

Additional Houses not on Map:

1. The Benjamin Dickerman House (189 Lincoln Street):

With the Circuit Railroad connecting the lands to the south and west of Newton Highlands to the Boston and Albany Railroad, new acreage was prepared for subsequent housing developments.



Benjamin Dickerman, a broker employed in Boston, appears to have acquired the 12 acre parcel of land adjacent to the Eliot Stop just prior to the railroad's completion. The parcel was subdivided into streets and



frontage lots, though major construction did not begin until the 1890s. The houses, all variations of the Queen Anne and Shingle Style, were constructed over a ten year period.



This house, built in 1887, was apparently the first one constructed in the neighborhood. It was first known as the Erastus Gott House. Erastus Gott manufactured shoe fabrication machinery. For his house, Gott selected plans by George W. Cady for a \$2,600 cottage which appeared in the Scientific American Architects and Builders Edition, March, 1887. The published view was in color to show the paint schemes of the period. The initial owner appears to have been William H. Jones, also a broker. Dickerman boarded at the residence, and when Jones left the city in 1895, Dickerman acquired ownership.



This residence illustrates the inclination of late 19<sup>th</sup> century builders to draw from a variety of sources in their vernacular adaptations. This residence features a gable roof with prominent pent eaves. The symmetrical composition and center pavilion with gabled section is reminiscent of a Georgian Pavilion, while the original wall fabric (horizontal clapboards contrasted by bands of cut shingles) and the verandah are characteristic of popular Queen Anne style themes. The verandah features turned posts, jig sawn balusters and canted end sections, a motif echoed in the corner balcony sections.

## *The Woodward House*

### *50 Fairlee Road, Waban, Massachusetts*

In 1681, John Woodward (1649-1730) and his young wife Rebecca Robbins of Cambridge, received thirty acres of land in Waban as a wedding gift. The house was one of the first to be constructed along the old Sherborn Road, this end of which came to be known as Woodward Street. The residence was occupied for close to 275 years by eight generations of the Woodward family.



The house has a rich and colorful history. John Woodward, a weaver, had twelve children. He was active in local affairs and served as a Surveyor of Highways (1686), Town Constable (1694), and as a Selectman in 1701 and 1712. His descendants were also active in local and state politics, fought in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, and were Deacons in the local church. In 1776, Deacon John Woodward (1724-1801) was the moderator of the town meeting, which passed

by unanimous vote, the resolution that the Continental Congress declare the colonies independent. He subsequently fought in the Battle of Concord, though he was more than fifty years old. Deacon Elijah F. Woodward (1786-1845) was Representative to the General Court and Town Clerk from 1826 until his death. With W.E. Ward, he surveyed the 1831 map of Newton which is today an invaluable historical resource.



This 17<sup>th</sup> century house, one of the few in the city, has been substantially rebuilt. The 2 1/2 story



house was originally laid out with two rooms set to each side of a massive central chimney block. A dog leg style stair winds up the fire place wall. The original roof was dismantled in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century and the early framing members were reinserted into new rafters. The placement of windows appears original, though panes have been replaced with larger 8 over 8 sashes. The entrance has been updated with sidelights and a Colonial Revival style entrance porch. A one story lean-to was added to the northwest elevation for wood storage during the Federal Period. The two story ell, which substantially enlarged this house, was added before the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. The arrangement of rooms in the ell, and a long central hall, indicates that it may have been an inn.

