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Form 10-300  
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Massachusetts
COUNTY: Middlesex
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE <b>JUN 4 1973</b>

#### 1. NAME

COMMON:  
Jackson Homestead

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
" "

#### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
527 Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Newton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
District #4

STATE: Massachusetts      CODE: 025      COUNTY: Middlesex      CODE: 017

#### 3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____

#### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
City of Newton

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:  
Newton

STATE: Massachusetts      CODE: 025

#### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Registry of Deeds, Southern Middlesex

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Cambridge Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Cambridge

STATE: Massachusetts      CODE: 025

#### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE OF SURVEY:       Federal     State     County     Local

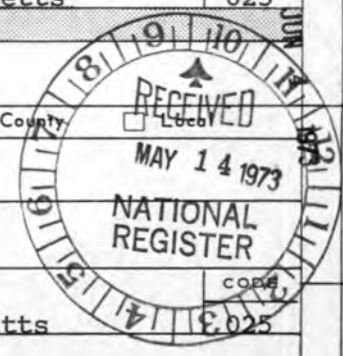
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:  
40 Beacon Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Boston,

STATE: Massachusetts      CODE: 025

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Jackson Homestead, on the corner of Washington Street and Jackson Road, has wide lawns on the front (south) and west sides, with about one-half acre of fields to the rear (north); one-story outbuildings extend to the east. Large trees surround the house. In front the property is bounded by an elaborate wooden fence which is terminated at both ends by paneled square posts topped with urns; posts of the same design mark the center entrance. On Jackson Road the land is enclosed by a simple picket fence.

The two-story building is clapboard with a hip roof in which four end chimneys are set back in the slope a few feet from the eaves. The house is five bays wide and four bays deep, with the regularly spaced, shuttered windows containing six-over-six sash. The entrance porch is supported by a pair of slender columns; the doorway has matching pilasters, sidelights, and an elliptical fanlight. To the east a driveway circles in front of the outbuildings which are used for wood storage and a garage.

According to family records a house was constructed on this site in 1670 by Edward Jackson, and occupied by successive generations of Jacksons until 1809 when a new house (the present Jackson Homestead) was built by Major Timothy Jackson. Portions of the 1670 house were used in the construction of the new one, i.e. heavy beams as fireplace supports, one interior and several exterior doors.

The 1809 house was built on a foundation of granite blocks brought from Quincy by oxcart. Inside are six fireplaces with hand carved mantel and a kitchen fireplace and oven used for cooking; hand-hewn beams, bricks and boards from the 1670 house; a 300-year old well in the first floor laundry room; the original front door designed to keep out Indian arrows and bullets; the room and well in the cellar where runaway slaves were hidden.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1809

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion (Phi- Kappa Psi)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Jackson Homestead is significant as an example of a property acquired by an early Newton settler, and occupied and maintained by his descendants for nearly 300 years.

Edward Jackson (1602-1681) was the fourth settler in Cambridge Village, now called Newton. He built a salt box house on the Homestead property in 1670 for his son, Sebas, and owned about 1600 acres at his death. An Indian trail crossed his land. He was "constantly present with the Rev. John Eliot at his lectures to the Indians, taking notes and answering questions". He owned two menservants and was probably the first slave owner in Newton. Forty-four of his Newton descendants were in the Revolutionary army.

Major Timothy Jackson (1756-1814) built the present house in 1809, using boards, hand-hewn beams and bricks from the old house where possible. He joined the Militia when 15 years old and became a Corporal two years later. While serving in the Revolution, he spent three years on the high seas aboard privateers and other war vessels, was captured several times and escaped after suffering severe hardships, including seven months in a British Army prison in New York. He settled down to farming in Newton at the age of 24. Later, he became a successful candle and soap manufacturer and was able to leave a fine estate to his children. His civic activities included such positions as school teacher, member of the School Board, Selectman for six years, Moderator at town meetings, Justice of the Peace, and Deputy Sheriff.

