

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	3202

Newton, Mass. MRA
Town NEWTON (West Newton)

Address 309 Waltham Street

Historic Name _____

Use: Present Residence

Original Residence

DESCRIPTION

Date c.1835

Source Jackson Homestead Pub.

Style Greek Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition Good

Moved no Date ---

Acreage 13,332 sq. ft. (less than 1 acre)

Setting Close to busy street; mixed residential neighborhood.

Recorded by Kathlyn Hatch

Organization Newton Historical Comm.

Date January 1978

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 19.316820.4691530

USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

As a well-preserved example of high-styled Greek Revival architecture in Newton, this residence 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.

An impressive temple-fronted residence located on this lot. Monumental Ionic columns appear in the front portico, which has a second-level balcony. An Ionic colonnade also appears on the side elevation porch. Virtually all of the original Greek Revival style detailing remains on this well preserved house.

About six intact examples of Greek Revival temple-front residences remain in Newton, all but the two Upper Falls examples utilizing the same four-columned Ionic portico.

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

The early history of this residence is uncertain. In 1855, the house was owned by J. C. Jones. This may have been a reference to John C. Jones (1833-9/18/1877). (If so, his youth would have prevented him from being the original owner.) About 1862, the property was acquired by Joseph A. Newell (1803?-1884), a Boston dealer in boots and shoes. Born in Needham, Newell started a shoe stand on Washington Street near Boylston market in the 1840s. By the time of his death, his large store, at the corner of Essex and Chauncy streets, was was known throughout the Boston area and much of New England. "Since he started in business," his obituary noted, "he has been a very active and hard working man, going to the city from his home on the earliest train every morning and not returning often until late at night." Joseph Newell was an active member of the Second Congregational Church and for many years was superintendent of its Sabbath School.

After Newell's death, the house was acquired successively by Frederick W. Yelland, shown at this location in 1895; and Albert W. Gilmore (1907).

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Atlases: 1874, 1886, 1895, 1907.

City Directories: 1881, 1883, 1891, 1893.

Friends of the Jackson Homestead, Newton's Older Houses: West Newton (1978), p. 48.

"Joseph A. Newell," Newton Journal 13 September 1884, p. 2.

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

For NPS use only
received 7/23/86
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

61. House at 170 Otis Street

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper
Attest

Delores Byers 9/4/86

62. House at 173--175 Ward Street

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper
Attest

Delores Byers 9/4/86

63. House at 203 Islington Road

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper
Attest

Delores Byers 9/4/86

64. House at 215 Brookline Street

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper
Attest

Delores Byers 9/4/86

65. House at 2212 Commonwealth Avenue

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper
Attest

Delores Byers 9/4/86

66. House at 230 Melrose Street

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper
Attest

Delores Byers 9/4/86

67. House at 230 Winchester Street

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper
Attest

Delores Byers 9/4/86

68. House at 3 Davis Avenue

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper
Attest

Delores Byers 9/4/86

69. House at 307 Lexington Street

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper
Attest

Delores Byers 9/4/86

70. House at 309 Waltham Street

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper
Attest

Delores Byers 9/4/86

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House at 309 Waltham Street (Newton MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: JUL 23 1986 / 2/3/37
Date Due: 8/27/86 = 9/6/86
Action: ACCEPT 9-4-86
 RETURN _____
 REJECT _____

Entered in the
National Register

Federal Agency: _____

- 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
----------	---------------------------------	----------------------	-------------

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
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- 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: _____



309 Waltham St., West Newton
Newton, Mass. MRA

309 Waltham St., West Newton

House at 8-3-25/19

Inv. #3202





Newton, Mass. MRA
 309 Waltham St., West Newton

City of Newton Assessor's Maps. Sheet 15
 Metric Series. 1979
 Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

34-26-5