

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	2542

Town Newton, Mass. MRA
NEWTON (Newtonville)

Address 8 Central Avenue

Historic Name Amos Judkins House

Use: Present residence

Original residence

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1884

Source City Directries

Style Queen Anne

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboards/shingles

Outbuildings Carriage House

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition Good

Moved no Date ---

Acreage 35,848 sq. ft. (less than 1 acre)

Setting Edge of Victorian residential neighborhood, along Crafts Street

Recorded by Kathlyn Hatch, Peter Stott

Organization Newton Historical Comm.

Date November 1976, April 1986

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 19.318280.4691460

USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Amos Judkins House is an exceptional local example of Queen Anne style architecture which has survived virtually intact. It thus 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.

Based loosely on the mid-19th-century medieval manor houses erected in England by Richard Norman Shaw, the design of 8 Central Avenue displays the eccentricity and inventiveness that characterized the American Queen Anne style. The building's overall form is irregular, and the wall areas, covered with both clapboards and decorative wood shingles, contain recessed balconies and a complex pattern of asymmetrical projections, all of which are heavily ornamented with turned balusters, paneling, incised decoration, and scrollwork. The front porch, facing Central Avenue, has a gabled entry with dropped returns, and the side elevation features both a porte-cochere and glazed conservatory. The high clustered chimneys, especially the front exterior chimney with curved shoulders, are very characteristic of the more elaborate versions of Queen Anne design.

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

Amos C. Judkins (1838-1906), a native of Maine, built this large Queen Anne style residence in 1884. He moved to this large corner lot from a house in the same neighborhood at Lowell and Watertown streets.

Judkins was in the railroad car wheel manufacturing business in Boston for much of his life, but in his retirement he played a key role in the development of this section of Newtonville. With John H. Lothrop, who also lived on Central Avenue, he bought large tracts of land in the Crafts/Watertown streets area, which were subdivided into house lots during the late 1880s and 1890s. Judkins Street, located directly across from his home off Crafts Street, was named after him. After his death in 1906, the house reverted to his widow, Mary F. Judkins.

Amos Judkins was a director of the Newtonville Trust Company and a member of the Central Congregational Church.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

"Amos C. Judkins," *Newton Graphic* 8 June 1906, p. 4.
Atlases: 1907, 1895, 1886, 1874.
City Directories: 1907-1883.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Newton MRA
State Middlesex County, MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Entered in the
National Register

Date/Signature

81. Hyde, Gershom, House

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

82. Jackson House

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83. Jackson, Samuel, Jr.,
House

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84. Jennison, Joshua, House

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85. Judkins, Amos, House

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86. King House

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88. Kistler House

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90. Mount Pleasant

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Judkins, Amos, House (Newton MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: JUL 23 1986 2/3/87
Date Due: 8/21/86 - 9/6/86
Action: ACCEPT 9-4-86
 RETURN _____
 REJECT _____
Federal Agency: _____

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- 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



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