

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	CON.442
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Jones, Peter House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	216 Westford Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Concord
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	Bateman's Pond; North Quarter
<b>Local No:</b>	F2-1557
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	c 1710
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Colonial
<b>Use(s):</b>	Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Agriculture; Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	CON.CJ: Bateman's Pond Area II
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle; Wood Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Granite; Stone, Cut



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FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's number

USGS Quad

Area(s)

Form Number

Massachusetts Historical Commission  
80 Boylston Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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CONCORD

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Town CONCORD

Place (neighborhood or village) Bateman's Pond

Address 216 Westford Road

Historic Name Peter/Hiram Jones House

Present dwelling

Original dwelling

Year of Construction ca. 1710

Method of Assessment Wheeler; visual assessment

Historic Form First Period/Georgian

Architect/Builder unknown

Primary Material:

Foundation dressed granite

Wall/Trim wood clapboard

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures woodshed

Major Alterations (with dates) 20th C.:

casement windows, glass door on W.

W. ell; exterior chimney on E. ell

Condition good

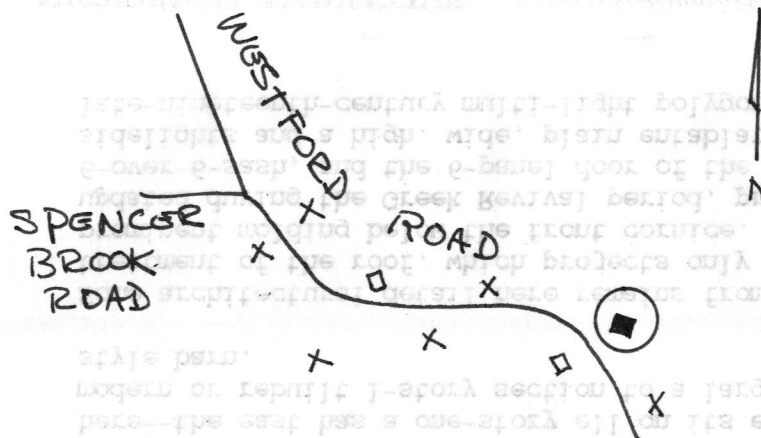
Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date N/A

Acreage 17.56 acres

Setting Sits diagonally to road, facing south. At curve of road in area of widely-spaced 18th- to 20th-century houses. High arborvitae hedge across front, open meadows behind.

Sketch Map

Draw a map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Attach a separate sheet if space is not sufficient here. Indicate North.



Recorded by A. Forbes  
research by David Dawson  
Organization for Concord Historical Commission

Date (month/day/year) June, 1991

## BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

Once a common eighteenth-century house-type, due to later expansions the two-story, three-bay "half house" has become rare in most Massachusetts communities. Concord is fortunate to have at least two intact examples, the Flint Half-house at #702 Lowell Road, and #216 Westford Road. A pair of two-story side wings flank the main house here--the east has a one-story ell on its east end, and the west is attached via a modern or rebuilt 1-story section to a large nineteenth-century gable-end "New England" style barn.

Some architectural detail here remains from the eighteenth century, including the treatment of the roof, which projects only at front and rear, and is trimmed with a prominent molding below the front cornice. The windows and doorways, however, were updated during the Greek Revival period, probably in the 1830's-40's. The windows are 6-over-6-sash, and the 6-panel door of the main entry is surrounded by full-length sidelights and a high, wide, plain entablature that is typical of those years. A late-nineteenth-century multi-light polygonal bay window appears on the west end.

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.*

This is one of the oldest houses in the Bateman's Pond area, built, according to Ruth Wheeler, in about 1710 by members of the Jones family, descended from John Jones, one of Concord's original settlers. It remained under their ownership for over 200 years.

According to Wheeler, the first owner was Peter Jones, followed by his son, Peter Jones, Jr. By 1852 it had passed to his son Hiram W. Jones (b. 1825), who owned it into the twentieth century. He and all his sons appear to have farmed the surrounding land. One of them, George, later town assessor, is listed as a cattle dealer in 1886. Hiram Jones was one of several young Concord men who went to California during the gold rush. He accumulated enough "dust" to pay the debts on the farm, came back to Concord, raised his family, and died in 1919. The property passed to his son George E. Jones, who sold it in 1924. It was subsequently the property of one of Bateman's Pond's many Scandinavian-American farmers, Thore Johnson. In 1937 he sold it to Francis W. Hay.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Maps and atlases: 1830, 1852, 1856, 1875, 1889, 1906.  
Town directories.  
Keyes/Tolman.

☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

Massachusetts Historical Commission  
80 Boylston Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Community      Property Address  
CONCORD      <sup>316</sup>  
344 Westford Road

Area(s)	Form No.
C5	442

## National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form



Recommended:

☒ Individually   ☒ District   ☐ Contributing to a Potential Historic District

Criteria:

A	B	C	D
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Statement of Significance by Anne McCarthy Forbes  
*The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.*

As one of Concord's few surviving well-preserved eighteenth-century "half-houses," the Peter and Hiram Jones House meets Criterion C of the National Register. It also meets Criterion A for its association with the Jones family, who were among those responsible for shaping the Bateman's Pond area of Concord for over 200 years.





CON-442 see map Wheeler 3 106  
2. Town Concord  
Street 216 West 700 Rd  
Name Jones House 1/2 house  
Original Use \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Use \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Owner private - Tyler  
Date C. 1710 Style \_\_\_\_\_  
Source of Date Wheeler  
Architect \_\_\_\_\_

3. CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered \_\_\_\_\_

IMPORTANCE of site to area: Great Little None SITE endangered by \_\_\_\_\_

4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material: \_\_\_\_\_

WALL COVER: Wood clapboard Brick Stone Other \_\_\_\_\_

STORIES: 1 2/3 4 CHIMNEYS: 1 2 3 4 off Center End Cluster Elaborate Irregular

ATTACHMENTS: Wings Ell Shed Dependency each side; rear ell Simple/Complex

PORCHES: 1 2 3 4 Portico Balcony \_\_\_\_\_ Recessed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FACADE: Gable End: Front/Side Symmetrical/Asymmetrical Simple/Complex Ornament

Entrance: Front/Side Centered Double Features: side of front

Windows: Spacing: Regular/Irregular Identical/Varied 6/6

Corners: Plain Pilasters Quoins Obscured \_\_\_\_\_

OUTBUILDINGS barns LANDSCAPING \_\_\_\_\_

5. Indicate location of structure on map below 6. Footage of structure from street 50'  
Property has \_\_\_\_\_ feet frontage on street

Recorder \_\_\_\_\_

For \_\_\_\_\_

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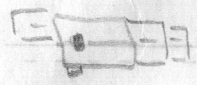
Fireplace

Stairway

Other

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

originally 1/2 house - added



Tates House built about 1710 by  
Ensign John Jones Jr occupied by 5 generations of Jones  
(same family as Bullet Hole)

Town Tradition says 2 brothers cut house 2 + moved  
half across street.

REFERENCE (Where was this information obtained? What book, records, etc.)

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Original Owner: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deed Information: Book Number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ Registry of Deeds