

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
166	N2-403

Town Newton, Mass. M.R.A.
Newton (Newton Centre)
Address 85 Langley Road
Historic Name Jonas Salisbury 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 dwelling
Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date 1847
Source unpubl. manuscript, Jackson Homestead
Style Greek Revival
Architect Henry Fuller of Newton
Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard
Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) rear ell, front porch, door surround possibly altered
Condition good

Moved no Date _____
Acreage 16,126 square feet *less than one acre*
Setting On early road, near town center, adjacent to later RR tracks

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 19.319430.4688450
USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON, MASS.
SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Archit. Pres. Assoc.
Organization Newton Hist. Comm.
Date 5/15/83, rev. 3/86 by H. White

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

Criterion 3 is met by the rare survival of the original building contract for this house between Henry Fuller, the builder, and Jonas G. Salisbury, a yeoman. Few building permits exist for structures in Newton built prior to 1912, therefore making the contract for 85 Langley Road exceptionally important in shedding light on building practices of the mid-nineteenth century in Newton.

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

This house is an excellent example of Greek Revival architecture. A 2½-story, rectangular plan gable-roofed structure, the house is sited with the ridge parallel to the street (flanking gable). Panelled corner pilasters carry a broad entablature. The center entrance of the three-bay facade is enframed by the full-width Doric porch. Other period details include flush boarding in the gables and facade of the first story, 6/6 windows which are full-length on the first story, and an entrance door with transom and sidelights. The gable field is embellished with applied wooden ornament in the form of a garland. The source for much of the detailing in the house may have been a builder's guide which Fuller owned, entitled The British Architect (now in the collection of the Jackson Homestead). It was written by Abraham Swan in 1744, and reprinted in Boston in 1794.

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

The land on which this house stands was acquired by Jonas Salisbury, in 1846. Salisbury had amassed considerable real estate holdings in Newton. The building contract with Henry Fuller of Newton, specifies that a house was to be built for \$2,630 according to plans drawn by Mr. Fuller (d.1898).

It is not certain whether Jonas Salisbury ever lived in the house. He sold it in 1853 along with 3 acres to a shopkeeper, Mr. Ellis for the sum of \$4,000.

The house stands on Langley Road, a town way laid out in 1809, and later known as Station Street. It was renamed Langley Rd in 1895, after Samuel Langley, a prominent early resident of the area who owned nearby property.

Another local property associated with Jonas Salisbury is 62 Walnut Park in Newton Corner, one of the city's finest temple-front Greek Revival mansions, built c.1847.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Atlases: 1907 Mrs. Wm. Claflin, 1895, 1886- Wm Claflin, 1874-Warren Ellis,
Directories: 1887-Wm Claflin-boots & shoes, Boston; house on Walnut St
Newton The Garden City, Newton Graphic, 1902, p.173.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Newton MRA
State Middlesex County, MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

101. Rawson Estate

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

102. Richards, James Lorin, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

103. Riley, Charles, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

104. Sacco--Pettee Machine Shops

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melores Byers 12/23/80

Attest

105. Salisbury, Jonas, House
62 Walnut Park

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106. Salisbury, Jonas, House
85 Langley Rd.

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DOE

107. Silver Lake Cordage Company

Substantive Review Determined Eligible

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

for Keeper

Patricia Anderson 9/4/86

Attest

108. Simpson House

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National Register

for Keeper

Melores Byers 9/4/86

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109. Smith, S. Curtis, House

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110. Smith--Peterson House

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Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Salisbury, Jonas, House (Newton MRA) (55 Langley Rd)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

JUL 23 1986

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87
Date Due: 8/21/86 - 9/6/86
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"/> unaltered
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
		<input type="checkbox"/> 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 _____

