

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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 19.318200.4691060
USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON, MA
SCALE 1:25,000

AREA	FORM NO.
	5239

Town Newton, Mass. MRA
NEWTON (Newtonville)

Address 1-6 Walnut Terrace

Historic Name _____

Use: Present Multi-family res.

Original Multi-family res.

DESCRIPTION

Date 1887

Source Water Dept. Records

Style Queen Anne/Shingle Style

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric asbestos shingles

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

siding (20th cent.)

Condition Fair

Moved no Date ---

Acreage 17,780 sq. ft. (less than 1 acre)

Setting cul-de-sac, surrounded by
back sides of res. & commercial bldg

Recorded by Bruce Fernald

Organization Newton Historical Comm.

Date June 1981

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

As an unusual example of the Shingle Style applied to multi-family housing, as an example of the earliest known apartment block in Newton, and for its association with prominent Newton real estate developer William Claflin, the Claflin Apartment Block meets criteria A, B, and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

This building, designed in the Shingle Style, is divided into four sections by three stepped brick firewalls. Two front-gabled end sections are linked by a long, flank gable roof, punctured by four dormers with semi-circular jambs and pedimented gable roofs. Staggered butt shingles which clad the dormer facades probably indicate the original wall covering of the lower stories, now sheathed in asbestos shingles. Semi-circular and rectangular bay windows add variety to the long facade of the building, and the recessed entrances display Queen Anne style doors with sidelights and transoms.

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

William Claflin (1818-1905), Newtonville's most prominent resident during the late 19th century, had this apartment building constructed in 1887 as a real estate investment. Governor of Massachusetts from 1869 to 1871, Claflin later was a major force behind the continued development of Newtonville. He owned numerous residential and commercial properties throughout the village. Apartment blocks are much less common in Newton than in other inner Boston suburbs like Brookline or Cambridge, and this example is the earliest identified example of its type in the city.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

City Atlases: 1895, 1907.
City Directories: 1889, 1891.

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

31. Buckingham, John, House

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National Register

for Keeper

Helene Byers 9/4/86

Attest

32. Building at 1--6 Walnut
Terrace

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33. Central Congregational
Church

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34. Chestnut Hill, The

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35. Claflin, Adams, Estate

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36. Clark House

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37. Collins, Frederick,
House

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38. Curtis, Allan Crocker,
House--Pillar House

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39. Curtis, William, House

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40. Davis, Seth, House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Building at 1--6 Walnut Terrace (Newton MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 2
Fed. Reg. Date: JUL 23 1986 243/87
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	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	

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: _____



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Newtonville
Inv. #5239





City of Newton Assessor's Maps. Sheet 31
 Metric Series. 1979
 Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

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