

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 80 BOYLSTON STREET
 BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
58	4145



Town Newton, Mass. M.R.A.
 Newton/Auburndale

Address 230 Melrose Street

Historic Name none

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date c.1858

Source stylistic analysis

Style Mansard

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

verandah-late 19thc.;

window-20th c.

Condition excellent

Moved no Date _____

Acreeage less than one acre 6000 sq.

Setting suburban residential ft.

Recorded by Bruce Fernald

Organization Newton Hist. Comm.

Date 6/7/80

Rev. by H. White 3/86

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 19.314570.4690710

USGS QUADRANGLE Newton, Mass.

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The house at 230 Melrose Street is one of the city's finest examples of a well-detailed middle class residence built for middle class Boston commuters during the second half of the nineteenth century. It therefore 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 steep straight-edged profile of the roof is broken only by the mansard roof of the towered entrance pavilion. The full-width front verandah has stick decoration, a feature not generally seen on mansard houses until the early 1870s. Although the small, mansard cottage is a type well represented throughout Newton, few examples feature such originality and inventiveness in decorative vocabulary. 230 Melrose St is one of Auburndale's most ornate small dwellings.

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

The house at 230 Melrose Street exemplifies the small, well-detailed suburban houses built for the middle-class commuters to Boston during the second half of the nineteenth century.

Confident of the market for suburban houselots with easy access to the railroad, William Jackson (who had been active in real estate development in Newton Corner) entered into his most ambitious venture. Together with eleven other men, including his son Timothy, Jackson formed the North Auburn Dale Land Company to purchase and subdivide 120 acres adjacent to the Boston and Worcester tracks. The 1847 plan depicting the subdivision shows 84 houselots which began on the west side of Lexington Street, and the newly laid out Melrose Street. The development encompassed what is today the commercial center of the village.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Atlases: 1874-1907
Directories: 1877, 1895.

**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

Date/Signature

61. House at 170 Otis Street

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National Register

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Attest

Delores Byers 9/4/86

62. House at 173--175 Ward Street

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Delores Byers 9/4/86

63. House at 203 Islington Road

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Delores Byers 9/4/86

64. House at 215 Brookline Street

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Delores Byers 9/4/86

65. House at 2212 Commonwealth Avenue

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66. House at 230 Melrose Street

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67. House at 230 Winchester Street

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68. House at 3 Davis Avenue

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69. House at 307 Lexington Street

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70. House at 309 Waltham Street

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House at 230 Melrose Street (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: _____

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 _____ 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: _____



Newton, Mass; MRA

House cat

- 230 Melrose St, Auburndale
- 80-D-30 (17) -



City of Newton Assessor's Maps. Sheet **38**
 Metric Series. 1979
 Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

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