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AREA

FORM NO.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

N-030

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 19/320500/4690300
USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON
SCALE 1:25000

Town Newton (Newton Corner)Address 36 Magnolia AvenueHistoric Name Mayall Bruner HouseUse: Present residentialOriginal same

DESCRIPTION

Date 1923Source Building permitStyle CraftsmanArchitect Arthur H. BowditchExterior Wall Fabric shingleOutbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

first story window c1960sCondition goodMoved no Date n/aAcreage 14,237 sq.ft. C 32ASetting residential; overlooking groundsof the Commonwealth Country ClubRecorded by Candace Jenkins/Susan AbeleOrganization Newton Historical Comm.Date 6/1987; rev. 4/1988

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Bruner House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a well-detailed and little altered example of the rustic Craftsman style, designed by noted Boston architect Arthur H. Bowditch. It is also representative of Newton's suburban expansion in the major growth decade of the 1920s which resulted in infill of established areas as well as in development of new subdivisions. The Bruner House thus meets criteria A & C of the NRHP.

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

The Bruner House is a well detailed rustic Craftsman house designed by a noted Boston architect. It is a 2 and 1/2 story shingled structure enclosed by a multi-level roof. The symmetrical facade is dominated by twin facade gables which extend down to encompass a sunporch and garden gate to the north and the entry to the south. The entry is protected by a hip roofed porch with the curving lines seen on the roofs of many Craftsman houses. A large arched stairhall window is located to the left of the entry. The north facade gable contains a picture window at the 1st story (c1960s), and paired windows at the 2nd story. The south elevation is distinguished by banks of triple windows with 6/6 sash at both stories. The rustic qualities of the house are greatly enhanced by its wooded lot and the adjacent Commonwealth Country Club grounds.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Mayall Bruner, who were married in 1913, were the original owners of the house constructed at 36 Magnolia Avenue in Newton Corner. Although little is know about the family, according to the Newton Directories of the period, Mr. Bruner was a wool merchant with offices at 200 Summer Street in Boston. The house, which was designed by architect Arthur H. Bowditch, was built in 1923. Bowditch, who is best know for commercial structures in Boston such as the Lenox and Somerset Hotels, also designed the Loren Towel House, 765 Centre Street in 1920, (now Newton Country Day School, N-024).

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Building Department Records: 36 Magnolia Avenue
City Directories and Atlases

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

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

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

91 131. Old Chestnut Hill Historic District
(Boundary Increase)Keeper SPR Robert L. Savage 02-16-90

Attest _____

132. Pine Ridge Road--Plainfield Street
Historic District Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Helene Byers 2/16/90

Attest _____

133. Saco-Lowell Shupe Housing Historic
District Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Helene Byers 2/16/90

Attest _____

134. West Newton Village Center Historic
District Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Helene Byers 2/16/90

Attest _____

135. Windsor Road Historic District
Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Helene Byers 2/16/90

Attest _____

136. Agudas Achim Anshei Sfard Synagogue
Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Helene Byers 2/16/90

Attest _____

137. Boston Edison Power Station
Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Helene Byers 2/16/90

Attest _____

138. Bruner Mayall, House
Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Helene Byers 2/16/90

Attest _____

139. Childs, Mayor Edwin O., House
Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Helene Byers 2/16/90

Attest _____

140. City Stable and Garage

Keeper Helene Byers 2/16/90

Attest _____

Entered in the
National Register

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Bruner, Mayall, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Newton MRA

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 1/02/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/13/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/01/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/16/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000040

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 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

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



Mayal Bruner House
36 Magnolia Avenue
Newton, MA

Newton, MA-MRA

C. Jenkins

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14. C Jackson Homestead

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MAGNOLIA AVENUE

DORR

VALLEY SPRING RD

SECTION 73
BLOCK 9

MAIN DRAIN AND COMMON SEWER

ESMT 7476

METROPOLITAN W.W.

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Newton, MA-MRA
36 Magnolia Avenue
SBL: 72-39-22

Assessors Map - Verified 1985
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Scale: 1"=40' Reduced 50%

