

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
59	4246

Newton, Mass. M.R.A.
Town Newton/Auburndale

Address 2212 Commonwealth Ave

Historic Name none

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 c.1845

Source Jackson Homestead Public.

Style Gothic Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric board & Batten

Outbuildings none

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection(s).
Indicate north

SEE ATTACHED MAP

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

additions: 1875, 1900

Condition Very good

Moved no Date _____

Acreage less than one acre 10,033ft.^{sq.}

Setting sited on low hill, overlooks one of city's major east-west thoroughfares

UTM REFERENCE 19.314420.4690520

USGS QUADRANGLE Natick, Mass.

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Bruce Fernald

Organization Newton Histor. Comm

Date 2/27/80

rev. by H. White 3/86

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

2212 Commonwealth Ave meets Criteria 3 as one of the city's few remaining board and batten type Gothic Revival houses.

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

This well-preserved residence is Auburndale's only surviving Gothic cottage, and one of few remaining in the city as a whole. It bears resemblance to "Design VII" in The Architecture of Country Houses, by A.J. Downing. The overall picturesque quality of this small residence is achieved by the use of board and batten siding, a crenellated enclosed porch and wood brackets at the lateral eaves. The ell was added in 1875 and remodelled in 1900 at the time the dormer windows were added.

The house is picturesquely sited on a tree-shaded slope.

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

As of 1980 this house was owned by a descendant of Nathan Mossman, the owner during the latter part of the 19th century. Mossman was Newton's overseer of the poor.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

City Atlases: 1874, 1886, 1895, 1907.
City Directories: 1868, 1881, 1889.
Friends of Jackson Homestead: Newton's Older Houses: Auburndale (n.p.)
Interview with Mrs. Paul Henrich.

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

61. House at 170 Otis Street

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 9/4/8662. House at 173--175 Ward
StreetEntered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 9/4/8663. House at 203 Islington
RoadEntered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 9/4/8664. House at 215 Brookline
StreetEntered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 9/4/8665. House at 2212 Commonwealth
AvenueEntered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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Delores Byers 9/4/8666. House at 230 Melrose
StreetEntered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 9/4/8667. House at 230 Winchester
StreetEntered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 9/4/86

68. House at 3 Davis Avenue

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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Delores Byers 9/4/8669. House at 307 Lexington
StreetEntered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 9/4/86

70. House at 309 Waltham Street

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 9/4/86

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House at 2212 Commonwealth Avenue (Newton
MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 7-23-86
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87
Date Due: 8/21/86 - 8/9/86
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 9-4-86
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

marked in the
National Register

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

Federal Agency: _____

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

Reviewer's comments:

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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ excellent | ☐ deteriorated |
| ☐ good | ☐ ruins |
| ☐ fair | ☐ unexposed |

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ 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: _____



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- 2212 Commonwealth Ave,
Auburndale MR-A-5 (16) -



Newton, Mass. MRA

House at

- 2212 Commonwealth Ave, Aub. -
MR-A-5 (14)



City of Newton Assessor's Maps. Sheet **38**
 Metric Series. 1979
 Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

Newton, Mass. M.R.A.
 2212 Commonwealth Avenue, Auburndale
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Stanley Kruszewski
2212 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02166

May 5, 1986

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MASS. HIST. COMM.

Ms. Valerie Talmage
Executive Director
State Historic Preservation Officer
Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116

Re: Newton Multiple Resource Area

Dear Ms. Talmage:

Thank you for your letter of April 18, 1986.

I wholeheartedly and enthusiastically support the listing of 2212 Commonwealth Avenue, Auburndale, which is our home, on the National Register. We hope for favorable consideration from the State Review Board in making this nomination.

Through our research on the house we have learned much about the history and development of the area. As a landmark on a busy street, the house stands in continuous testimony to the design and craftsmanship of a century and a half ago.

I encourage your endeavors in preservation and wish you well.

Sincerely,

Stanley Kruszewski
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