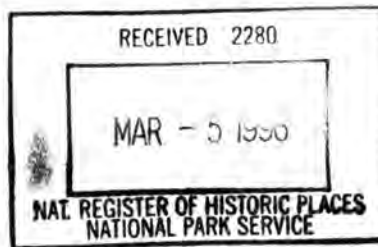


**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**



**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 Charles Maynard House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 459 Crafts Street N/A not for publication

city or town Newton N/A vicinity

state Massachusetts code MA county Middlesex code 017 zip code 02165

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.)

Judith B. McDonough

2/29/96

Signature of certifying official/Title Judith B. McDonough, Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission, State Historic Preservation Officer

Date

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): _____

Signature of the Keeper

Edson H. Beall
Entered in the
National Register.

Date of Action

4-4-96

Charles Maynard House
Name of Property

Middlesex, MA
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

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

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

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

Number of Resources within Property

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

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	_____ buildings
_____	_____	_____ sites
_____	_____	_____ structures
_____	_____	_____ objects
_____	_____	_____ Total

Name of related multiple property listing

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

Newton MRA

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single family dwelling

COMMERCE/TRADE: professional

EDUCATION: research facility

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: multiple dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN: Queen Anne

LATE 19TH & 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS: Colonial

Revival

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE: fieldstone

walls WOOD: weatherboard

roof ASPHALT

other _____

Narrative Description

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

Charles Maynard House
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 # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

EDUCATION

Period of Significance

1897 - 1929

Significant Dates

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Charles Maynard

Cultural Affiliation

n/a

Architect/Builder

unknown

Primary location of additional data:

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

Name of repository:
Newton Public Library

Charles Maynard House
Name of Property

Middlesex, MA
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre - 15,010 sq. ft.

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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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

Gretchen G. Schuler, preservation consultant to Newton Historic Commission
name/title with Betsy Friedberg, National Register Director, MHC

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date February 1996

street & number 220 Morrissey Boulevard 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 Jane Saks

street & number 459 Crafts Street telephone 617-964-2133

city or town West Newton state MA zip code 02165

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
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Newton (Middlesex County)
MassachusettsSection number 7 Page 1**7. DESCRIPTION**

Situated on a heavily travelled route connecting Newton and the adjacent City of Waltham, the Charles Maynard House is a fine example of Queen Anne/Colonial Revival architecture and is reminiscent of the commodious houses constructed in suburban Newton in the late nineteenth century.

Built on land that was once part of a large farm belonging to Charles Maynard's mother's family and later farmed by his brother, Gilbert Maynard, the elegant home was constructed for Maynard on a half acre lot. No other building associated with Maynard remains in the immediate area.

The building lot is consistent with other lots in this suburban area of Newton. Mature coniferous trees are clustered at the southwest corner of the house, near the corner tower. One large oak tree is located at the sidewalk edge of the property near the gravel driveway and parking area. There are a couple of deciduous trees in the back yard area. Otherwise there are no remarkable landscape details on the lot.

The large two and one-half story dwelling with a two and one-half story rear ell rests on a high fieldstone foundation and is sheathed in wood clapboard. The slightly irregular plan with corner tower recalls the Queen Anne style, and much of the small detail is reminiscent of the Colonial Revival period. While the basic form is that of a rectangle, with the attached rear ell part of the original house, the plan is elaborated with projecting bays and a tower with turret, creating interesting interior spaces.

The three-bay porch with Tuscan-like columns, plain balustrade, and dentil cornice stretches from the southeast corner of the dwelling to the octagonal corner tower. The main entrance is a wood and glass panel door with rope molding defining the edges of each panel and flanked by a large two-over-one window on the west side and oversized double casement lattice sash on the east side.

The second story of the main facade has the projecting two and one-half story corner tower and a second-story projecting polygonal bay on the opposite corner. There is one second-story window between the two projecting forms. The main facade has one third-story templar pedimented dormer set back on the roof straddling the roof of the main block and that of the projecting second-story bay.

