

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Photos

- 71:2A south facade, original core
- 71:7 summer at chimney girt, 2nd floor, southeast corner room
- 71:11 summer at end girt, 1st floor, southeast corner room
- 71:15 joint of rear girt, chimney girt and chimney post, 1st floor, southeast corner room

Town Newton (Chestnut Hill) 017

Address 9 Old Orchard Road

Historic Name Hammond House

Use: Present Residence

Original Residence (farm house)

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1700-1720

Source Visual analysis

Style First Period

Architect None

Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboards (wide)

Outbuildings attached garage, 20th c.

Major Alterations (with dates) Enlarged to 2-cell house before 1700; rear lean-to ca. 1750-1800; east & west wings and ells, altered front door surround, added windows to south facade, all ca. 1930.

Condition Good

Moved No Date N/A

Acreage 26,300 square feet

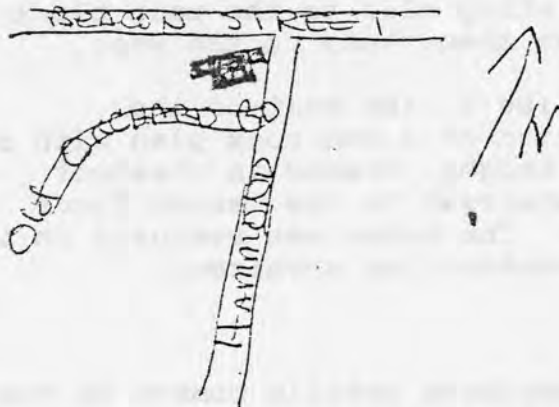
Setting Faces south at slight angle to Old Orchard Rd; neighborhood is 20th c. residential development. On corner of Beacon and Hammond Sts. across from Boston College campus.

Recorded by Kathryn Cavanaugh

Organization Boston University

Date December 1985

Sketch Map:



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UTM REFERENCE 19 / 320-900 / 4688-730

USGS QUADRANGLE Newton (now Boston South)

SCALE 1:25,000

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SIGNIFICANCE

The Hammond house retains integrity of location, materials and workmanship in its First Period core, making it eligible under Criterion C. It represents a rare survival of a First Period one-cell house which was enlarged to a 2-room chimney plan also during the First Period. It is believed to be the oldest house in Newton, and the only building in the community thus far determined to have First Period characteristics. The acquisition of lean-to and wings in the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries is a typical illustration of the growth of many early farmhouses.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The Hammond House has undergone numerous changes since its original construction sometime between 1700 and 1720, and today the exterior gives little evidence of its First Period core.

The main block of the Hammond House is a 2 1/2 story, 5 bay, central chimney structure of two room plan, sheathed in clapboards, with asphalt-shingle roof. Windows are 6/6 or 6/9; the fenestration pattern of two windows on either side of the central doorway is not original to the building, as is clear from an SPNEA photo (dating from the early 20th century) of the house. The photo shows one window on either side of the doorway. The doorway features side pilasters and a pedimented entablature, reminiscent of the Greek Revival style but dating from renovations done c. 1919-1930.

The building's former saltbox profile (lean-to to rear/north added c. 1750-1800) is now obscured by additions dating from 1930 -- 2 1/2 story wings to the east west, which connect 2 story ells to the main block; the east wing and ell are slightly larger than those to the west.

The oldest part of the house (c. 1700) lies to the east of the entranceway. It was originally constructed on a one room plan with end chimney (to the west), 2 1/2 stories in height, framed in chestnut timbers. A lobby entrance contained a stairway to the second floor (current staircase is not First Period). The house was restored in the 1920's by Joseph Everett Chandler, the restoration architect.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

The original east section of the house exhibits details common in the late 17th and early 18th centuries. The first floor room contains a 12" wide longitudinal summer beam featuring beveled chamfers and lamb's tongue stops and pips. All girts are also bevel-chamfered with lamb's tongue stops and pips. Ceilings and walls are now plastered and papered, so no joists or studs are visible. (The house is reputed to

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have had brick wall infill, discovered during restoration work in the 1920's by Joseph Everett Chandler, the restoration architect). The fireplace is large, with an opening measuring approximately seven feet wide by four feet high by two and a half feet deep, and features a beehive oven in the left rear corner. Floorboards have been replaced, and window openings rearranged (contemporary with 1930 additions) -- the outline of one former window opening in the east wall is visible below the wallpaper.

On the second floor, framing members are also exposed; the summer beam features a beveled chamfer and simple tapered stop at the chimney end, but no stop at the opposite end, while the plates all exhibit beveled chamfers and lamb's tongue stops. The exposed posts are undecorated. The fireplace here is small -- the opening measures approximately four feet wide and 2 1/2 feet high.

