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AREA

Newton, MA-MRA
FORM NO.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

NC-047

Town Newton (Newton Centre)

Address 25 Kenmore Street

Historic Name Edward B. Stratton House

Use: Present residential

Original same

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

DESCRIPTION

Date 1912

Source Building permit

Style Craftsman/Colonial Revival

Architect Edward B. Stratton

Exterior Wall Fabric stucco

Outbuildings garage-C

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

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition good

see attached map

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage 13,111 sq.ft. C .3A

Setting residential neighborhood

UTM REFERENCE 19/318380/4688340

USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON

SCALE 1:25000

Recorded by Candace Jenkins/Susan Abele

Organization Newton Historical Comm.

Date 6/87; rev. 4/88

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Edward B. Stratton House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a handsome and unusual example of the Classical Revival Style designed by Boston architect Edward B. Stratton as his own residence. It is also reflective of Newton's early 20th century suburban expansion which resulted in infill of established areas as well as in development of new subdivisions. It meets criteria A & C of the NRHP.

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

The Edward B. Stratton House is a handsome early 20th century structure combining elements of the Craftsman and Colonial Revival styles in a unified and symmetrical composition. It is a cubic, two story stucco clad house enclosed by a hip roof with dormers. Its center entry is pure Colonial Revival with fluted pilasters carrying an entablature with triglyphs and metopes and a broken segmental pediment. The window directly above is framed by Baroque scrolls. Projecting three part windows flank the entry. One story wings with arched windows extend forward from the side elevations to form a fore court. The wing to the right has a glazed second story. Originally a balustraded terrace set the house off from the street. The house is now almost totally obscured by coniferous and deciduous trees.

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

Edward B. Stratton was born in Chelsea in 1870. He studied architecture at M.I.T and in Paris, and practiced in Boston between 1900 and 1952, designing such buildings as the Hotel Puritan, Hotel Somerset, and the Hotel Lenox. Stratton made his home in Newton, building at 25 Kenmore Street in Newton Centre in 1912. He designed a great many houses in Newton including 9 The Ledges Road (1915) which is located in the Gray Cliff Expanded Historic District (NC-0) and several in the Windsor Road Historic District (W-L). Stratton was also responsible for a variety of public buildings in the city such as the West Newton Library, 25 Chestnut Street (1925; WN-J) and the Newton Highlands Woman's Club, 72 Columbus Avenue (1927; NH-D), and commercial buildings such as the Vitalait Laboratory, 555 Commonwealth Avenue (1914; NC-B) and 630-634 Commonwealth Avenue (1921; NC-B) at the corner of Centre Street.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Building Department Records: 25 Kenmore Street
Beautiful Newton, p. 174, 235., COPAR *Directory*

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Newton MRA
State Middlesex County, MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

161. Second Church of Newton **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Melrose Byers 2/16/90

Attest _____

162. Stratton, Edward B., House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Melrose Byers 2/16/90

Attest _____

163. Towle, Loren, Estate **National Register** Keeper Melrose Byers 2/16/90

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164. Waban Branch Library **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Melrose Byers 2/16/90

Attest _____

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165. Walker Home for Missionary Children **Substantive Review** Keeper _____

Attest _____

166. Warren, Levi, Jr., High School **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Melrose Byers 2/16/90

Attest _____

167. Boston College Main Campus **Substantive Review** Keeper Ret.
Historic District

Attest _____

168. Church, William L., House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Melrose Byers 2/21/90

Attest _____

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2/23/90*

169. Farlow Hill Historic District **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Melrose Byers 2/21/90

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170. Newton Cottage Hospital Historic District **Substantive Review** Keeper Billy J. Savage 2/21/90

Attest _____

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Stratton, Edward B., House

MULTIPLE NAME: Newton MRA

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 1/02/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/16/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/02/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/16/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000050

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 2/16/90 DATE Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____

Date _____



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neg. @ Jackson Homestead
view - north

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Edward B. Stratton House

25 Kenmore St

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req. @ Jackson Homestead

Woods - north

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Newton, MA-MRA
25 Kenmore Street
SBL: 62-3-11

Engineering Map - 1979
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Scale: 1"=1000' Reduced 74%

