

**Address:** 51 Monument Street

**Approximate/Documented Date of Building:** c. 1874

**Surveyed:** 09/29/2019

**Contributing or Noncontributing:** Individually designated landmark



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## **Introduction**

51 Monument Street is a two-and-a-half-story Greek Revival multi-family residence. The front-gable dwelling is three-by-six bays wide and features mixed clapboard and shingle siding. The dwelling is distinguished by a Greek Revival main entry surround and a pedimented front gable. The house also exhibits 1/1 and 2/2 sash windows, eave returns, and wide friezes and corner boards. The current main entry surround, siding, corner boards, pediment, and porch details are the results of renovations completed since the early 2000s.

The main entry is in the third and final bay of the façade, and features a single unglazed door flanked by two partial sidelights. The surround is simple and unornamented. The entry is accessed by a side-facing porch and steps with contemporary cable railings. The dwelling's brick foundation is built high above the walkway, resulting in a main entry that is nearly a full story above grade.

The northern, southern, and western elevations are not easily visible from the public roadway. The dwelling's contemporary metal roof boasts one chimney over the interior southern slope, and another over the rear ell's peak. The rear ell also exhibits a front-gable form and is slightly narrower than the main structure.

## **Additions and Alterations Since 1924**

51 Monument maintains a form and scale that is relatively unchanged from historical record. The majority of the losses and additions the dwelling has sustained are decorative in nature. These include the addition of the pediment on the façade's gable, loss of several 2/2 windows, and replacement of the original, more detailed eaves and eave returns. The most significant alteration is the reduction of the main entry surround, which was previously more detailed and much larger in scale. That said, because 51 Monument originally exhibited an understated appearance, it has been able to retain its earlier character despite these changes.