



Address: 211-213 South Main Street

Contemporary Building Name: 211-213 South Main Street

Historic Building Name: W. E. Jones House

Present Use: Residential

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Architectural style: Vernacular

Date constructed: c. 1860 (Baber), 1815 (Assessor)

Description: The 1 3/4-story main block of the house, oriented with gable end toward the street, is the central component of a three-part structure which includes a 1 3/4-story gambrel-roofed wing to the south and a one-story gable-roofed wing to the north.

Fenestration of the main block, first floor, is two 6-over-6 windows. At the second floor a central 6-over-6 sash is flanked by very narrow four-pane windows in Palladianesque fashion under a triangular pediment. The cornice and raking cornices of the pediment and the raking eaves of the main roof above are embellished with elaborate pierced bargeboards. A central chimney rises from the roof ridge. Entrance is through a shed-roofed porch, supported by square posts, in front of the south wing. In the second floor of the wing two pedimented wall dormers in the lower slope of the gambrel break through the arris of the two roof slopes. There is a central chimney above. The north wing has a shed-roofed section, which may be an enclosed porch, with door and two 6-over-6 windows in front of a shallow gable-roofed structure with tall central chimney.

Significance: The gable-end-to-street orientation and the shape and mass of the main block suggest the house has its origin in the Greek Revival period. A wing to the south with porch would have been consistent with the style. The present appearance of the house probably took its form after a severe fire which reportedly occurred several decades ago. The Palladianesque window, the Queen Anne-inspired bargeboards, and the south wing's gambrel roof with wall dormers may date from that building campaign. For another house of quite similar plan and architectural features, see 14 Jones Hollow Road. The 1869 atlas shows a house at the location identified with the name W.E. Jones.

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

Ransom, David. Historical and Architectural Resources Survey, Town of Marlborough, Connecticut. April 1998.

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