On the east side there is a first-story projecting octagonal bay with two-over-one sash supporting a rectangular second-story bay with carved fan-like brackets. This projecting element has a tall pedimented gabled dormer with Palladian window (which has a leaded fan light). In front of the projecting element is one second-story double casement window with leaded diamond lights. The location of this window resting on the first-story band course indicates the stairhall. At the rear of the east side is a one-story, flat roofed rear open entrance porch.

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The west elevation which is shielded by coniferous trees and not particularly visible due to the drop in terrain displays a high above-grade foundation wall, a first-story oriel (which now is supported by tall iron posts), and a pediment dormer with paired sash of leaded lattice lights-over-one. The north or rear elevation of the house shows the attached rear ell with same foundation as the main block and a raised basement door cut into this foundation. There are three first-story windows each with two-over one sash, a single second-story window, and a double sash dormer. The tall brick chimney rising from the rear ell is best seen on the east side.

Unifying details are the wood band courses which wrap around the building at the base (watertable) and the first-story level, and the cornice molding which is further elaborated with a dentil course and a wide rake. The corner tower with turret top is the most intricate part of the design and retains the diminutive pediment dormers with diamond-shaped leaded sash. The wide entablature of the tower between the second-story window and the eave once had a molded plaster decorative trim. This has been reworked with an elaborate decorative stencil pattern.

The interior spaces were altered only slightly in the 1956 conversion from a single-family dwelling to a two-family. A wall was erected in the original entrance hall leading to the two apartments, one on the first floor and one on the second and third floors. The first floor pantry was converted to a bathroom and a second-story rear bedroom was converted to a kitchen. Otherwise the house retains its original plan.

Interior details have been retained throughout the house. A decorative stained wood fireplace wall with roundheaded mirror, bracketed mantel, and overmantel supported by collonettes with wood floral swag details is found in the first floor parlor (now bedroom). Wide wood rounded arches frame the entrances to the first- and second-story parlors built into the tower. Late nineteenth century decorative window and door surrounds also have been retained and add ornamentation to the first and second floor rooms. The heavy oak newel post with beaded detail and the balustrade of the main staircase are retained also as part of the second-story apartment.

Substantial preservation of the building has recently taken place including replacement of intricate plaster detail on the turret with a stencilled facsimile and a complex painting scheme for the entire dwelling, which gives clear definition to the design details. The plaster ornamentation was completely disintegrated. Stencilling was completed as a affordable way in which to evoke a similar effect. When converted to a two-family dwelling in 1956, the porch was altered by the removal of a projecting octagonal end (on the east side), which had been part of the original design and had echoed the corner tower on the southwest end of the main facade.

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Newton (Middlesex County)
MassachusettsSection number 7, 8 Page 3, 1Archaeological Description

While no prehistoric sites are currently recorded on the Maynard House property, it is possible that sites are present. One prehistoric site is recorded in the general area (within one mile). In general, however, the potential for significant prehistoric archaeological remains is low because of the small lot size (.35 acres), historic development on the lot, and because the locational criteria (slope, drainage, distance to water) of the property are not particularly favorable for prehistoric settlement.

A low potential also exists for significant historic archaeological remains on the property. No evidence currently exists for outbuildings, occupational related features, or agricultural use of the area pre-dating house construction on the property. A remote possibility exists for archaeological survivals that indicate that Maynard conducted taxidermy activities or sold naturalist supplies at the house; however, the potential for survivals of these activities at the house is also low.

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8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Charles Maynard House retains its 1897 plan, form and style. It is reflective of late nineteenth and early twentieth century development in Newton neighborhoods subdivided with commodious dwellings of interesting detail. The property is significant for its association with well-known taxidermist and ornithologist Charles Johnson Maynard (1845-1929), who built the house and lived here from 1897 until his death. The building is also important for its high-quality architectural character, a combination of two popular turn-of-the-century styles. Therefore the property meets Criteria A, B, and C of the National Register of Historic Places and is significant at the local level. It retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, and association.