William Jackson (1783-1855) was Timothy's son. In 1806 he married Hannah Woodward of Newton, who died in 1814 leaving five children. William later married Mary Bennett, moving to the Homestead in 1820. There were 14 children when Mr. Whipple of Boston took a remarkable Daguerreotype of the entire family in 1846. William's impressive public career included the following: Head of Temperance Society, first member and Deacon of Eliot Church, member of the 22nd and 23rd Congress, General Agent for the Boston and Worcester Railroad, member of the Newton School Board, President of the Newton National Bank, owner of the soap and candle factory already established on this property, member of a real estate board dedicated to the development of Auburndale in 1848, member of the Liberal Party, and an Abolitionist who made his house an Underground Station for runaway slaves.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Historic American Buildings Survey. 1934,1935. National Park Service, Washington, D.C.  
 Jackson, E.D. Annals of the Jackson Homestead.  
 Kieth, Barbara. History of the Jackson Homestead. Mss. 1927, pp.30-32.  
 Sweetser, M.F. King's Handbook of Newton Massachusetts. Moses King Corporation, Boston, 1889.

Information supplied by Brian D. Baldwin, Intergovernmental Finance Coordinator, City of Newton.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than ten

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
 Elizabeth R. Amadon, State Survey Director

ORGANIZATION: Massachusetts Historical Commission      DATE: April 17, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:  
40 Beacon Street      (617) 727-8470

CITY OR TOWN: Boston      STATE: Massachusetts      CODE: 025

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION      NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National       State       Local

Name John F. X. Davoren  
 John F. X. Davoren, Secretary of the Commonwealth; Chairman of the Mass. Historical Commission

Date 4/18/73

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Utley  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 6/4/73

ATTEST:  
St. Madford  
 Acting Keeper of The National Register

Date 5/30/73

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STATE	
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(Number all entries)

Newton, Jackson Homestead

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During the history of the Jackson Homestead, at least twelve brides were married in the parlour, and the dining room held as many as forty-two at Thanksgiving dinner. Bunk beds lined the wall of the first floor nursery where the young Jacksons slept.

Jackson relatives lived here until about 1930. In 1949, a ninth-generation descendant gave the Homestead to the City of Newton. The furnishings represent those of a house of the early 1800's, including many things that belonged to the Jackson family. The house is relatively unchanged and is a good example of hip roofed Federal style with its original outbuildings.

The Homestead is now used as a museum, where lectures are given and tours conducted as part of an active educational program.



PROPERTY

Jackson Homestead

STATE

Mass.

Middlesex

WORKING NUMBER

5.14.73.2909

2/18/73

TECH REVIEW

Photos 1

Maps 1

CONTROL REVIEW

CM  
5-18-73

OK

HISTORIAN

poor presentation - (note intruding rear bldg.?)  
however, OK (maybe HABS-see #19)

Accept  
AML  
5/18/73

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Where do people get these Indian  
war ideas? How do they explain the fan light &  
side lights?

KH  
5/21/73

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept  
CMB  
5-25-73

BRANCH CHIEF

OK  
5/29/73

KEEPER

OK  
HAB  
WMB  
5/30/73

National Register write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Register entry 8-2-73

Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

Entered JUN 4 1973



NPS Number 6.4.73

Title: Jackson Homestead

Loc. Middlesex Co., Mass.

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South facade and  
east elevation

Newton                  Newton.

PC Jackson Homestead

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

3/3/73

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)*

**1. NAME**

COMMON

Jackson Homestead

AND/OR HISTORIC

NUMERIC CODE *(Assigned by NPS)*

JUN 4 1973

**2. LOCATION**

STATE

Massachusetts

COUNTY

Middlesex

TOWN

Newton

STREET AND NUMBER

527 Washington Street

**3. MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE

U.S.G.S. Newton, Mass.