LATER SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

The first addition to this core, also 2 1/2 stories tall, 1 bay wide and one room deep, erected to the west and creating a "full" house of central chimney, two-room plan, probably occurred shortly after 1700. Although all exposed framing members (of oak, this time) are boxed, pre-1919 photographs of this part of the house reveal a beveled chamfer and lamb's tongue stops on the longitudinal summer beam, similar to that in the original core.

The frame of the fireplace (east) wall of the second floor room contains mortises and peg holes in both chimney post and chimney girt (northeast corner) for diagonal rising braces, indicating that this was once an exterior wall -- and providing evidence that the west end is probably not part of the original construction. The fireplaces in this half of the main block are smaller than those in the original part -- that on the first floor measures roughly 4 feet wide by 2 feet high by 1 1/2 feet deep, while that on the second floor is slightly smaller.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The 1920's restoration by the noted early restoration architect Joseph Everett Chandler and the 1930 additions by Harold Field Kellog, a little-known but active Boston architect, are examples of the common Colonial Revival method of restoring and enlarging early houses.

The house has important associations with the Hammond family, prominent figures in the early settlement and development of the Chestnut Hill area of Newton. Thomas Hammond, the original owner of the land, was one of Newton's first settlers, arriving in the 1640's. From deeds of Suffolk and Middlesex Counties we learn that between 1650 and 1658 he acquired large parcels of land, totaling nearly 1,000 acres, which his

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family farmed for nearly two centuries. Nearby Hammond Street -- laid out by 1658 -- and Hammond Pond were named for the family and are well-known features of the community.

The house has been assigned dates ranging from 1645 to 1730 in various histories of Newton. A title search for the property reveals that three dwelling houses stood on Thomas Hammond's land when he died in 1675; furthermore, the will of his son, also named Thomas, mentions "the old house" as well as a newer house on the property at his death in 1720. Physical evidence, however, indicates a post-1700 construction date for this building. With this in mind, stylistic evidence suggests that the current structure, while undoubtedly First Period, is the newer house referred to in Thomas Hammond's will of 1720, probably built between 1700-1720.

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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR
State _____

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 91. Bullard, Isaac, House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Melrose Byers 3/9/90
Attest _____
- 5-92. Foster, Samuel, House **Substantive Review** Keeper Beth J. Savage 3/9/90
Attest _____
- 93. Gardner, Addington, House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Melrose Byers 3/9/90
Attest _____
- 94. Green House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Melrose Byers 3/9/90
Attest _____
- 5-95. Hammond House **Substantive Review** Keeper Beth J. Savage 3/9/90
Entered in the National Register Attest _____
- 96. Hapgood House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Melrose Byers 3/9/90
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- 97. Hill, Abraham, House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Melrose Byers 3/9/90
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- 98. Hill, Deacon Samuel, House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Melrose Byers 3/9/90
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- 99. Hopstill Bent Tavern **Substantive Review** Keeper Beth J. Savage 3/9/90
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- 100. Hosmer, Joseph, House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Melrose Byers 3/9/90
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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90000175 Date Listed: 03/09/90

Hammond House
Property Name

Middlesex
County

MA
State

First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

for Betty L. Savage
Signature of the Keeper

03/09/90
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Geographical Data: Acreage

The correct acreage is <1.

This information has been confirmed with Ann Tait, MASHPO, by telephone.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Hammond House

MULTIPLE NAME: First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 1/24/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 2/07/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/23/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/10/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000175

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: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 3/9/90 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept C+O
REVIEWER Swiss
DISCIPLINE Architectural History
DATE 3/9/90

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

CLASSIFICATION

___ count ___ resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___ historic ___ current

DESCRIPTION

___ architectural classification
___ materials
___ descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___ acreage ___ verbal boundary description
___ UTMs ___ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___ sketch maps ___ USGS maps ___ photographs ___ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Hammond House

9 Old Orchard

Newton (Cherry Hill)

1st Period Buildings of E. Mass., TR

Exterior

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Hammond House
9 Old Orchard
Newton (Chestnut Hill)

