

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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 19.319550.4690690
USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON, MASS.
SCALE 1:25,000

AREA	FORM NO.
9	N-9A

Newton, Mass. M.R.A.
Town Newton (Newton Corner)
Address 56 Fairmont Avenue
Historic Name S. Curtis Smith House

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) none

Condition Excellent

Moved no Date less than one acre
Acreage 14,300 sq.
Setting suburban residential

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 S. Curtis Smith House is an outstanding and well-preserved example of the middle phase of the Queen Anne style 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 S. Curtis Smith represents the fullest expression of the Queen Anne style suburban house. The Smith House is characterized by its overall asymmetry and the complexity and variety of its form and decorative detail. The lower story is clapboarded and the upper stories are clad with cut wood shingles laid in a staggered butt pattern. The house features a number of windows with a border of small panes surrounding a large pane; this was a popular stock item during the Queen Anne period. Other notable features of the Smith house are the ogival corner turret, the soaring panelled chimney and the gabled entrance porch with its spindle frieze.

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

The Smith House was erected on land that was formerly part of the Brackett estate, which occupied land on both sides of present-day Fairmont Avenue. During Newton Corner's intensive period of late nineteenth century suburbanization the Brackett estate was subdivided and sold off as house lots, as were most of the neighboring large estates. The S. Curtis Smith House was occupied by a teacher at Boston's English High School. Smith was typical of the Boston commuters who chose Newton as a place of residence.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- Atlas 1907 Sam. C. Smith
- 1895 Sarah S. Smith

Directory 1895 S. Curtis Smith, teacher, English High School, Boston.

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

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received 7/23/86

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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

Nomination/Type of Review

101. Rawson Estate

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Date/Signature

Melores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

102. Richards, James Lorin, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

103. Riley, Charles, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

104. Sacco--Pettee Machine Shops

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melores Byers 12/23/86

Attest

105. Salisbury, Jonas, House
62 Walnut ParkEntered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

106. Salisbury, Jonas, House
85 Langley Rd.Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

DOE 107. Silver Lake Cordage Company

Substantive Review Determined Eligible

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

for Keeper

Patricia Anderson 9/4/86

Attest

Beth H. Savage 9/4/86

108. Simpson House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

109. Smith, S. Curtis, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

110. Smith--Peterson House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Smith, S. Curtis, House (Newton MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

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

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: _____



Smith, S. Curtis, House

Newton, Mass. MRA

- 56 Fairmont Ave, Newton Corner -
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City of Newton Assessor's Maps. Sheet **46**
 Metric Series. 1979
 Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

Newton, Mass. M.R.A.
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