DATE

1956

SCALE

1:24,000

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW:



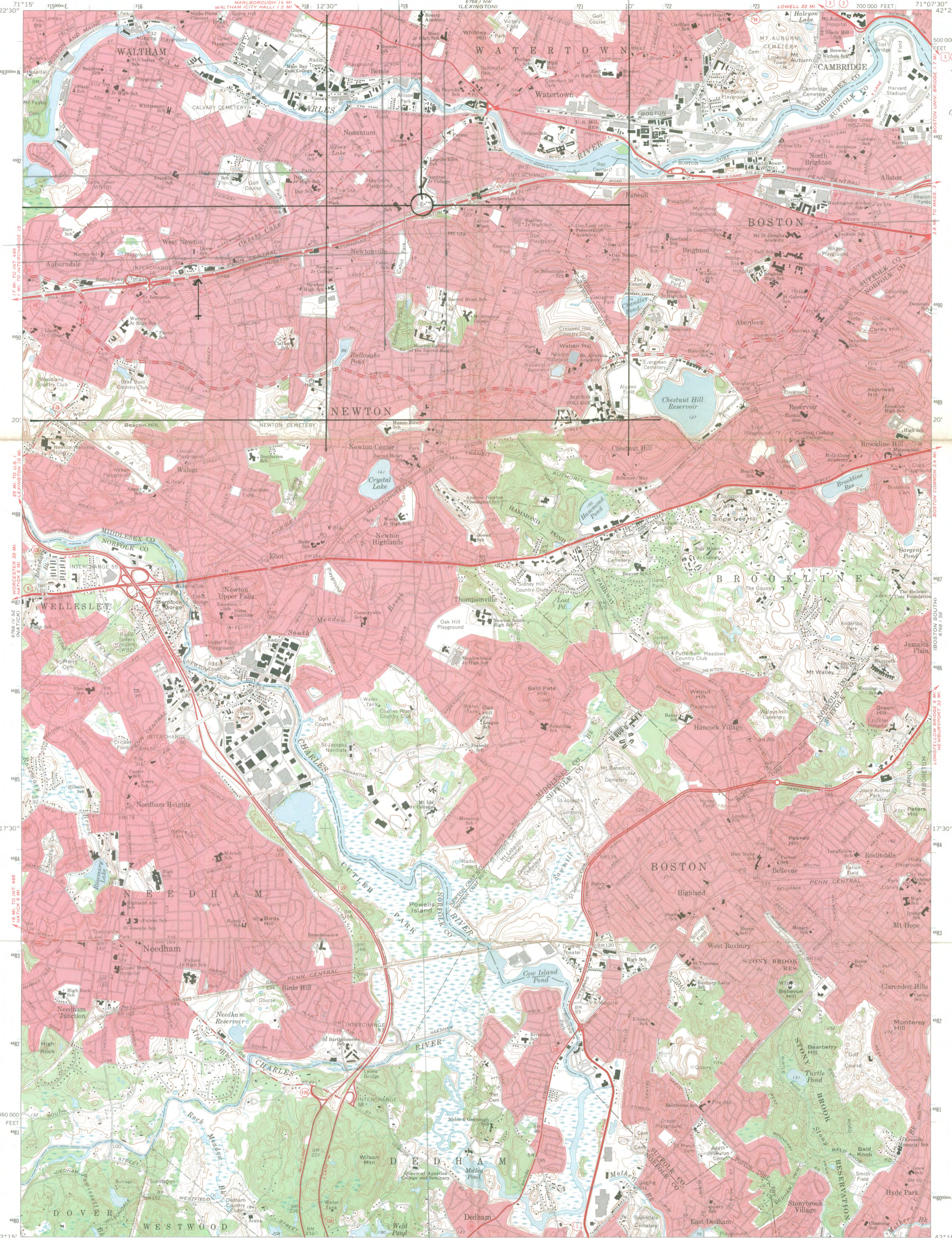
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NEWTON