Summer at Cheneyport
1st Period Buildings of E. Ma, TR

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Newton (Chestnut Hill), MA

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2nd floor SE corner room
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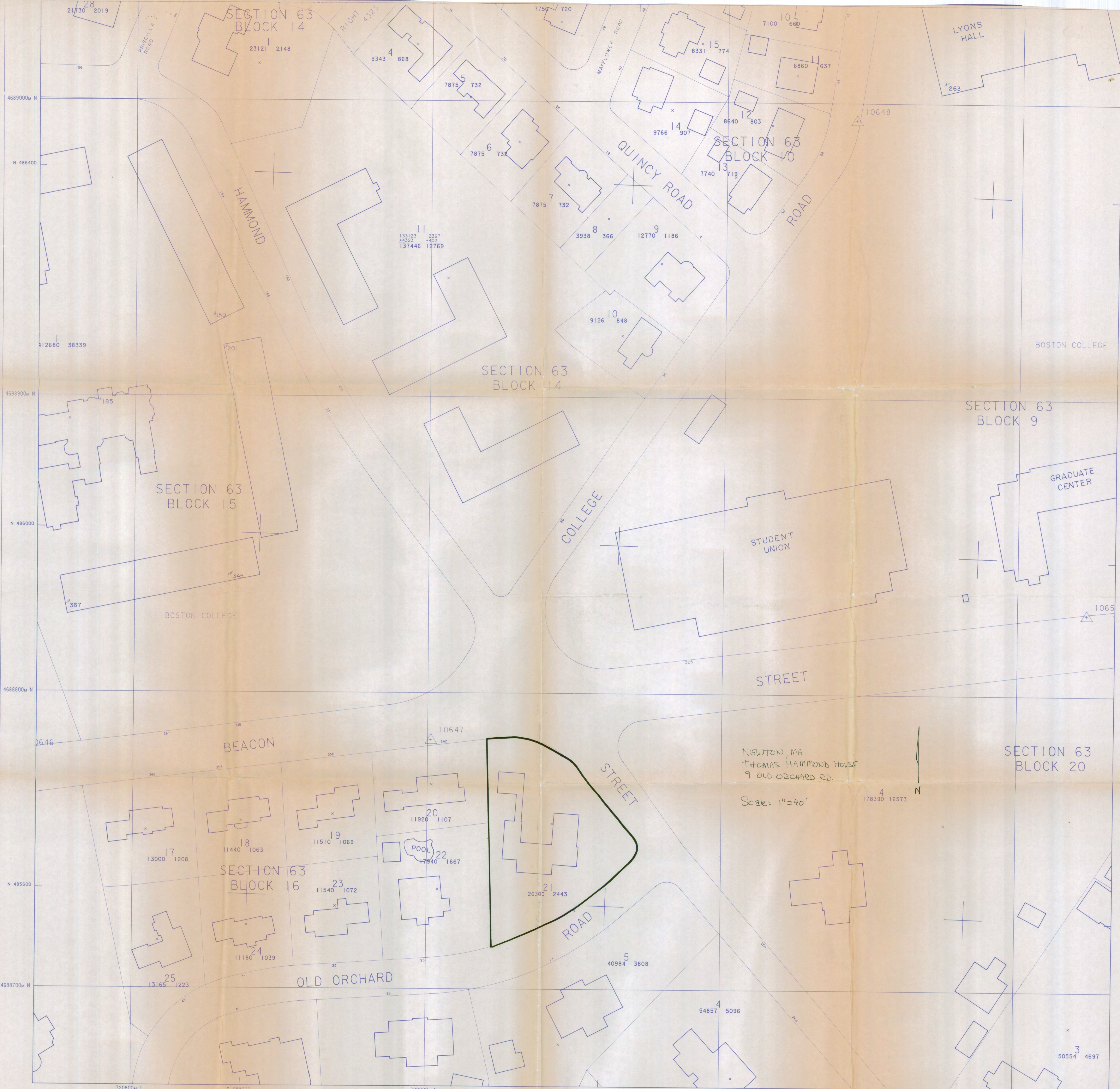
Newton (Chestnut Hill)

1st Period Building of B. No. 12

1st floor SE room, detail
chimney girt + post

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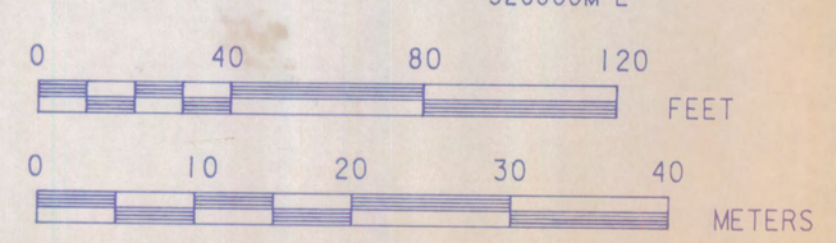
SECTION 63
BLOCK 20

NEWTON, MA
THOMAS HAMMOND HOUSE
9 OLD ORCHARD RD.

Scale: 1"=40'

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CITY OF NEWTON
MASSACHUSETTS



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SCALE 1"=40'
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Multiple Property Cover Sheet
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