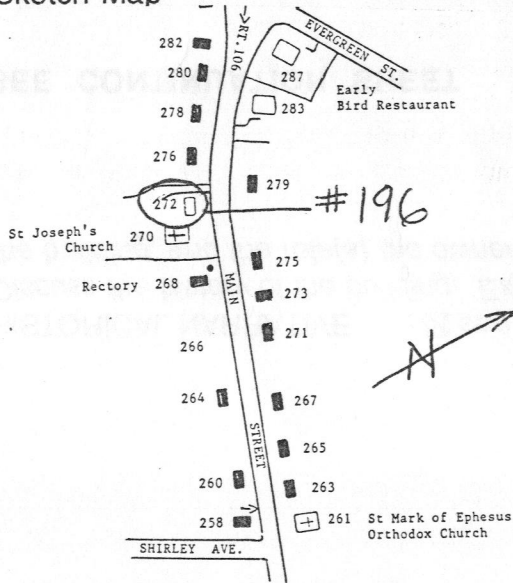




Sketch Map



Recorded by Deirdre Brotherson

Organization Kingston Historical Commission

Date (month/year) May 1998

Surveyor's number

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Area(s)

Form Number

Plymouth

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Town Kingston

KIN. 196

Place (neighborhood or village) KIN.

Address 272 Main Street

Historic Name Capt. James H. Dawes house

Uses: Present residence St. Joseph's Parish office

Original residence

Date of Construction 1806

Source Bartlett papers & maps

Style/Form Federal / Italianate style

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation granite block

Wall/Trim wood & brick

Roof asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

garage

Major Alterations (with dates)

1853 - enhanced with details

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes

Date

Acreage .75 acres

Setting

linear village

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BUILDING FORM

KIN.196

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

☒ see continuation sheet

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

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

☒ see continuation sheet

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.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

If checked, you must attach

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Community
KingstonProperty Address
272 Main Street

KIN. 196

Massachusetts Historical Commission
220 Morrissey Blvd.
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The residence at 272 Main Street was built in 1808 and substantially renovated in 1853 when the original Federal style building was transformed into an Italianate style building. This 5x3 bay, wood frame and masonry (brick), 2-story building sits on a granite block foundation. The brick end building is clad with wood flush boards scored to look like stone blocks on the facade. The hip roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A brick chimney is at the ridge at the rear ell. The center entrance is covered by a 1x1 bay vestibule. A one story porch supported with bracketed columns is across the facade. The windows are symmetrical. The first floor windows contain 4/4/4 wood sash in floor to ceiling windows. The second floor facade windows contain 2/2, round arch, wood sash. The center window on the second floor facade is set in a peaked dormer and topped by a pedimented hood. Windows on the elevations have semicircular lintels with 6/6 wood sash and sills which project from the building wall, supported with small brackets. Wood quoins enhance the corners of the building. The cornice is boxed and articulated with brackets. The rear ell is also 2 stories with similar detailing as the elevation of the main block. To the rear of the property a 4x4 bay, wood frame, 2 story, building with contemporary garage doors on the first floor and round arch windows on the second floor.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

FROM: Bartlett, Cornelius A. Houses, Occupants, etc. in Kingston, Massachusetts (Between the Forge Bridge and the Great Bridge): 1867-1879. Annotations of 1942 by E.F. Drew and of 1972 by Doris M. Johnson, Kingston, MA. 1879.

(#7) *This house was built by Capt. Charles Foster, 1806. This and No. 6 (278 Main Street) were of the same pattern, originally. This house was purchased by Catherine D. Thomas, of Boston, 1853, for \$500, and rebuilt by her the same year, at the expense of \$4000, or more. She with her father, step-mother and sister, occupied it until 1860, June, when she sold it to Dr. Johnson Brown of Plymouth, Mass. for about \$2400. Novr. 1864, Dr. Brown sold it to Capt. James H. Dawes of Duxbury, for \$2800. Who now owns it, and occupies it, wife (2d), Son and Aug by a former wife - John and Flora - Anna Bradford, Aug of his present wife by Samuel Bradford. Capt. Foster went to Pembroke, Mass. and lived with his sister's daughter, and died there Dec. 5th 1854, ae 85.*

Notes, E.F.D. The house is at present the rectory of St. Joseph's Parish R.C., being purchased in 19__ by the Rev. Mr. Haberstroh. The east "half" of the front lot was used some ten years ago, on which to place the new church building, for which the Parish had waited so long. With the purchase of the rear land from Mrs. Wilson, extending the width of the two lots (nos. 6 [278] and 7 [272 Main Street]) to the river, the parish has plenty of land for future expansion. I have been told that the Miss Catherine D. Thomas who bought the house in 1853, was a musician, a composer of music, and a teacher of music, and I am sure someone has told me, that she was blind; of this I cannot offer proof. DMJ: Both Foster and Dawes were well-to-do sea captains.

