

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	1029

Newton, Mass. M.R.A.
Town Newton (Newton Corner)

Address 81-83 Gardner Street

Historic Name none

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date mid-nineteenth century

Source Atlas, Directories

Style vernacular

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition Very good

Moved no Date _____

Acreage 4870 sq. ft. *less than one acre*

Setting urban residential along side street near Watertown line.

Recorded by K. Hatch

Organization Newton Historical Comm.

Date 2/77; rev. by H. White

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

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 19.319420.4691840

USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON, MASS.

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The house at 81-83 Gardner Street is an excellent example of a small, end-gabled workers' cottage which appeared in Newton by the 1830s and continued to be built for several decades after the Civil War. Therefore it meets Criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

The house at 81-83 Gardner Street is a well-preserved early worker's cottage. This house type is found in other Boston area communities, such as Cambridge and in early industrial villages throughout southern New England, but Newton Corner has a relatively large number of examples as does the village of Nonantum. This house is located in a cluster of early workers' housing in the Gardner and School Streets neighborhood. The absence of ornamental detailing is typical of modest workers' housing.

This structure is a side-entered double house, with its gable end to the street. It is typical of the small, plain, inexpensive yet soundly built cottages that prevailed during the second half of the nineteenth century. A pair of windows lights the upper bedroom level of the house, with its kneewall construction.

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

Modest 1½-story cottages such as this one were associated for the most part with the Irish workmen who moved to Newton Corner just prior to the Civil War. Thomas Dunn, a gardner, resided in this house until ca. 1900.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Atlases 1907, 1895, 1886, 1874.
Directories 1873-1868
O.H.Bailey. View of Newton, Mas. (1878)

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

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Newton MRA
State Middlesex County, MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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| 71. House at 31 Woodbine Street | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> 9/4/86 |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 72. House at 41 Middlesex Road | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> 9/4/86 |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 73. House at 47 Sargent Street | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> 9/4/86 |
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Street | Entered in the
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| 75. House at 60 William Street | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> 9/4/86 |
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| 76. House at 68 Maple Street | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> 9/4/86 |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 77. House at 729 Dedham Street | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> 9/4/86 |
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| 78. House at 81--83 Gardner
Street | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> 9/4/86 |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 79. Hyde House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> 9/4/86 |
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| 80. Hyde, Eleazer, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> 9/4/86 |
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House at 81--83 Gardner Street (Newton MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: JUL 23 1986 2/3/87
Date Due: 8/21/86 - 9/10/86
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
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	

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: _____



Newton, Mass. MRA

House at

- 81-83 Gardner St, Newton Corner -
77-A-31 (6A-7)



City of Newton Assessor's Maps. Sheet 19
 Metric Series. 1979
 Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

Newton, Mass. M.R.A.
 81-83 Gardner Street, Newton Corner
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