

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 80 BOYLSTON STREET  
 BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
189	N-27A

Newton, Mass. MRA  
 Town Newton (Newton Corner)

Address 37 Park Avenue

Historic Name Amos Adams 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 1888

Source Engineering Dept Water Record

Style Queen Anne

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard, shingle

Outbuildings carriage house

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 Very good

(SEE ATTACHED MAP)

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

Acreage 16,042 \* sq. *less than one acre*

Setting suburban residential

UTM REFERENCE 19.319990.4690230

USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON, MASS.

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Arch. Pres. Assocs.

Organization Historic Newton, Inc.

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

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

The Amos Adams House is an outstanding and well-preserved example of the domestic Queen Anne style in Newton 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 Adams House is characterized by its overall asymmetry and the complexity and variety of its form and ornament. The house is basically a rectangular box with a steeply-pitched hip roof. There are several porches and balconies of varied size and placement. The soaring panelled chimneys are yet another typical feature. The focal point of the design is a low octagonal corner tower. Decorative detail includes abundant applied wooden ornament and wall surfaces clad in patterned shingles.

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

The Amos Adams House was built on land belonging to the former Brackett estate, which extended beyond both sides of Park Avenue. Albert Brackett and his sons operated the oldest and largest coal and wood yards in Newton. Yielding to the increasing pressures of suburban development, Brackett began selling off portions of his estate at the close of the nineteenth century. Amos Adams, an occupant of this house was a Boston Commission merchant, and typical of the commuters who made their homes in Newton during the latter part of the nineteenth century.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Atlas 1907 Amos E. Adams  
1895 Amos E. Adams  
1886 land of Albert Brackett

Directory 1897 Amos Adams, Commission merchant



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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Adams, Amos, House (Newton MRA)  
Middlesex County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Substantive Review

Working No. JUL 23 1986  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87  
Date Due: 8/20/86 - 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:

*Outstanding, well-preserved, locally significant representative of Queen Anne Style residence in Newton.*

Recom./Criteria Accept C  
Reviewer Savage  
Discipline Architectural History  
Date 7/2/86  
\_\_\_\_\_ 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
<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**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_



Adams, Ames, House

Newton, Mass. MRA

- 37 Park Ave, Newton Corner  
- K-6 (6)



City of Newton Assessor's Maps. Sheet 47  
 Metric Series. 1979  
 Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

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