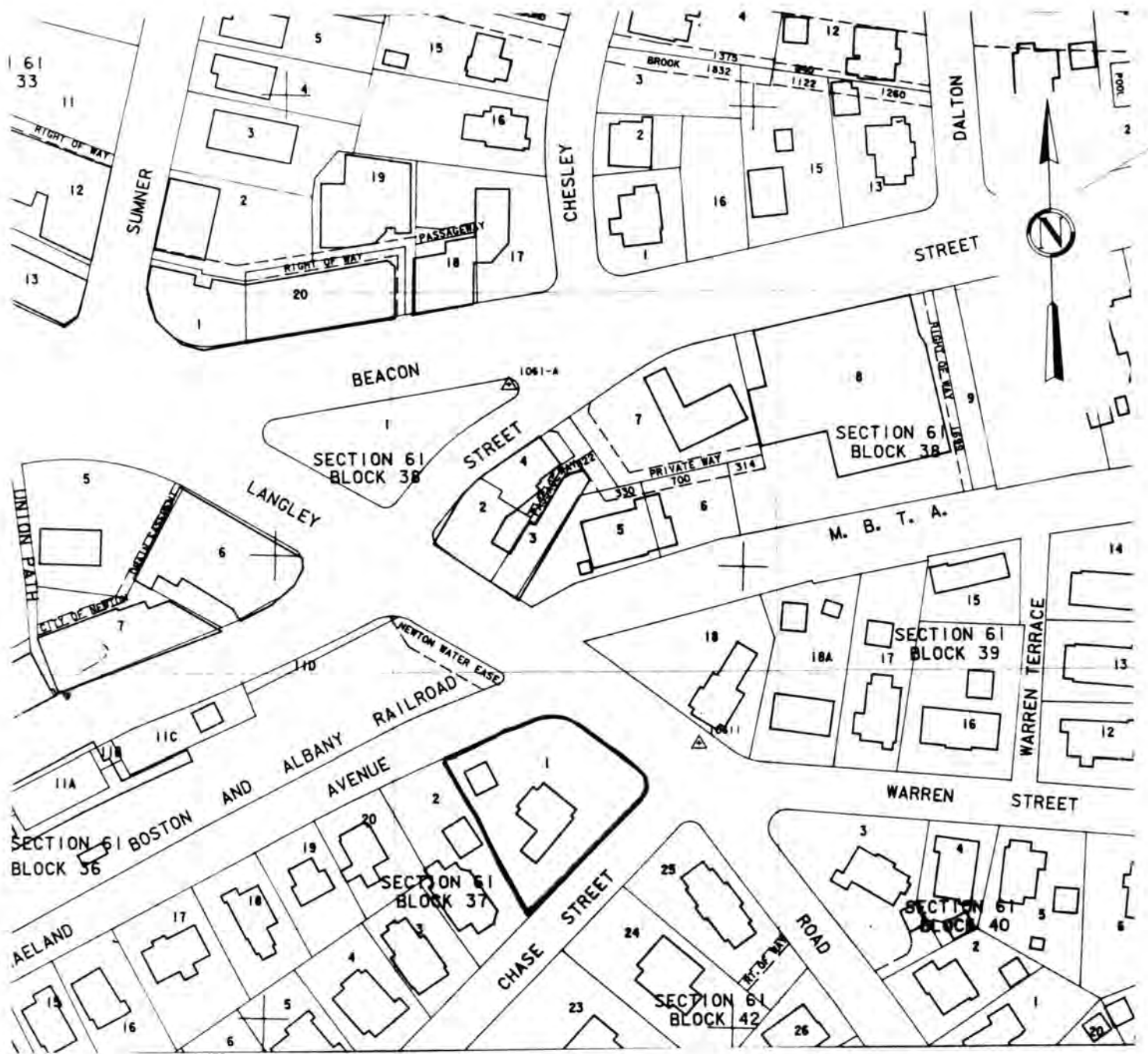
Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Salisbury, Jonas, Hox

Newton, Mass. MRA

62 Walnut Park, Newton Corner
- 77-A-32 (9A-10) -



City of Newton Assessor's Maps. Sheet 90
 Metric Series. 1979
 Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

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 85 Langley Road, Newton Centre
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