



Address: 15 Jones Hollow Road

Contemporary Building Name: 15 Jones Hollow Road

Historic Building Name: H.D. Barrows House, Store

Present Use: Residential

Historic Use: Residential

Architectural style: Greek Revival

Date constructed: c. 1840 (Baber)

Description: 15 Jones Hollow Road is a Greek Revival house with pedimented gable end toward the street. Four fluted Doric columns are at the front of a full-width recessed concrete front porch, which is approached by four concrete risers. The columns, without entablature, support the building's second story. Behind the columnar screen, the front door with sidelights and wide flanking pilasters under a four-pane transom is to the left (south). Two floor-to-ceiling 6-over-9 windows with blinds are to the right. At the second floor the lintels of the two windows abut the cornice, without architrave or frieze. The front of the second floor, over the porch, is defined by cornerboards. The cornice is embellished with a course of small pointed drop pendants or arrows, as are the raking cornices. The raking cornices have friezes. A rectangular window is in the center of the shingled tympanum. A central brick chimney rises from the ridge while a second exterior chimney is located toward the rear on the south elevation; both are corbeled.

Significance: 15 Jones Hollow Road displays many architectural features characteristic of the Greek Revival style, but in an unusual juxtaposition. The rectangular mass with gable end to street is the classical temple form. The three-bay first-floor elevation, fluted Doric columns, flanking doorway pilasters, and gable end tympanum with rectangular window all fit the style. The recessed front porch, however, is odd, as is the absence of entablature above the four columns and below the pediment cornice. The 1869 atlas shows two structures at about the location of 15 Jones Hollow Road. The southerly building is labeled "H.D. Barrows," the northerly one "Store". In the Directory for the atlas plate, H.D. Barrows is listed as "Merchant". Probabilities are that the store was a small building in the side yard of the house (presumably the present building). Nevertheless, it is tempting to offer the conjecture that the odd recessed front porch of the house somehow reflects the earlier presence of shop windows.

Sources: Baber, David. Capitol Region Council of Governments Historic Resource Survey of Marlborough, 1978.

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