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FORM NO.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

NC-0135

Town Newton (Newton Centre)Address 145 Warren StreetHistoric Name William L. Church HouseUse: Present residentialOriginal same

DESCRIPTION

Date 1916Source Building permitStyle BungalowArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric banded shingleOutbuildings garage-NC

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

window sash- c1950?Condition goodMoved no Date n/aAcreage 22,383 sq.ft./ c .51 acresSetting quiet residential neighborhoodRecorded by Candace Jenkins/Susan AbeleOrganization Newton Historical Comm.Date June, 1988Photo (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 northUTM REFERENCE 19/319590 14688490USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTONSCALE 1:25000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The William L. Church House possesses integrity of location, design, materials (except for some window sash), setting, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a representation of Newton's early 20th century growth which resulted in infill of established areas as well as in the creation of new subdivisions. It is also important as an exceptionally detailed Craftsman style bungalow, surpassed locally only by the Goodbar House (NV-085). It thus meets criteria A and C of the NRHP.

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

The Church House is a well-detailed example of a Craftsman style bungalow which adheres to the prescribed one story height unlike many other examples in the city. It is built on a rectangular plan with some squared projecting window bays and a projecting entry porch. It is sheathed with the banded shingles popular for this style, and its low pitched hip roof is covered with tiles. The entrance porch displays rusticated brick piers and heavy carved struts to support the overhanging roof. An original built-in bench remains between the porch and the balancing window bay to the right. The major alteration to the house has occurred in this window bay where original vertically aligned sash with transoms has been replaced by horizontal louvers; fortunately this is a change that could easily be restored. Original sash, some with stained glass transoms, remains on the side elevations. Small, multi-pane sash remains in the gabled dormers.

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

Mr. and Mrs. William Lee Church were the original owners of the bungalow at 145 Warren Street which was built in 1916. The architect and builder of the house are unknown, but it may be that Mr. Church who graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute as a mechanical and hydraulic engineer had some hand in its design. Before coming to Newton, Mr. Church worked for the firm of Westinghouse, Church and Kerr Company of New York, and then in Boston for Lockwood-Green Company. (The Lockwood-Green Company was responsible for the design of the Gamewell Company buildings in Newton Upper Falls.) He was also President for a time of the Ambursen Hydraulic Construction Company of Boston. Church and his wife Sarah had one son, Burr Alden Church who became a photographer and a niece, Miss Dai Buell, a music teacher and concert pianist, who lived with them. The house is said to be designed with proper accoustics for the piano for the use of Miss Buell. Sarah Church died in 1922 within days of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. William, who was listed as an "old resident" of Newton Centre died in 1927 at the age of 77. The early picture of the house can be dated to the 1940s due to the Red Cross sign in the front window.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Building Department Records: 145 Warren Street
City Directories and Atlases, VF-Jackson Homestead
Newton Graphic 27 May 1927



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145 Warren St.
Newton Centre

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Newton MRA
State Middlesex County, MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

161. Second Church of Newton **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Melrose Byers 2/16/90

Attest _____

162. Stratton, Edward B., House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Melrose Byers 2/16/90

Attest _____

163. Towle, Loren, Estate **National Register** Keeper Melrose Byers 2/16/90

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164. Waban Branch Library **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Melrose Byers 2/16/90

Attest _____

165. Walker Home for Missionary Children **Substantive Review** Keeper _____

Attest _____

166. Warren, Levi, Jr., High School **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Melrose Byers 2/16/90

Attest _____

167. Boston College Main Campus **Substantive Review** Keeper dit.

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168. Church, William L., House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Melrose Byers 2/21/90

Attest _____

169. Farlow Hill Historic District **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Melrose Byers 2/21/90

Attest _____

170. Newton Cottage Hospital Historic District **Substantive Review** Keeper Billy J. Savage 2/21/90

Attest _____

5th Review
2-23/90

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Church, William L., House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Newton MRA
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 1/09/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/24/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/09/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/23/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000112

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: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 2/21/90 DATE

Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

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
___ UTM's ___ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___ sketch maps ___ USGS maps ___ photographs ___ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Church, William L., House
Newton MA, Ma



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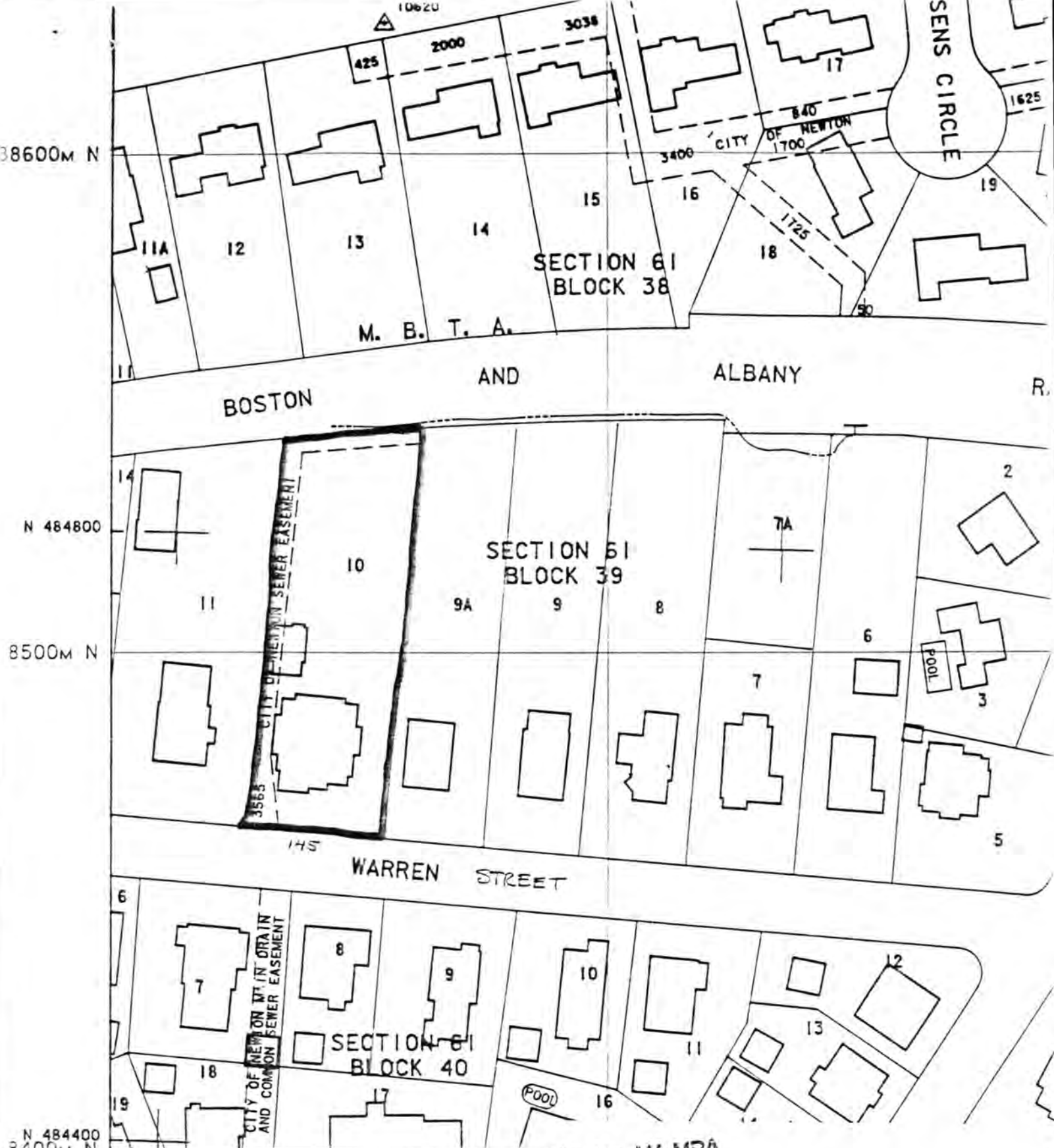
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