

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
163	NC-43

Town Newton, Mass. M.R.A.  
Newton (Newton Centre)

Address 945 Beacon Street

Historic Name Kistler 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 1893

Source Water Records

Style Colonial Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings carriage house

Major Alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

Condition Good

Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage 28,762 sq. ft. *less than one acre*

Setting Suburban residential along major thoroughfare

Recorded by Archit. Pres. Assocs.

Organization Newton Historical Comm.

Date 5/81; 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 19.318630.4688600

USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON, MASS.

SCALE 1:25,000

#### NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Kistler residence is one of the area's most highly developed examples of the Colonial Revival style; both the main house and carriage house exhibit a textbook vocabulary of Colonial Revival ornament. Therefore the Kistler house 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 Kistler house is a 2½-story, rectangular dwelling with a truncated hip roof. A two-sided verandah with slender turned balusters extends across the south and east facades. The design is based on a five-bay facade organization. The center entrance with leaded glass sidelights is set beneath a flat roofed entrance porch supported by clustered Doric columns. The porch carries a deck balustrade. At the second story a Palladian window is aligned with the entrance. The wide cornice is embellished with egg & dart moulding, dentil moulding and a frieze with swags.

The Kistler residence exemplifies the nineteenth century upper-middle class, architect-designed houses which once lined both sides of Beacon Street from Newton Centre westward.

The house is exceptionally well-preserved; the carriage house was remodelled during 1986.

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

In 1852 Beacon Street was extended westward from Chestnut Hill through Newton Centre. The village's suburban development accelerated through the activities of real estate developers such as Roswell Turner and Charles Davis. Davis owned a wide swath of land that reached from Beacon Street north to Homer Street, and included the land on which the Kistler house stands. Andrew and Anne Kistler built this house in 1893. Kistler was a dealer in leather with a Boston business address.

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Atlases: 1907 Anne Kistler, 1895 Anne Kistler, 1886 land of C.S. Davis.

Directories: 1895 Andrew M. Kistler, leather, Boston.

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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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

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

83. Jackson, Samuel, Jr.,  
House

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

84. Jennison, Joshua, House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/4/86

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85. Judkins, Amos, House

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National Register

for Keeper

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86. King House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/4/86

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87. Kingsbury House

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National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/4/86

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88. Kistler House

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National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/4/86

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89. Merriam, Galen, House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/4/86

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90. Mount Pleasant

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Kistler House (Newton MRA)  
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: \_\_\_\_\_

- 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
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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**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

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreeage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

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Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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Kistler House

Newton, Mass. MRA

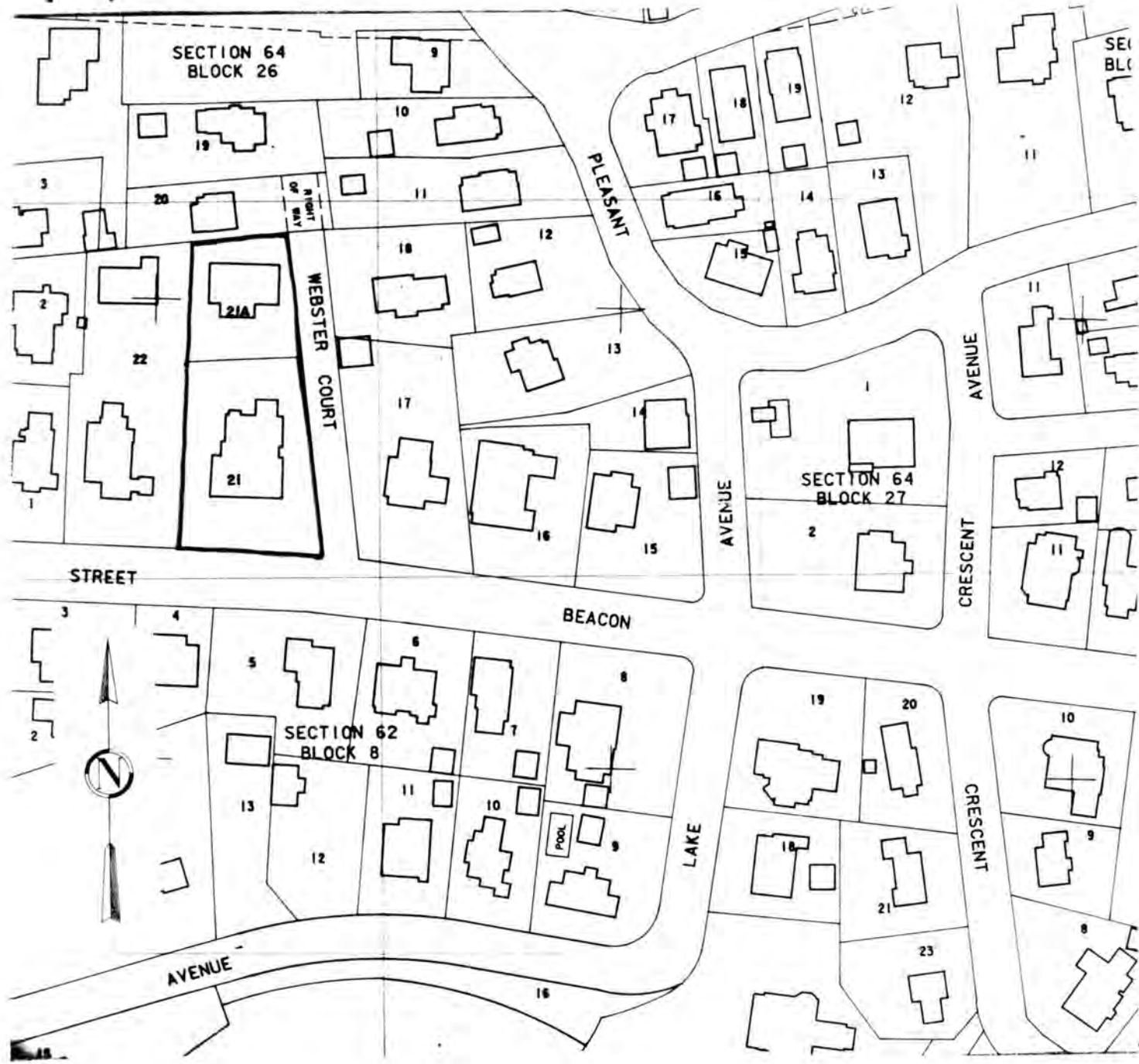
945 Beacon St, Newton Centre  
- carriage house MR-A-2 (19) -



Kistler House

Newton, Mass. MRA

945 Beacon St, Newton Centre  
MR-A-2 (17)



City of Newton Assessor's Maps. Sheet **89**  
 Metric Series. 1979  
 Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

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 945 Beacon Street, Newton Centre  
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 64-26-21, 21A