

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA FORM NO.

148

NC-113

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

Address 56 Cedar StreetHistoric Name Edward Parsons 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 dwellingOriginal dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date 1877Source Water RecordsStyle Stick StyleArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric clapboardOutbuildings garage

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

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

Condition Very good

(SEE ATTACHED MAP)

Moved no Date _____Acreage 19,710 sq. ft. *less than one acre*Setting Suburban residentialUTM REFERENCE 19.318850.4689470USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON, MASS.SCALE 1.25.000Recorded by Archit. Pres. Assocs.Organization Newton Historical Comm.Date 5/83; rev. 3/86 by H.White

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Edward Parsons house is a rare example in Newton of the Stick Style as it was miniaturized for small dwellings 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.

Although Stick Style houses are not found in great number in the vicinity of Newton Centre, the Edward Parsons residence is an unusual and distinctive example. A jerkin head facade gable and patterned stick work and bracing in the gable are characteristic of the style. The cross-gable and facade gable are decorated with elaborate carved bargeboards trimmed with rosettes. Chamfered posts, also decorated with brackets and rosettes, support the porch roof.

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

Edward Parsons, listed as a "gentleman" in the City Directories, was the original owner of this house. Cedar Street was probably laid out during the 1850s, although it was not accepted by the City until 1878.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Atlases: 1907, 1895, 1886, 1874

Directory: 1907

Assessed Polls : 1891

Newton's 19th Century Architecture: Newton Centre, Oak Hill, Chestnut Hill.

Newton Historical Commission, 1985, p. 54.

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

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

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

91. Needham Street Bridge

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 9/4/86

Attest

92. Newton Street Railway
CarbarnEntered in the
National Register

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93. Nichols House

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94. Old Shepard Farm

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95. Page, H.P., House

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96. Parsons, Edward, House

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National Register

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Melvyn Byers 9/4/86

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97. Peabody--Williams House

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National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 9/4/86

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98. Potter Estate

Entered in the
National Register

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Melvyn Byers 12/23/81

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99. Prescott Estate

Entered in the
National Register

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100. Railroad Hotel

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National Register

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Parsons, Edward, House (Newton MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: JUL 23 1986 2/3/37
Date Due: 8/24/86 - 9/6/86
Action: ACCEPT 9-4-86
RETURN
REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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

Entered in the
National Register

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	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 _____

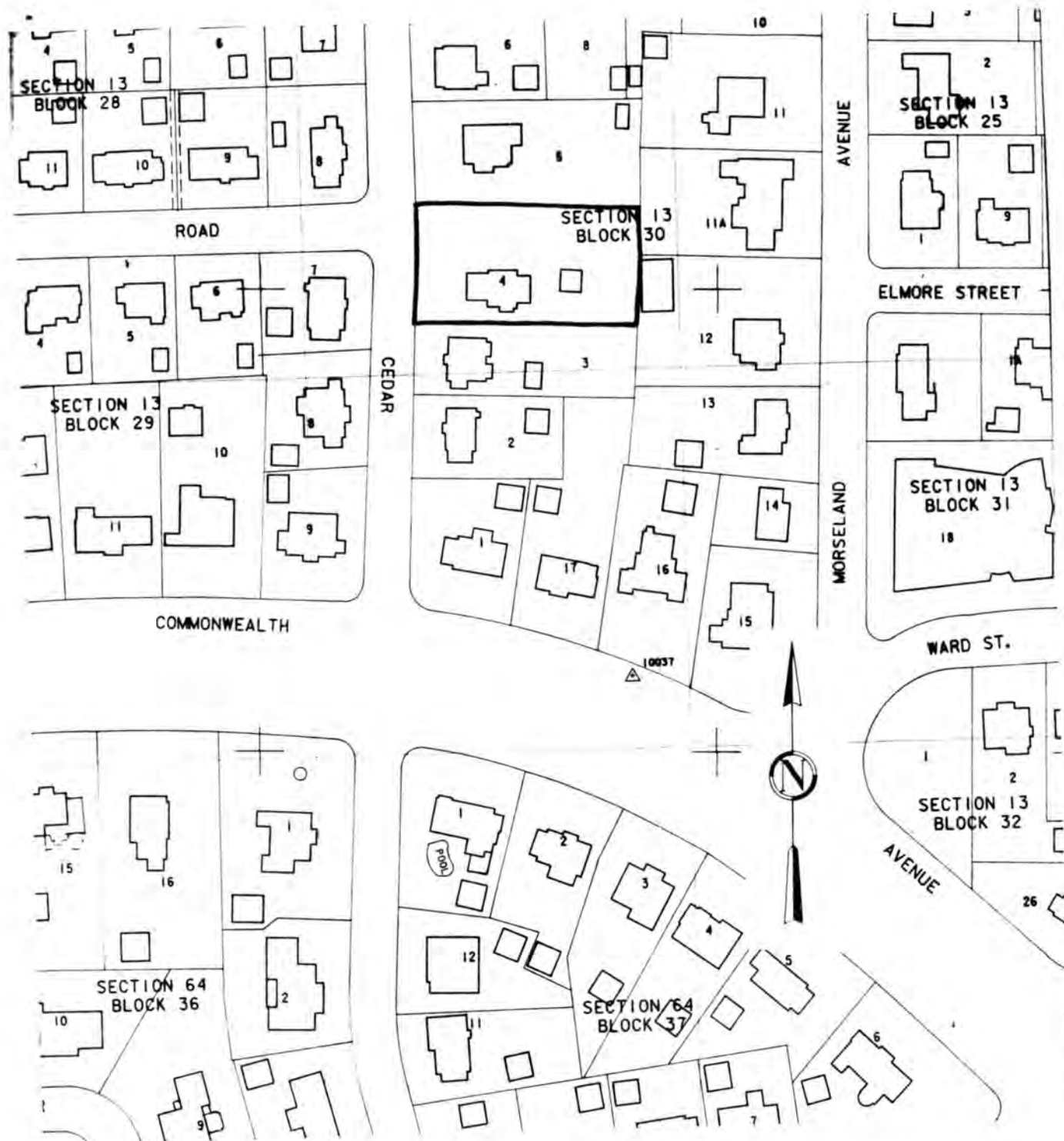
Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Pearsons, Edward, House

Newton, Mass. MRA

- 56 Cedar St, Newton Centre -
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City of Newton Assessor's Maps. Sheet 73
Metric Series. 1979
Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

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56 Cedar Street, Newton Centre
Edward Parsons House
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