

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	0H-7

Town Newton, Mass. M.R.A.
Newton / Oak Hill

Address 215 Brookline Street

Historic Name none

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 1693

Source marriage date

Style Georgian N.E. saltbox

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings garage

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition very good

Moved no Date

Acreage 17,900 square feet *less than one acre*

Setting faces north on slight rise

lower than road

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 19.320540.4685350

USGS QUADRANGLE Newton, Mass.

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Archit. Pres. Assocs.

Organization Newton Hist. Comm.

Date 6/83, rev. 3/86

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable) 215 Brookline St meets criterion C as a good example of a highly developed vernacular Georgian farmhouse. Because of its association with Thomas Hastings (1671-1737) who was active in local affairs, this structure meets Criterion B.

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

This is a good example of the highly developed Georgian vernacular tradition. Built of narrow clapboards, facing north, an uncommon practice, it is symmetrical under its low pitched gable roof. The five-bay, 2-story dwelling has a saltbox extension to the rear. The door surround is simple but refined: delicate pilasters displaying entasis support a low entablature with a frieze, windows are simply paired, contain 12/12 sash, and on the 2nd floor are framed into the cornice.

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

Thomas Hastings (1671-1737) originally from Watertown, married Sarah Tarbell of Newton in 1693 and probably built this house at that time. An active man in town affairs, Thomas served as Surveyor of highways 1716, Hogrieve 1722, and signed a petition to the General Court for a meeting house more accessible to residents of the south section of Newton in 1713.

In his will dated March 8, 1736, Thomas is described as a husbandman with an estate of a house, barn and 34 acres. The members of his family are listed as Sarah, wife, Sarah Pond and Mary Dibe married daughters, and David, Josiah and Ebenezer, sons. An inventory taken at the time of his death listed the household items as well as the farming tools and livestock. His sons, laborers, sold the farm in 1760 to a housewright, Samuel Richardson. The ownership changed several times until 1874 when John Schworer, a farmer bought the same property with 36 acres and remained there until 1949.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Ritter and Fleishman. Biographical Dictionary/Directory 1669-1779
Bond. Genealogy & History of Watertown

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

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Continuation sheet

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

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

61. House at 170 Otis Street

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 9/4/8662. House at 173--175 Ward
StreetEntered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 9/4/8663. House at 203 Islington
RoadEntered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 9/4/8664. House at 215 Brookline
StreetEntered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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Delores Byers 9/4/8665. House at 2212 Commonwealth
AvenueEntered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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Delores Byers 9/4/8666. House at 230 Melrose
StreetEntered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 9/4/8667. House at 230 Winchester
StreetEntered in the
National Register

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Delores Byers 9/4/86

68. House at 3 Davis Avenue

Entered in the
National Register

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Delores Byers 9/4/8669. House at 307 Lexington
StreetEntered in the
National Register

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Delores Byers 9/4/86

70. House at 309 Waltham Street

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Delores Byers 9/4/86

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House at 215 Brookline Street (Newton MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: JUL 23 1986 12/3/37
Date Due: 8/21/86 - 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

- ☐ excellent ☐ deteriorated
☐ good ☐ ruins
☐ fair ☐ unexposed

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ 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: _____



215 Brookline St, Oak Hill

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House at

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