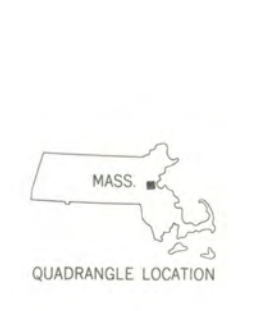
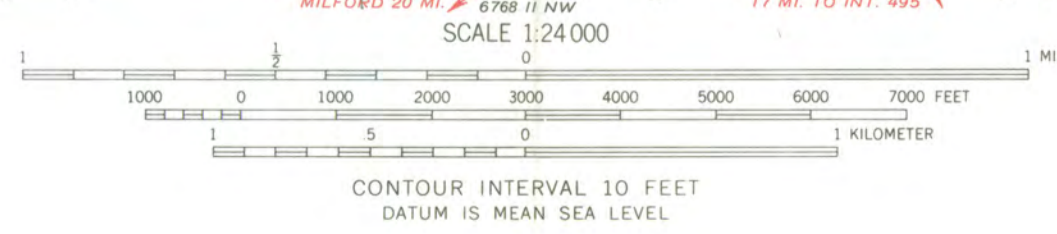
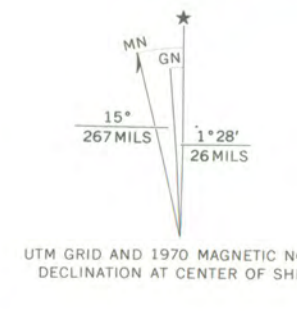
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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey  
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs  
taken 1939. Topography by planimetric surveys 1943.  
Revised from aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1970  
Polyconic projection, 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,  
mainland zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 19, shown in blue  
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U.S. Route
	State Route

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

NEWTON, MASS.  
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1970  
AMS 6781 SW—SERIES W814



THEODORE D. MANN  
MAYOR

# City of Newton, Massachusetts

*Incorporated 1873*

## CITY HALL

COMMONWEALTH AVENUE AND WALNUT STREET  
NEWTON CENTRE 02159

April 12, 1973

Mrs. Amadon  
Massachusetts Historical Commission  
40 Beacon Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Dear Mrs. Amadon:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of the assistance you have given Mr. Brian D. Baldwin, Newton's Federal Funds Administrator, in preparing our application for the listing of the Jackson Homestead on the Register of Historic Places. You have been most kind and we are in your debt.

I would also like to point out, at this time, the particular urgency involved in this listing. The City of Newton is in the process of celebrating its Centennial this year and numerous activities are planned for this spring. We anticipate that the Jackson Homestead will play a vital part in these festivities. Any assistance you could give us in having the Jackson Homestead approved for listing will be greatly appreciated.

Again my thanks, and if I or any of my staff can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Theodore D. Mann  
Mayor



tdm:bdb:g



*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

*Office of the Secretary*

*Massachusetts Historical Commission*

*John F. X. Davoren*

*Secretary of the Commonwealth*

~~3 Joy Street~~  
40 Beacon Street

Boston, Mass. 02108  
(617) 727-8470

May 1, 1973

National Register of Historic Places  
Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
18th and C Streets, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20240



Attention: Mr. Jerry Rogers

CERTIFIED MAIL

Dear Jerry:

Enclosed is the National Register nomination for:

Middlesex County, Newton, Jackson Homestead

This has been declared eligible for submission by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the State Review Board, and has been signed by Secretary of the Commonwealth, John F.X. Davoren, Chairman of the Massachusetts Historical Commission and designated State Preservation Officer.

The attached letter from His Honor, the Mayor of Newton, indicates the importance of this submission being processed as soon as possible, as Newton is celebrating its Centennial this year, and many activities are scheduled for the spring. We would appreciate it if you would expedite the Jackson Homestead submission.

