

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	OH-31

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

Address 29 Greenwood St

Historic Name Gershom Hyde 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 c.1744

Source Jackson Homestead Public.#14

Style Mid-Georgian

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

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

Major Alterations (with dates) 20th c.

enclosure of entrance by porch

Condition very good

Moved no Date less than

Acreage 20,900 sq. ft. one acre

Setting suburban along early highway

UTM REFERENCE 19.320090.4686330

USGS QUADRANGLE Newton, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by H. White

Organization Newton Historical Comm.

Date 3/86

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

As one of few remaining Georgian farmhouses in the city, and a representative example of a type prevalent locally from 1690-1780, the Gershom Hyde 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.

The Hyde house is a 2½-story gable-roofed house based on a two room center hall plan. A massive center chimney rests on the ridge. The outer windows of the five-bay facade organization are grouped in pairs, with the center window aligned with the entrance. Windows are 6/6 and the windows of the upper story are framed into the cornice. The house rests upon a low granite foundation and is devoid of ornamentation except for the narrow corner boards. Later additions include the rear ell and enclosed entrance porch.

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

The Gershom Hyde house (c.1744) was built along an early road, which had been laid out in 1711 and ran from "...our meeting house to the Roxbury line unto the road that goeth to Dedham."

Gershom Hyde (1719-1754) may have been the original occupant of this dwelling. Hyde's uncle John, Jr. lived at nearby 336 Dudley Road, and his father resided at present-day 9 Burdean Road. Gershom died, leaving no will. A 1766 Town Meeting Record indicates that Gershom Hyde's heirs owned the land bounded by the South Ministerial Woodlot, which was located next to 29 Greenwood Street at the corner of Dudley Road and Greenwood Street. A nephew of Gershom Hyde, Thaddeus Hyde (1751-1821) is listed as an owner of the house. The heirs of Thaddeus sold the house and 53 acres to Edward Wales in 1860.

In 1867 Geo. and Wm. Wales started a small fruit preserving business. By 1884 it had outgrown their quarters, and a new factory was built near the corner of Cedar and Mill St. in Newton Centre. The preserves they produced were sold in major U.S. cities and abroad.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Newton's Older Houses: Oak Hill, Jackson Homestead Publication #14. 1983.

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

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Continuation sheet

Item number

Page

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName 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.,
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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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87. Kingsbury House

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88. Kistler House

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89. Merriam, Galen, House

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90. Mount Pleasant

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Hyde, Gershom, House (Newton MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

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

Entered
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

- ☐ 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 _____

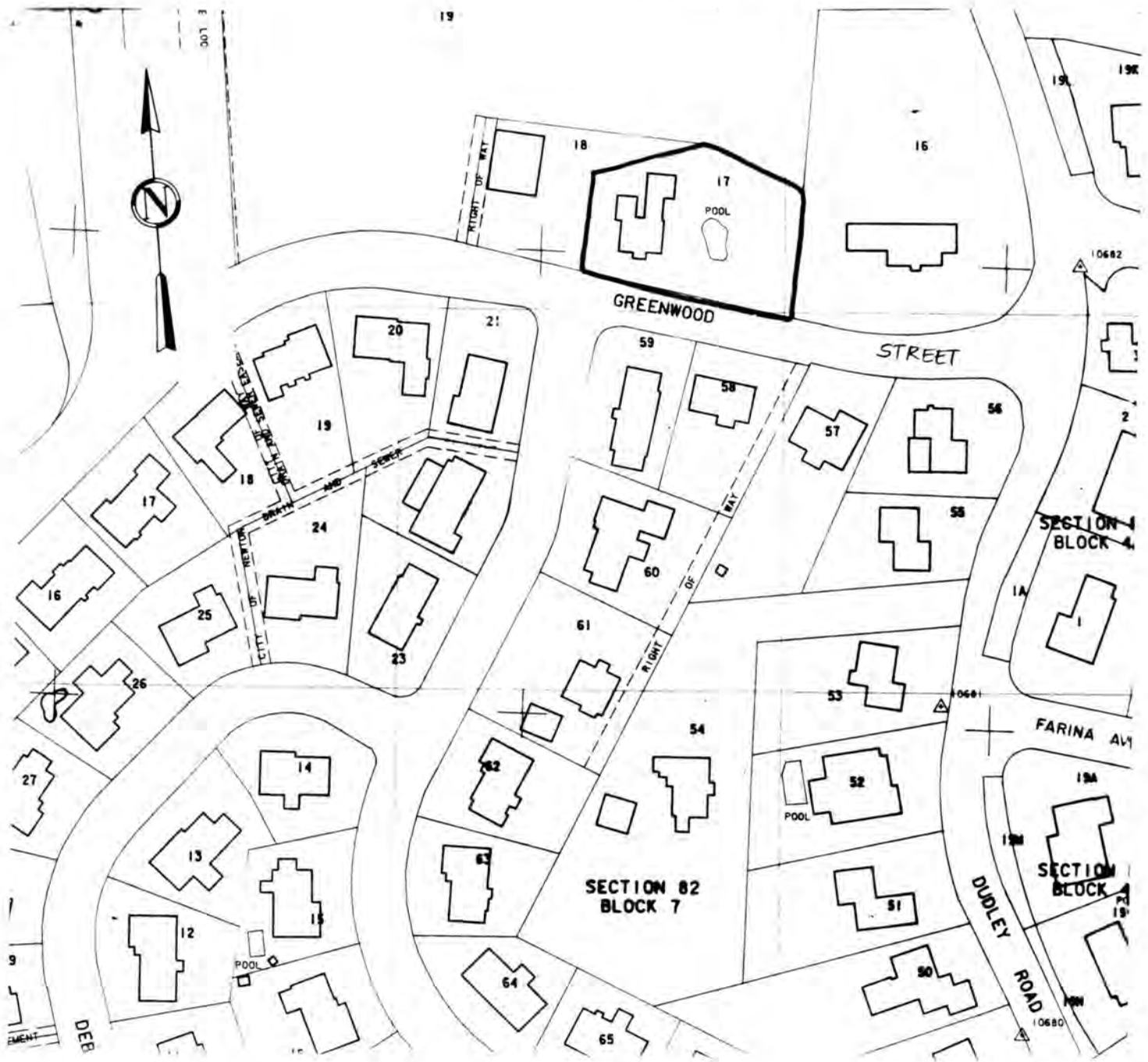
Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Hyde, Gershen, Hase

- 29 Greenwood St, Oak Hill -
Roll #16 (25)

Newton, Mass: MRA



City of Newton Assessor's Maps. Sheet 140
Metric Series. 1979
Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

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