Maynard's parents, Samuel and Emeline Sawyer, married in 1831 and resided on the Maynard Farm, formerly a large farm of Mrs. Maynard's family, where Charles lived as a young boy. Maynard worked as a taxidermist and was a self-taught ornithologist. He had a store and laboratory at 447 Crafts Street (no longer extant) in the 1860s and 1870s. No further information about the store exists.

In 1881 Maynard moved his home and store to Boston and was well known as the Naturalist Bureau. His business, called C.J. Maynard & Co. Publishers, specializing in artistic and scientific taxidermy, was located at 9 Pemberton Square and later at 339 Washington Street. Maynard lectured on ornithology at Massachusetts Agricultural College in Amherst and maintained the LaFresnaye collection of stuffed birds now at the Boston Society of Natural History.

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In 1889 Maynard returned to Newton and lived on Crafts Street near the Waltham line and continued his business of taxidermy, selling naturalist supplies, and teaching courses in ornithology. The exact location is unknown, and City Directories as well as City Atlases do not indicate the residence or store of Charles Maynard, only Gilbert Maynard's extensive farm and farmhouse (no longer extant). In 1895 Charles Maynard's brother's large lot with house and barn was subdivided to form the half-acre lot for the 1897 construction of the Charles Maynard House. Upon returning to Newton, Maynard held bird classes regularly, attracting up to fifty Newton residents per week. In 1908 he began to publish his observations and lectures in the form of small pamphlets called Records, available by subscription. Maynard also was the author of at least eleven books including such titles as Eggs of North American Birds (1890), Birds of North America (1891), Manual of North American Butterflies (1891), Methods of Mass Study in Twelve Lessons (1905), and Warblers of New England (1905).

Maynard lived in his home at 459 Crafts Street until his death in 1929, after which family members lived there until 1953. In 1956 the house was converted to a two-family dwelling with minimal changes made to the overall plan. The house continues to have two dwelling units, one on the first floor and one on the second and third floor.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Charles Maynard House
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Massachusetts

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description

The property at 459 Crafts Street is described on City of Newton's Assessor's Maps as Section 34, Block 04, Lot 06 and is the same as Plan 1658 of 1953 filed at the Middlesex Registry of Deeds, Cambridge Massachusetts and recorded in Book 8141, Page 275.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The Charles Maynard House and lot as shown on City of Newton's Assessor's Maps is the same lot that was subdivided for the construction of this dwelling. The 15,000 square feet have been associated with the dwelling since its construction and is part of a larger subdivision which altered the character of the area from open farm land to suburban subdivision.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Maynard, Charles, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Newton MRA

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 3/05/96 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 3/19/96
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 4/04/96 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/19/96
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 96000364

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 4-4-96 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS: *Entered in the
National Register*

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

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



NEWTON, MA (Middlesex County, MA)
Charles Maynard House
459 Crafts St

Jane Seeks, photographer
1992

Negative located with photographer

Photo # 1 of 6



Newton, MA (Middlesex County MA)
Charles Maynard House
459 Craft St

Jane Saks, photographer

1992

Negative located with photographer

Photo #2 of 6



Newton, MA (Middlesex County, MA)
459 Crafts St

Charles Maynard House

G. Scheele, photographer

1993

Negative located with photographs

Photo #3 of 6



NEWTON, MA (Middlesex County, MA)