With thanks,

Sincerely,

*Bob,*

Robert B. Rettig  
Executive Director  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE      MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered      JUN 4 1973

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Arlington Street Church	Boston Suffolk County
The Cushing Homestead	Hingham Plymouth County
Jackson Homestead	Newton Middlesex County
Peabody Institute Library	Peabody Essex County
Wapanucket Site	Middleboro Plymouth County

Also Notified

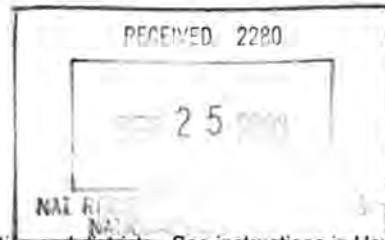
Hon. Edward M. Kennedy  
Hon. Edward W. Brooke  
Hon. Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.  
Hon. Garry E. Studts  
Hon. Robert Drinan  
Hon. Michael J. Harrington  
Hon. Margaret M. Hackler

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Hon. John F. X. Davoren  
Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Chairman, Massachusetts Historical  
Commission  
40 Beacon Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Director, Northeast Region

PHR NRowland: pcl 6/12/73

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National Park Service



National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name The Jackson Homestead (2003 Technical Amendment)

other names/site number Timothy Jackson House

2. Location

street & number 527 Washington Street not for publication

city or town Newton vicinity

state Massachusetts code MA county Middlesex code 017 zip code 02458

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Betsy Friedberg, National Register Director, 9/22/03  
Signature of certifying official/Title Care H. Metz, State Historic Preservation Officer Date  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional Comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register  
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register  
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain): accept additional documentation

Signature of the Keeper

Patrick Andrews

Date of Action

10/24/2003

The Jackson Homestead  
Name of Property

Middlesex, MA  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

(Check only one box)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>		building
		sites
	<u>1</u>	structures
		objects
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

1

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single Dwelling

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Recreation and Culture: Museum

Education: research facility

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Early Republic: Federal

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Granite, brick, fieldstone

walls Clapboard, brick

roof Asphalt shingle

other \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**United States Department of the Interior**  
**National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places**  
**Continuation Sheet**

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**Narrative Description**

The Jackson Homestead is a substantial and well-preserved example of Federal architecture, prominently located on a one-acre site on Washington Street in Newton and visible from the Massachusetts Turnpike. Wide lawns surround the building on three sides and a huge, ancient locust tree, said to have been planted around the time of the American Revolution, remains a landmark at the southwest corner of the yard. The surrounding neighborhood is comprised of suburban houses and academic institutions.

Built in 1809, the two-story house has a low, hipped roof with four end chimneys, two on either side, set in slightly from the eaves. The house rests on a brick and fieldstone foundation faced with granite blocks. Five bays wide and four bays deep, the house has 6/6 sash windows set in slightly projecting molded frames flanked by shutters. The facade is clad with clapboards; the rear elevation is covered with wood shingles; and the east and west ends are brick. The main entrance, centered on the façade, is defined by a porch supported by pairs of slender columns; the doorway has matching pilasters, sidelights, and an elliptical fanlight. A side entrance with paneled door opens onto the driveway on the east side, and a shed-roofed wing extends four bays from the northeast corner of the main block. Two bays have elliptical-arch openings screened with lattice; two have wide double-leaf doors that were rebuilt in 1999. At the rear of the house, a cement terrace was added in the early part of the twentieth century, and an emergency exit leading from the basement was built in 1988.

The Jackson Homestead stands on the site of a seventeenth-century saltbox. Many of the hand-hewn beams from the saltbox were re-used in the construction of the main block of the Jackson Homestead; and the original post-and-beam construction of the lean-to section of the saltbox forms part of the present wing. Crown glass, imported from England, was used in all the windows; a few pieces still remain. The seventeenth-century well, which stood to the west of the old saltbox, was included in the cellar of the present house. The front door of the saltbox, which had been reused as a door to the laundry room in the wing of the new house, is now preserved in the museum.

Few changes have been made to the configuration of the 1809 house. The original plan of rooms was four over four with a central hallway. The decorative finish in the hall and two front rooms on the first floor, including mantels carved by Mr. Jesse Hall of Newton, remains intact. In both

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the east and west kitchens, the original finish around the fireplaces was lost, but in the 1950s the mantle and paneling around the fireplace in the east kitchen was accurately recreated. In the west kitchen, the present reversible finish dates from 1993.