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Melville, Doris Johnson. Major Bradford's Town: A History of Kingston: 1726-1976. Kingston, MA., 1976. [KPL]

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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KingstonProperty Address
272 Main Street

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MAPS

1726 Kingston. John Gray [MHC]

1795 A Plan of the Town of Kingston. John Gray. [MHC]

1820-30 Five School Districts [KPL]

1876 Town of Kingston. Boyden (w/directory). [KPL]

1876 Town of Kingston, Enlargement of Village. Boyden. [KPL]

1879 Atlas of Plymouth County. George E. Walker. [MHC]

1896 Bird's Eye View of Kingston [KPL & MSL]

1903 Atlas of Plymouth County. George E. Walker. [KPL]

Sanborn Insurance Company Maps:

Plymouth: 1896 June

1901 April (1896, 1901, 1906 include Kingston Village

1906 Feb. and Factories in Kingston)

Kingston: 1912 (6 sheets)

1925 (7 sheets)

1943 (7 sheets)

1954 (8 sheets)



Barn (KIN. 407)

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Community

KIN.196

Property Address

Kingston

272 Main Street

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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 ☐ D

Criteria Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Statement of Significance by Deirdre Brotherson

The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.

This property is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing building to a Historic District (Area B). This district is eligible under Criterion A (associated with events that have made a contribution to the broad pattern of our history) as a building which is part of a linear village on Main Street which has evolved from a village area to a residential neighborhood (there are few commercial establishments on Main Street - they have shifted to areas near the railroad) but the architecture in this linear district continues to tell the story of the evolution of this area through the variety and high quality of the architectural styles (Criterion C: the building embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction - as a contributing architectural member of this district.)

This property is also individually eligible under Criterion C as a good example of Federal /Italianate style architecture in Kingston.

FORM B - BUILDING

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Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

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In Area no.

Form no.

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Town

Kingston

196

Address

272 Main St.

Name

Present use

rectory of

St. Joseph R. C. Church

Present owner

Archdiocese of Boston

Description:

Date

1806

Source

CA Bartlett

Style

Federal center entrance

Architect

Exterior wall fabric

Outbuildings (describe)

small barn

Other features

brick ends

twin (originally) of 278 Main

Altered

dormers, porch

Date 1853

Moved

Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less

~~2.6 ac~~ + 3 ac lot

Over one acre

Approximate frontage

Approximate distance of building from street

20'

6. Recorded by

J. DeLeon

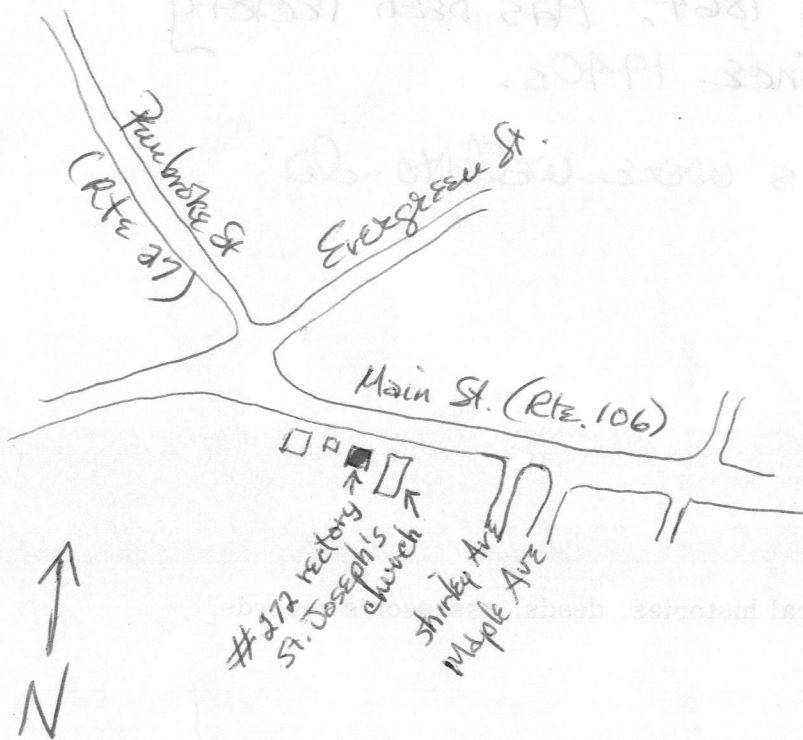
Organization

JRV Hist. Soc.

Date

12-18-78

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Capt. Charles Foster

Original use residence; plans identical to 278 Main St.,

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates but extensively altered
St. Joseph's rectory

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Capt. Foster sold house in 1853 (the year before he died) to Miss Catherine D. Thomas of Boston for \$500 and rebuilt by her "at an expense of \$4,000 or more" (CAB); she sold it to Dr. Johnson Brown of Plymouth in 1860 for about \$2,400; Brown sold it to Capt. James H. Dawes of Duxbury for \$2,800 in 1864. Has been rectory of St. Joseph's Parish since 1940s.

Beth Foster and Dawes were well-to-do sea captains.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

CABartlett