

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	1146

Newton, Mass. MRA

Town Newton (Newton Corner)

Address 11 Thornton Street

Historic Name Joshua Jennison 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 circa 1840s

Source Jackson Homestead Public.

Style Greek Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings garage

Major Alterations (with dates) ells

added during 19th century

Condition Very good

Moved no Date

Acreage less than one acre; 5300' sq.

Setting suburban residential in
densely built area along narrow
street

Recorded by K. Hatch

Organization Newton Historical Comm.

Date 2/77; rev. by H. White 3/86

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)

UTM REFERENCE 19.319650.4691610

USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON, MASS.

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Joshua Jennison House is an exceptionally well-preserved, modest local interpretation of the Greek Revival style 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.

This front-gabled Greek Revival style house has a flush-boarded facade and the entrance is offset to the right with sidelights and cornerboards in the surround. Other typical features include the Doric corner pilasters and fully articulated entablature, and pedimented front gable. A two-sided veranda, extending across the facade and south elevation is supported by fluted Doric columns.

The Greek temple was the model for houses of this type. Its triangular pediment and columned portico were copied for residential designs. This "temple" form necessitated the rearrangement of the traditional orientation of the house, so that its narrow, gabled end faced the street. The main entrance was shifted to the edge of the facade and opened into a hall that ran along the side of the building. These two changes produced the front-

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

Owned by Joshua Jenison (or Jennison) in 1855, this front-gabled Greek Revival style house remains a well-preserved example of a house type once found in large numbers in Newton. Joshua Jenison was a member of a family which first came to the city in 1795. Joshua was a soap manufacturer with a factory at the nearby corner of School and Pearl Streets. He was an original member of the Eliot Church. (Thornton Street was formerly part of School Street).

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Friends of the Jackson Homestead. Newton's Older Houses: Newton Corner & Nonantum. (1976), pp. 56-57.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

Form No:

Newton (Newton Corner) 1146

Property Name: Jennison House

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

Newton, Mass. 1870

Architectural Significance:

gabled, side hall house type that remained in vogue for the rest of the nineteenth century.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

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

For NPS use only

received

7/23/86

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

Page

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

Nomination/Type of Review

Entered in the
National Register

Date/Signature

81. Hyde, Gershom, House

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

82. Jackson House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

83. Jackson, Samuel, Jr.,
House

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

84. Jennison, Joshua, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

85. Judkins, Amos, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

86. King House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/4/86

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87. Kingsbury House

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National Register

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88. Kistler House

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National Register

for Keeper

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89. Merriam, Galen, House

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National Register

for Keeper

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90. Mount Pleasant

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National Register

for Keeper

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Jennison, Joshua, House (Newton MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. JUL 23 1986
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87
Date Due: 8/21/86 - 9/6/86
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 9-4-86
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

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

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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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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	☐ 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: _____

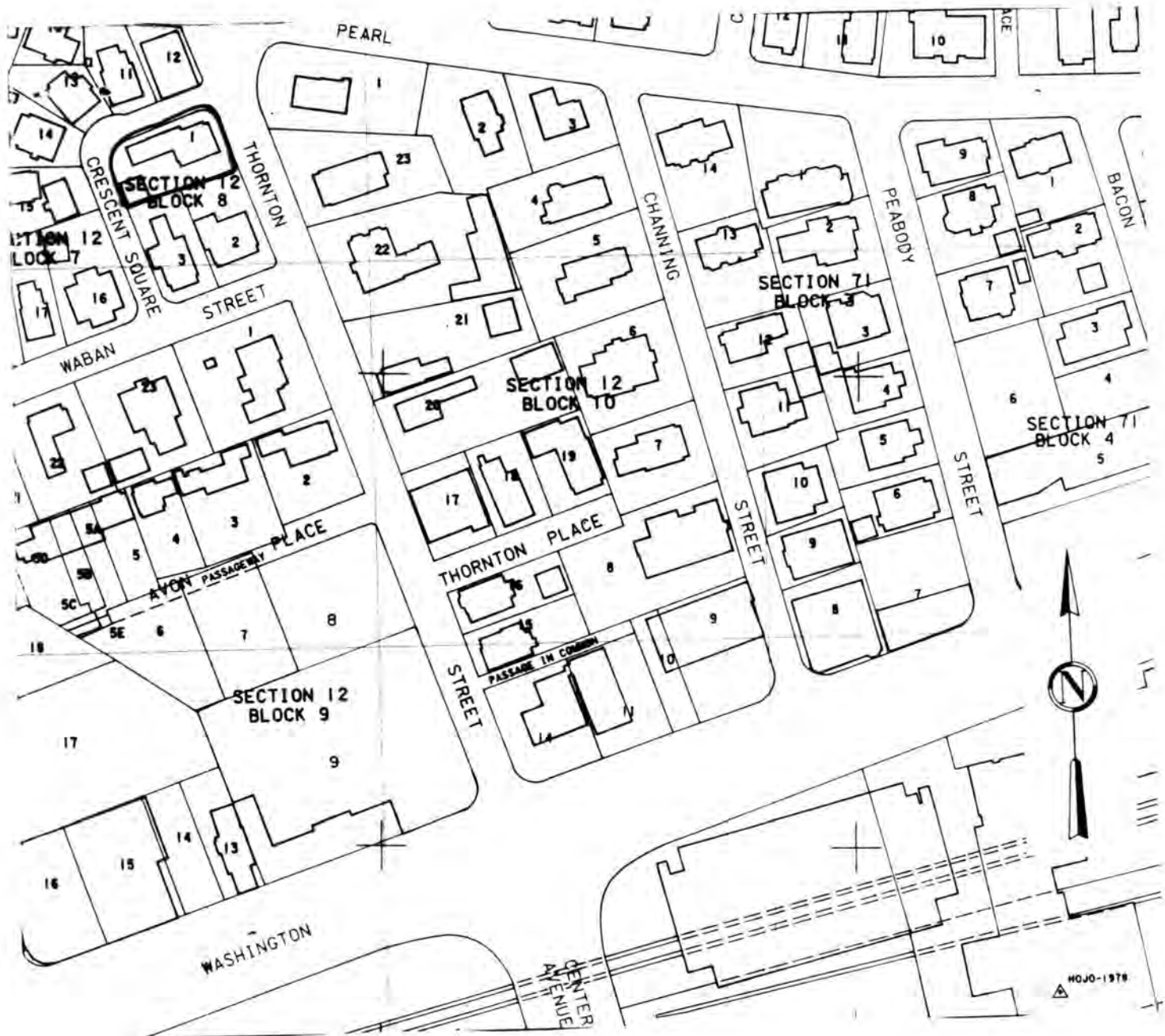


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MRA

Jennison, Joshua, House

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- 77-A-11 (12) -



City of Newton Assessor's Maps. Sheet **20**
 Metric Series. 1979
 Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

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