On the second floor, the two rooms toward the rear of the house, which were divided in the 1820s, are shown on the 1936 Historic American Building Survey (HABS) drawings. The west room has been restored to its original shape; the east room, part of which was made into a bathroom in 1907, remains divided, although the bathroom fixtures have been removed. The front rooms on that floor retain their original shape and finish. In the wing, lofts were removed and the floors were lowered in the 1960s to make room for a bathroom, kitchen, and library.

The elliptical fence, reproduced in 2001 from existing remnants and historical photographs, is centered at the front of the property. Bracketed by posts topped with classical urns, the fence is an accurate reproduction in its original historical setting.

A nineteenth-century gazebo, which was originally located on the grounds of the Rosedale-Chaffin House (124 Vernon Street, Newton; NRDIS – 1982), stands in the back yard of the Jackson Homestead. The structure was moved to the site in 1973, and is considered a noncontributing structure within the context of the present nomination, although it is not an inappropriate addition to the Jackson Homestead grounds.

(end)

The Jackson Homestead  
Name of Property

Middlesex, MA  
County and State

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # 139
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Community Planning and Development

Social History (Underground Railroad)

**Period of Significance**

1809 to 1899

**Significant Dates**

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

**Cultural Affiliation**

**Architect/Builder**

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local Government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

The Jackson Homestead

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### **Statement of Significance**

The Jackson Homestead was listed in the National Register on June 4, 1973. The house is significant as a fine and well-preserved example of Federal architecture. The property is also significant for its association with the Jackson family, who owned the land for nearly 300 years and built the present house in 1809. The purpose of this Technical Amendment is to provide an additional historic context for the property's significance as a stop on the Underground Railroad.

#### Summary of the pre-Civil War era history

The land upon which the Jackson Homestead now stands was acquired by Edward Jackson (1602-1681), the fourth known settler in Cambridge Village (now Newton). Historical accounts note that Jackson "was constantly present with the Rev. Jon Eliot at his lectures to the Indians, taking notes and answering questions." He was instrumental in persuading the General Court to grant Newton independence from Cambridge. In 1670, Jackson built a saltbox house on the property for his son, Sebas.

The present Jackson Homestead was built in 1809 by Timothy Jackson (1756-1814), Sebas's great-grandson. After serving in the Revolutionary War, Timothy returned to farming in Newton. His civic activities included such positions as schoolteacher, member of the School Board, Selectman for six years, Town Meeting Moderator, Justice of the Peace, and Deputy Sheriff. In 1802, he started a soap and candle business in Boston. Its success enabled him to build the present Federal-style house. A seventeenth-century well that had been located on the west side of the Sebas Jackson house was included in the cellar of Timothy Jackson's new house. That well is believed to have been used as a hiding place for fugitives from slavery when the Jackson Homestead became a stop on the Underground Railroad.

#### Underground Railroad Context

William Jackson (1783-1855), Timothy's son, moved to the Homestead in 1820. He established a soap and candle factory on the property while also engaging in an impressive public career. William was a member of the Massachusetts General Court in 1832-33, a member of the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> United States Congress, and as a general agent for the Boston and Worcester Railroad was largely responsible for routing the line through Newton. Locally, he headed the Temperance

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Society, was founder of the Newton Savings Bank, the Eliot Church, and the Newton Female Academy. Like his brother Francis Jackson, Treasurer of the Vigilance Committee in Boston, William was an abolitionist, and the Jackson Homestead was a stop on the Underground Railroad. Reference to William's role in the Underground Railroad is found in his daughter Ellen's reminiscences, *Annals of the Old Homestead*. Ellen recounts a night when William Bowditch of Brookline brought a runaway slave to the Homestead, where he stayed until he could be taken to freedom. Based on this account and other corroborating evidence, The Jackson Homestead's role as a site on the Underground Railroad has been recognized by the National Park Service. The Homestead was one of the first sites listed on the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom in 2001.