Charles Maynard Huse

B. Schuler, 459 Crafts St
Photographer

1993

Negative located with photographer

Photo #4 of 6



NEWTON, MA (Middlesex County, MA)
Charles Maynard House
459 Craft St

G. Schuler, photographer

1993

Negative located with photographer

Photo # 5 of 6



NEWTON, MA (Middlesex County, MA)
Charles Maynard House
459 Crafts St

S. Scheller, photographer

1993

Negative located with photographer

Photo # 6 of 6

BOSTON SOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS



Houghton Garden 42071-C1-TM-025

Boston South

MASSACHUSETTS
EXTENSION TO OLD CHESTNUT HILL RD
1:25 000-scale metric
topographic map
NEWTON (MIDDLESEX) MA

7.5 X 15 MINUTE QUADRANGLE SHOWING

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

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY 1987

Produced by the United States Geological Survey in cooperation with Massachusetts Department of Public Works. Control by USGS, NOS/NOAA, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts agencies. Contours by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1976. Field checked 1979. Map edited 1987. Supplemental Newton and Boston South 1:25,000-scale maps dated 1970. Selected hydrographic data compiled from NOS charts 13270 (1962) and 13272 (1962). 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, unadjusted zone 1927 North American Datum. To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983, move the projection lines 4 meters south and 42 meters west as shown by dashed corner ticks. There may be private subdivisions within the boundaries of the National or State reservations shown on this map.

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THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 2.9 METERS

THIS MAP COMPLES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS

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UTM grid convergence (0°N and 18°W)
at center of map
Diagram is approximate.

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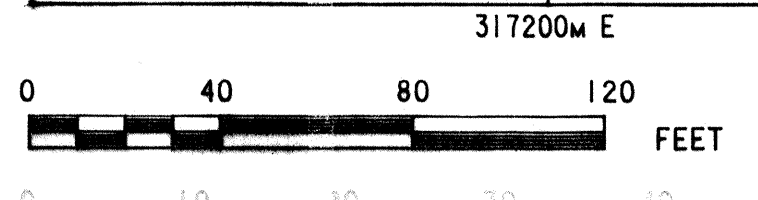
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Topographic Map Symbols

Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface	.....
Unimproved road, soil	.....
Road marker: Interstate, U. S., State	.....
Railroad: standard gage, narrow gage	.....
Bridge: drawbridge	.....
Footbridge: concrete, steel	.....
Build-up area: only selected landmark buildings shown	.....
House: barn; church; school; large structure	.....
Boundary:	.....
Natural, with monument	.....
State	.....
County, parish	.....
Old townsite, precinct, district	.....
Incorporated city, village, town	.....
National or State reservation: small 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	.....
Gas, dam with lock	.....
Cemetery: grave	.....
Campground; picnic area; U. S. location monument	.....
Windmill; water well; spring	.....
Mine shaft; prospect; adit or shaft	.....
Control: horizontal station; vertical station; spot elevation	.....
Contours: index; intermediate; supplementary; depression	.....
Distorted surface: strip mine, lava; sand	.....
Sounding: depth curve	.....
Perennial lake and stream; intermittent lake and stream	.....
Rapids, large and small; falls, large and small	.....
Submerged marsh; marsh, swamp	.....
Land subject to controlled inundation; watercourse	.....
Struck; mangrove
Orchard; vineyard

NEWTON, MA
Charles Maynard House
459 Crafts Street

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CITY OF NEWTON
MASSACHUSETTS

SECTION 21 - 31 - 34
BLOCK 14, 15 - 28 - 4
SCALE 1" = 40'



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

February 27, 1996

Ms. Carol Shull
Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
P. O. Box 37127
Washington, D. C. 20013-7127



Dear Ms. Shull,

Enclosed please find the following nomination form:

Charles Maynard House, 459 Crafts Street, Newton (Middlesex County), Massachusetts
02165

The nomination has been voted eligible by the State Review Board and has been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. The owners of the property were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 60 to 120 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

enclosure

cc: Ms. Jane Saks, 459 Crafts St., Newton
John Rodman, Chairperson, Newton Historical Commission
Cynthia S. Creem, President, Board of Aldermen, City of Newton
Gretchen Schuler, Newton Historical Commission staff