

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
7	N-9

Newton, Mass. M.R.A.
Town Newton (Newton Corner)
Address 43 Fairmont Avenue
Historic Name John Souther 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.1883
Source stylistic analysis
Style Queen Anne

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard, shingle

Outbuildings carriage house

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

window on east elevation

Condition Excellent

Moved no Date _____

Acreage 33,159 sq. less than one acre

Setting suburban residential

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 19.319620.4690730

USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON, MASS.

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Arch. Pres. Assoc.

Organization Historic Newton, Inc.

Date 5/83; rev. by H. White 3/86

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Souther House is an outstanding example of the Queen Anne manner in its middle phase and 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 Souther House represents a fullblown version of the Queen Anne manner in its middle phase. Though the house appears complicated, it is basically a rectangular block capped by a hip roof. The form is augmented by gables on all elevations, a common Queen Anne solution. The gables are of varying size and placement. This house makes extensive use of cut wood shingles laid in a variety of patterns. The focal point of the design is the round corner tower with a conical roof capped by a copper ball finial. The soaring brick chimney is another typical Queen Anne device, as are the several porches at both the first and second stories. The porches are adorned with bulbous turned posts. The corner tower is further embellished with a contoured panel of mastic ornament in a foliated pattern. The carriage house has an ogival turret.

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

John Souther, an early occupant of this house, sold machinery in Boston. He was typical of the prosperous merchants and manufacturers who commuted to Boston from Newton Corner during the latter part of the nineteenth century. The Souther House was built on land which was formerly part of the Brackett estate, which in 1875 extended well beyond both sides of Fairmont Avenue.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Atlas- 1907 John Souther
1895 John Souther
1886 Land of Brackett

Directory 1895 John Souther, business address: Boston
John F. Souther-machinery, Boston.

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

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Continuation sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Newton-MRA
State Middlesex County, MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

111. Souther, John, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 9/4/86

Attest

112. Staples--Crafts--Wiswall Farm

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 9/4/86

Attest

113. Stone, Ebenezer, House

Substantive Review
Determined Eligible
NATIONAL REGISTER

for Keeper

9/16/86 Talvik Andrus 9/4/86

Attest

114. Stone, Joseph L., House

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National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 9/4/86

Attest

115. Strong's Block

Entered in the
National Register

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Melrose Byers 9/4/86

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116. Thaxter, Celia, House

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Melrose Byers 9/4/86

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117. Thayer House

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118. Ward, Ephraim, House

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119. Wheat, Samuel, House

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120. Woodward, John, House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Souther, John, 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: LACCEPT 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: _____



Souther, John, House

Newton, Mass. MRA

- 43 Fairmont Ave, Newton Corner -
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City of Newton Assessor's Maps. Sheet **47**
 Metric Series. 1979
 Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

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