After William Jackson's death in 1855, his widow Mary Bennett Jackson and three unmarried daughters were left in reduced circumstances, but continued to play a role in the life of the community. In 1865, Ellen helped to found the Freedman's Aid Society in Newton and served as its President until her death in 1902. Contributions of bedding, clothing, and books sent to Hampton and Tuskegee Institutes are recorded in the Society's minute book, which has been preserved. In addition, Ellen was known for her wildflower watercolors; her sketchbooks have also been preserved. Two other daughters, Cornelia and Caroline, also played a role in the community. In 1878, Cornelia established the Santa Claus Agency, which brought food and clothing to the poor, and in the same year, Caroline became an assistant librarian for the Newton Library, which had just been taken over by the City.

In 1906, after the death of the last daughter Caroline, the house was refurbished and subsequently occupied by William's descendants until 1932, when it was rented. In 1949, a ninth-generation descendant donated the Homestead to the City of Newton to be used for educational purposes. The Homestead is now the City Museum and the headquarters of the Newton Historical Society.

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The Jackson Homestead  
Name of Property

Middlesex, MA  
County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** 1 acre

**UTM References See continuation sheet.**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

1.	19	319200	<del>49</del> <sup>6</sup> 91340		3.		
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
2.					4.		
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
					_ See continuation sheet		

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Susan D. Abele, Curator of the Jackson Homestead and Betsy Friedberg, National Register Director

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date September 2003

street & number 220 Morrissey Blvd telephone 617-727-8470

city or town Boston state MA zip code 02125

**Additional Documentation**

**Submit the following items with the completed form:**

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name City of Newton

street & number 1000 Commonwealth Avenue telephone 617-551-7100

city or town Newton state MA zip code 02459

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## Photographs

Name of Property:           The Jackson Homestead  
County and State:         Middlesex County, MA  
Name of Photographer     Susan D. Abele  
Date of Photographs      October 20, 2001  
Location of Negatives

1. Front View of the Jackson Homestead, looking north
2. Rear View of the Jackson Homestead, looking southeast
3. View of fence in front of the Jackson Homestead, looking northeast

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ~~RESUBMISSION~~ *Additional Documentation*

PROPERTY NAME: Jackson Homestead

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 9/25/03 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/09/03  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 73000306

NOMINATOR: STATE

DETAILED EVALUATION:

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA *Accept additional documentation*

REVIEWER *Patrick Andrews* DISCIPLINE *Historian*

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE *10/24/2003*

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



The Jackson Homestead  
Middlesex County, MA

Susan D. Abele, photographer

October 20, 2001

Negatives: The Jackson Homestead  
Library - Bender A-3-28

#1 Front View  
looking north



The Jackson Homestead

Middlesex Co., MA

Susan D. Abele, photographer

October 20, 2001

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#2 Rear View  
looking southeast



The Jackson Homestead

Middlesex Co., MA

Susan D. Ables, photographer

October 20, 2001

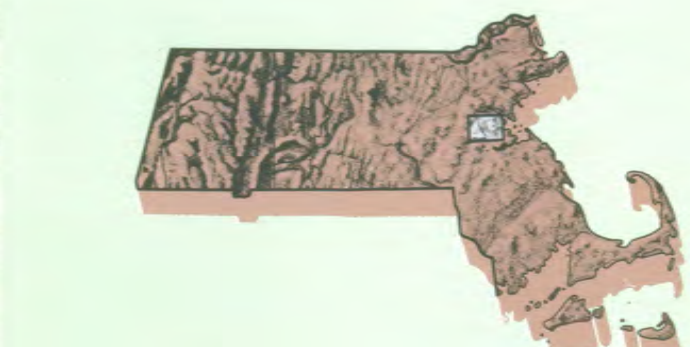
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#3 View of fence in front of  
The Jackson Homestead  
Looking northeast

# Boston South MASSACHUSETTS

1:25 000-scale metric topographic map



7.5 X 15 MINUTE QUADRANGLE SHOWING

- Contours and elevations in meters
- Highways, roads and other manmade structures
- Water features
- Woodland areas
- Geographic names



