

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	1262

Newton, Mass. MRA
Town Newton (Newton Corner)

Address 68 Maple Street

Historic Name none

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 late 1840s

Source stylistic analysis

Style Italianate

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric rusticated flush-board

Outbuildings garage

Major Alterations (with dates) 20th c.

porch removed

Condition Good

Moved no Date

Acreage 10,119 sq. ft.

less than one acre

Setting atop bluff overlooking

Charles River

Recorded by K. Hatch

Organization Newton Historical Comm.

Date 1/77; 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 19.320250.4691840

USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON, MASS.

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The house at 68 Maple Street is an outstanding and rare example in Newton of an early Italianate dwelling of the square, hipped-roof heavy type 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 Bracketed Italianate style enjoyed widespread popularity in Newton from the late 1840s until about 1870. The style was inspired not by the Italian Renaissance as its name would suggest, but rather by English country houses of the early nineteenth century. Working in this style, Yankee housewrights and carpenters sometimes endowed their designs with extraordinary ornamentation, made possible by jigsaws and lathes. This tendency toward over-ornamentation was sometimes referred to as "carpenters' frenzy." The wooden bracket was used in an infinite variety. In vernacular examples such as 68 Maple Street, the bracket was grafted onto Italianate forms, and in this case is the only distinctive feature of a simple building. The brackets are in the form of over-scaled, acanthus decorated consoles and appear at the overhanging

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

Henry M. Bates, a Boston banker, occupied this diminutive Italian villa built on a bluff which once commanded a picturesque view of the nearby Charles River. The architectural publications of A.J. Downing promoted the Italian villa style as appropriate for the scenic rural landscape, and 68 Maple Street is one of several notable examples in the Charlesbank area of Newton Corner. During the 1850s numerous similar residences were built by Boston commuters on Newton Corner's hillsides.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Atlases: 1907, 1895, 1886, 1874.
City Directories: 1871, 1868.
O.H. Bailey. View of Newton, Mass. (1878)

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Newton Corner	Form No: 1262
Property Name: 68 Maple Street	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

Architectural Significance:

eaves, porch and bay window. The exaggerated quality of the brackets corresponds to the building's unsophisticated and vernacular design. The boxy form of the house is capped by a hip roof of low pitch and is clad in rusticated flush-boarding to simulate ashlar masonry.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

Page

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Newton MRA
State Middlesex County, MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

71. House at 31 Woodbine Street

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

72. House at 41 Middlesex Road

National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

73. House at 47 Sargent Street

National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

74. House at 511 Watertown
Street

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

75. House at 60 William Street

National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

76. House at 68 Maple Street

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

77. House at 729 Dedham Street

National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

78. House at 81--83 Gardner
Street

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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79. Hyde House

National Register

for Keeper

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80. Hyde, Eleazer, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House at 68 Maple Street (Newton MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: JUL 23 1986 12/3/87
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 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	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ 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: _____

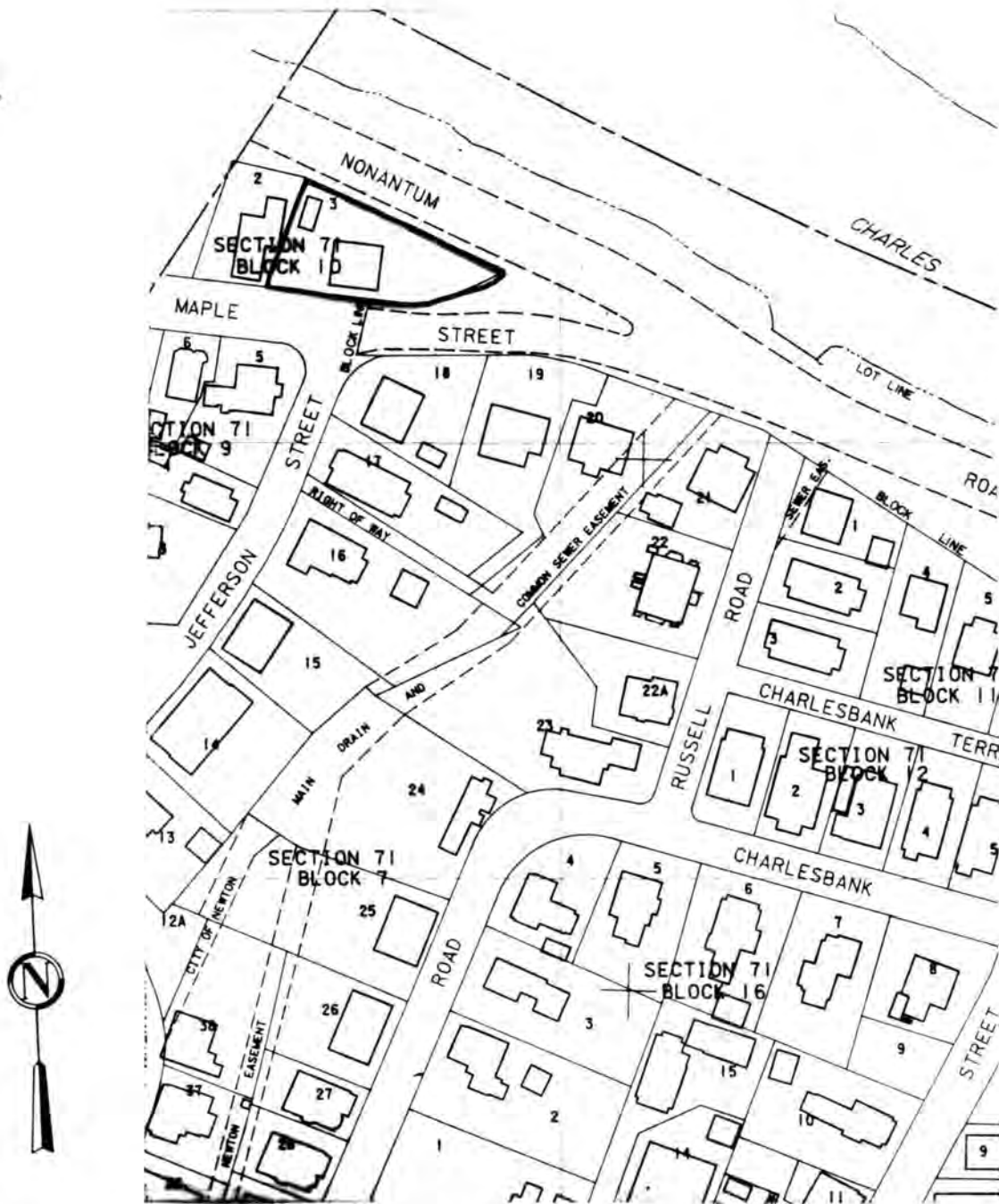


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Newton, Mass. MRA

House at

- 68 Maple St., Newton Corner
77-A-36 (13A) -



City of Newton Assessor's Maps. Sheet **21**
 Metric Series. 1979
 Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

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