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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

WN-0121

NEWTON, MA MRA

Town Newton (West Newton)

Address 19 Dartmouth Street

Historic Name Thomas A. Crimmins House

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date 1910-1911

Source Building Dept. records/Directories

Style Colonial Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric brick

Outbuildings matching garage-C

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition excellent

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage 81,758 sq.ft. C 1.9A

Setting residential- corner of Commonwealth  
Avenue and Dartmouth Street

Recorded by Candace Jenkins/Susan Abele

Organization Newton Historical Comm.

Date 6/1987; rev. 3/1988

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 19/316570 /4689570

USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON

SCALE 1:25000

## **NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)**

The Thomas A. Crimmins House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as one of the finest Georgian Revival style houses in the city whose massive size and brick construction belies its early date. It is also representative of Newton's early 20th century suburban growth which resulted in infill of established areas as well as in development of new subdivisions. It meets criteria A & C of the NRHP.

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

The Thomas A. Crimmins House is an estate quality example of the Georgian Revival style. It consists of a nearly square 2 and 1/2 story main block enclosed by a slate hip roof, and a large 2 and 1/2 story rear wing. The house is trimmed with brick quoins and a modillion cornice. It has two major elevations--one facing Dartmouth Street and the other facing Commonwealth Avenue. The Commonwealth Avenue elevation has two bay projecting end pavilions flanking a recessed center section with two monumental Tuscan columns. The Dartmouth Street elevation is somewhat simpler with a quatrastyle portico reaching out to the curving drive. Windows are simply framed and contain 6/6 sash. As is the case with many quality houses constructed of brick, this one is laid up in Flemish bond. A matching garage stands to the rear.

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

Wool merchant Thomas A. Crimmins owned a large lot on Dartmouth Street as early as 1907 but did not build until 1910-11. The Crimmins house was one of a number of large houses built on the south slope of West Newton Hill after the construction of Commonwealth Avenue, but there are few building permits from this period and the architect of the house is unknown. Crimmins lived at 19 Dartmouth Street until 1940. In 1960 the estate was acquired by the Archbishop of Boston, Richard Cardinal Cushing, for occupancy by the Dominican Sisters. In 1966 it was taken over by the Bishop of Melkite Catholics of the United States as the Bishop's residence.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Building Department Records: 19 Dartmouth Street  
City Directories and Atlases, *Beautiful Newton*

NEWTON, MASS. - MRA : PHOTOGRAPH FROM BEAUTIFUL NEWTON, NEWTON  
GRAPHIC PUBLISHING CO., NEWTON, MASS., n.d.



RESIDENCE OF THOMAS V. CRIMMINS, DARTMOUTH STREET, WEST NEWTON.

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

Section number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Newton MRA  
State Middlesex County, MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 141. Crimmins, Thomas A., House  
Entered in the National Register  
Keeper Melores Byers 2/16/90  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 142. Eddy, George W., House  
Entered in the National Register  
Keeper Melores Byers 2/16/90  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 143. Goodbar, Lafayette, House  
Entered in the National Register  
Keeper Melores Byers 2/16/90  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 144. Hammond, E. C., House  
Entered in the National Register  
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- 145. Harriman, Henry I., House  
Entered in the National Register  
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- 146. Harrison, C. Lewis, House  
Entered in the National Register  
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- 147. Hayward, Fred R., House  
Entered in the National Register  
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- 148. Hopewell, Frank B., House  
Entered in the National Register  
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- 149. Howes, C. G., Dry Cleaning--Carley  
Real Estate  
Entered in the National Register  
Keeper Melores Byers 2/16/90  
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- 150. Kessler, William F., House  
Entered in the National Register  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Crimmins, Thomas A., House

MULTIPLE NAME: Newton MRA

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 1/02/90      DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/16/90  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/02/90      DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/16/90  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000021

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    2/16/90 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

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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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

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps       USGS maps       photographs       presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Thomas A. Cummings House  
19 Dartmouth St -  
Newton, MA

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C. Jenkins

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neg. @ Jackson Homestead  
new - west

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19 Dartmouth Street  
 SBL: 32-29-12

Engineering Map - 1979  
 Scale: 1"=1000" Reduced 64%  
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