Produced by the United States Geological Survey in cooperation with Massachusetts Department of Public Works  
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 Compiled by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1976. Field checked 1979. Map edited 1987.  
 Selected hydrographic data compiled from NOS charts 13270 (1982) and 13272 (1982). This information is not intended for navigational purposes.  
 Projection and 1000-meter grid: Universal Transverse Mercator, zone 19.  
 10,000-foot grid ticks based on Massachusetts coordinate system, maintained zone 1927 North American Datum.  
 To place on the projected North American Datum 1983, move the projection lines 6 meters south and 42 meters west as shown by dashed corner ticks.  
 There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of the National or State reservations shown on this map.

**CONTOUR INTERVAL: 3 METERS**  
 NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929 CONTROL ELEVATIONS SHOWN TO THE NEAREST 0.1 METER OTHER ELEVATIONS SHOWN TO THE NEAREST 0.5 METER  
 DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN METERS DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER  
 THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE SOUNDINGS SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER  
 THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 2.9 METERS

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS

CONVERSION TABLE		DECLINATION DIAGRAM		ADJOINING MAPS		
Meters	Feet	1987	1957	1	2	3
1	3.2808	1° 10' 00"	1° 08' 00"	1	2	3
2	6.5616	1° 10' 00"	1° 08' 00"	4	5	6
3	9.8424	1° 10' 00"	1° 08' 00"	7	8	9
4	13.1232	1° 10' 00"	1° 08' 00"	10	11	12
5	16.4040	1° 10' 00"	1° 08' 00"	13	14	15
6	19.6848	1° 10' 00"	1° 08' 00"	16	17	18
7	22.9656	1° 10' 00"	1° 08' 00"	19	20	21
8	26.2464	1° 10' 00"	1° 08' 00"	22	23	24
9	29.5272	1° 10' 00"	1° 08' 00"	25	26	27
10	32.8080	1° 10' 00"	1° 08' 00"	28	29	30

To convert meters to feet multiply by 3.2808  
 To convert feet to meters multiply by 0.3048

UTM grid convergence (GN) at center of map  
 declination (DM) at center of map  
 Diagram is approximate



## Topographic Map Symbols

- Primary highway, hard surface
- Secondary highway, hard surface
- Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
- Unimproved road, trail
- Route marker: interstate; U. S. State
- Railroad: standard gage; narrow gage
- Bridge: drawbridge
- Footbridge; overpass; underpass
- Built-up area: only selected landmark buildings shown
- House; barn; church; school; large structure
- Boundary:
  - National, with monument
  - State
  - County, parish
  - Civil township, precinct, district
  - Incorporated city, village, town
  - National or State reservation, land park
  - Land grant with monument; found section corner
  - U. S. public lands survey: range, township; section
  - Range, township; section line; location approximate
  - Fence or field line
  - Power transmission line, located tower
  - Dam; dam with lock
  - Cemetery; grave
  - Campground; picnic area; U. S. location monument
  - Wellhead; water well; spring
  - Mine shaft; prospect; adit or cave
  - Control: horizontal station; vertical station; spot elevation
  - Contours: index; intermediate; supplementary; depression
  - Distorted surface: 100 m; lava; sand
  - Sounding; depth curve
  - Perennial lake and stream; intermittent lake and stream
  - Rapids, large and small; falls, large and small
  - Salmon-pier marks; marsh; swamp
  - Land subject to controlled inundation; woodshed
  - Scrub; mangrove
  - Orchard; vineyard

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SCALE 1:25 000  
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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

September 18, 2003

Ms. Carol Shull  
National Register of Historic Places  
Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
1201 Eye Street, NW, 8<sup>th</sup> floor  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the following Technical Amendment for:

The Jackson Homestead (Middlesex County) Massachusetts

The Jackson Homestead was listed on the National Register on June 4, 1973

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Friedberg".

Betsy Friedberg  
National Register Director  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Enclosure

CC: Susan Abele, The Jackson Homestead, 527 Washington Street, Newton, MA 02458

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