

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	1360

Newton, Mass. MRA
Town Newton (Newton Corner)

Address 57 Hunnewell Avenue

Historic Name Simpson House

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo.
Staple to left side of form.

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date late 1890s

Source City Directories

Style Queen Anne/Colonial Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric shingles/stone

Outbuildings carriage house

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition Very Good

Moved no Date _____

Acreage 26,298 * square less than one acre

Setting suburban residential

UTM REFERENCE 19.320860.4691380

USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON, MASS.

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by K. Hatch

Organization Newton Historical Comm.

Date 3/77; rev. by H. White 4/86

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Simpson residence is one of Newton's finest examples of an elaborate Queen Anne style house with abundant Colonial Revival overtones and therefore meets Criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

The Simpson residence occupies a prominent corner lot at the corner of Grasmere Street and Hunnewell Avenue. It is an exceptionally elaborate and well-preserved example of late Queen Anne period design. The building's overall form is boxy, with projections at each corner and a complex roofline punctuated by numerous dormers and gables. The wall surfaces of random rusticated stone at the first level, are richly embellished with windows in a variety of sizes and shapes, including a Palladian window flanked by free-standing columns. A long veranda with a stone base, Ionic columns, and an attached porte-cochere dominate the street facade. An equally well-preserved ornate carriage house is located to the rear of the property.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

Joseph Simpson (b.1851) bought most of the land belonging to Henry Claflin estate in the late 1890s. The northern end of Grasmere Street was laid out on the property, as was Simpson Street.

Joseph Simpson founded the Simpson Brothers Corporation, concrete pavers, with his brother, G. Frederick Simpson, and served as the company's president. Frederick Simpson also lived in Newton Corner at 315 Franklin Street in the Farlow & Kenrick Parks National Register Historic District.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Atlases: 1907, 1895.
City Directories: 1899-1897.
Newton Graphic Publishing Company. Beautiful Newton (ca. 1917), pp. 252, 257.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Newton MRA
State Middlesex County, MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

101. Rawson Estate

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Melrose Byers 9/4/86

102. Richards, James Lorin, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Melrose Byers 9/4/86

103. Riley, Charles, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Melrose Byers 9/4/86

104. Sacco---Pettee Machine Shops

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Melrose Byers 12/23/86105. Salisbury, Jonas, House
62 Walnut ParkEntered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Melrose Byers 9/4/86106. Salisbury, Jonas, House
85 Langley Rd.Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Melrose Byers 9/4/86

DOE 107. Silver Lake Cordage Company

Substantive Review Determined Eligible

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

for Keeper

Attest

Patricia Anderson 9/4/86

108. Simpson House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Melrose Byers 9/4/86

109. Smith, S. Curtis, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Melrose Byers 9/4/86

110. Smith---Peterson House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Melrose Byers 9/4/86

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Simpson House (Newton MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: JUL 23 1986 12/3/87
Date Due: 8/21/86 - 9/6/86
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 9-4-86
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in
National Register

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ original site
		☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

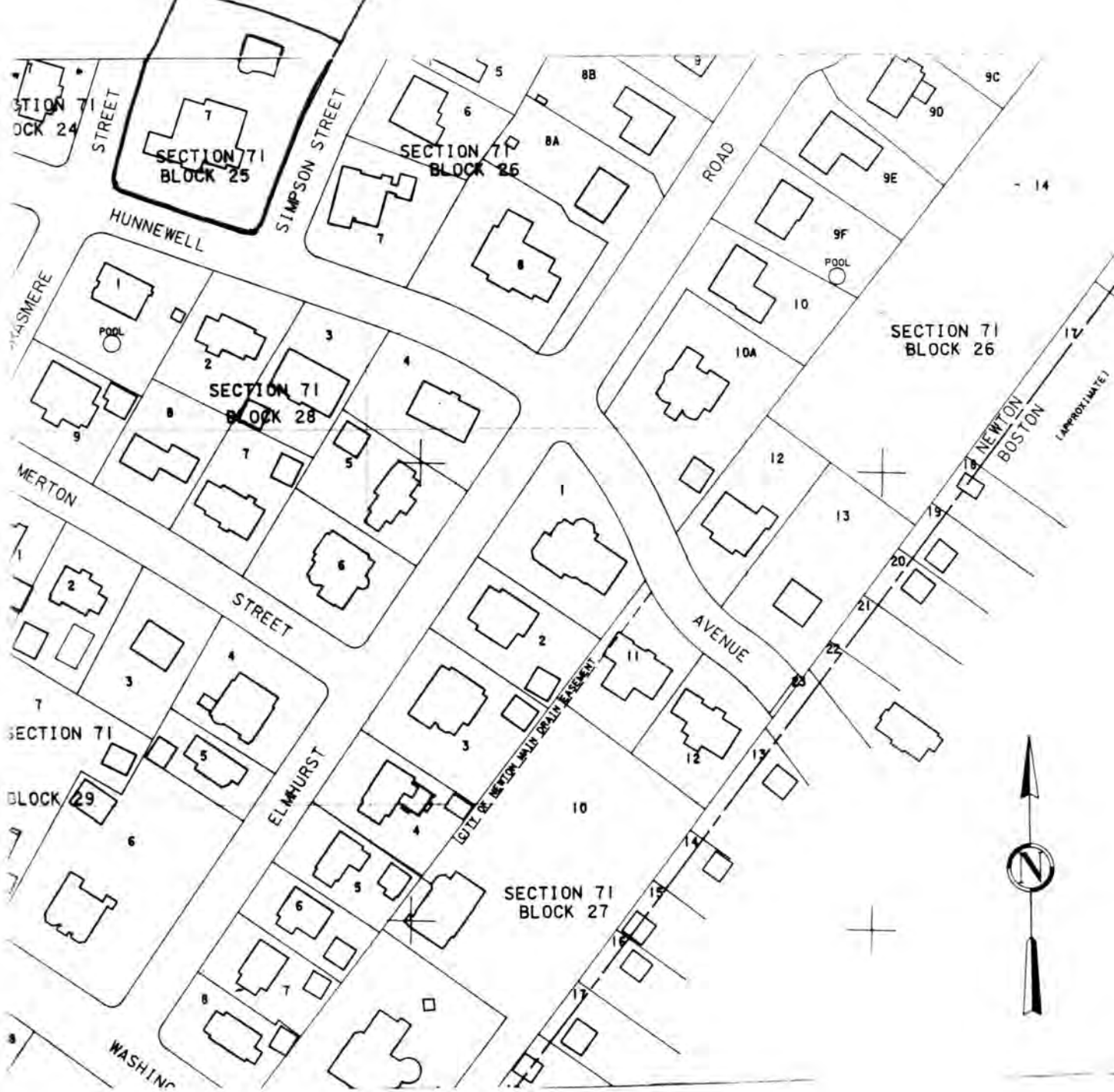
Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Simpson House

Newton, Mass: MRA

- 57 Hunnewell Ave, Newton Corner_
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City of Newton Assessor's Maps. Sheet 36
 Metric Series. 1979
 Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

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 57 Hunnewell Avenue, Newton Corner
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