

Listed on the State Register of Historic Places, this property was professionally surveyed by a consultant in 2013. The consultant, Neil Larson, produced the following history on ownership of the parcel and building:

“In 1854 Chester Judson sold a one-acre lot of land with a house and improvements to Henry Lambert, a “gentleman,” for \$5500 with a mortgage on the house and land held by James Rutledge of Boston. Born in England in 1815, Lambert was a retired Unitarian minister from East Cambridge and an ardent abolitionist. Six months later Lambert purchased an adjoining 12,424 sq. ft. parcel from Thomas Houghton. The 1890 bird’s-eye view of West Newton depicts the house as it looked prior to alterations that added rounded bays, the front piazza and the *porte cochere* to the building. Due to Henry Lambert’s advanced age, it is then likely that the architectural changes that now distinguish the house were made by the subsequent owners, Frederick E. and Nellie W. Jones, who bought the property from Lambert’s heirs in 1900. Frederick E. Jones had been raised in Newton and by 1900 was a successful leather merchant in Boston and lived at 92 Lenox Street in Newton with his wife, Nellie W. Jones, and his infant son and namesake, as well as two Swedish female servants. The family lived in the Chestnut Street house for 49 years, with Nellie W. Jones, the owner of record, conveying it to Mona H. Simmons in 1949.”

This house is a stunning example of a simple center-entrance house that underwent numerous updates to its architectural style, resulting in a high-style Colonial Revival house in a neighborhood of otherwise noteworthy architectural examples.