

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	NV-30

Town Newton, Mass. MRA
NEWTON (Newtonville)

Address 59-71 North Street

Historic Name _____

Capt. Edward Fuller Farm

Use: Present two residences

Original residence & barn

DESCRIPTION

Date house: c.1775; barn: c.1800

Source Jackson Homestead Pub. #13

Style Federal

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboards

Outbuildings barn, converted to
residence in 1950

Major Alterations (with dates) Roof raised
to present height c.1840?; Victorian
porch canopy

Condition Good

Moved no Date ---

Acreage 33,388 sq. ft. (less than 1 acre)

Setting 20th-century residential
neighborhood

Recorded by Arch. Pres. Assoc.; Peter Stott

Organization Newton Historical Commission

Date May 15, 1983; April 1986

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 19.317420.4692080

USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON, MA

SCALE 1: 25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

This property, built as the house (59 North Street) and barn (71 North Street) of a single farm, are now two separate residences. As a rare example of a surviving 18th-century farmhouse and barn complex, as well as for its associations with one of Newton's founding families, the Fuller House and Barn meets criteria B and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

This house is thought to have been built about 1775. Mr. Arthur Dewing reports earlier beams in the cellar which probably came from an older house. This house was originally 1-1/2-stories high. The roof has been altered to accommodate its present 2-1/2 stories. The front door surround, thought to date from 1780, has a cornice supported on unusual brackets with capitals and battered pilasters. The house may once have had a central chimney.

The farm's barn was converted to a residence in 1950. The 1-1/2-story structure was originally a side-entry "English" type barn, typical of pre-1830 farm buildings and is thought to have been constructed about 1800.

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

The Fuller family resided in Newton since 1644, when John Fuller (1611-1698) settled the original part of the "Fuller Farm." He eventually acquired 1000 acres of farmland and built a house somewhat to the north and east of the present house.

Fuller's son Joseph (1652-1740) built a house near Smelt Brook at what later became the Claflin estate, and it was John Fuller's grandson (Joseph's son), Capt. Jonathan Fuller (1686-1764), who inherited the original farmstead. Jonathan in turn passed it down to his son, Capt. Edward Fuller (1735-1810). Edward married Ruth Jackson in 1759 and built part of the present structure probably about 1775. An investigation of the basement of the present house by Mr. Arthur Dewing in 1952 suggested that beams from the original house may have been reused in the construction of the present structure.

Capt. Edward, like his predecessors, held various positions of authority in the town. He is reported as surveyor of highways in 1763, tithingman in 1769, warden in 1776, and other posts. He served on several committees and assisted in the construction of the Waltham Bridge in 1762. He served in the Revolution in New York in 1777.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- Priscilla R. Ritter and Thelma Fleishman, Newton, Massachusetts, 1679-1779. A Biographical Directory (Boston: The New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1982).
- Friends of the Jackson Homestead, Newton's Older Houses: Newtonville (1980), pp. 26-27.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Newton, Mass. MRA	Form No: NV-30
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Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE, cont.

Still in the basement of the structure are heavy beams as well as large foundation stones similar to those in use in the main house. The clapboarded structure still retains a late 19th-century cupola and weathervane, though the fenestration of the structure has been altered to suit its present use and a new end chimney added to the west end of the building.

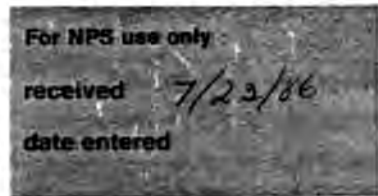
HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, cont.

Edward's son Ezra Fuller (1769-1854) inherited the farm from his father and was probably responsible for raising the roof to its present height in the 1830s or '40s. Ezra, in turn, deeded the property to Cordelia Fuller, widow of Josiah. Her son, William E. Fuller (1841-1890), superintendent of streets, appears to have been the last Fuller to own the property.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

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Name Newton MRA
State Middlesex County, MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

41. Dupee Estate

Entered in the
National Register for Keeper

Melores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

42. Elliott, Charles D., House

Entered in the
National Register for Keeper

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Attest

43. Eminence, The

Entered in the
National Register for Keeper

Melores Byers 9/4/86

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44. Estabrook, Rufus, House

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National Register for Keeper

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45. Evangelical Baptist
Church

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National Register for Keeper

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46. Farquhar, Samuel, House

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National Register for Keeper

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47. Fenno, John A., House

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National Register for Keeper

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48. First Unitarian Church

Entered in the
National Register for Keeper

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49. Fuller, Capt. Edward,
Farm

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50. Gane, Henry, House

Entered in the
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Fuller, Capt. Edward, Farm (Newton MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. JUL 23 1986

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87

Date Due: 8/21/86 - 9/6/86

Action: ACCEPT 9-4-86

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- 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	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	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

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

Acreege 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

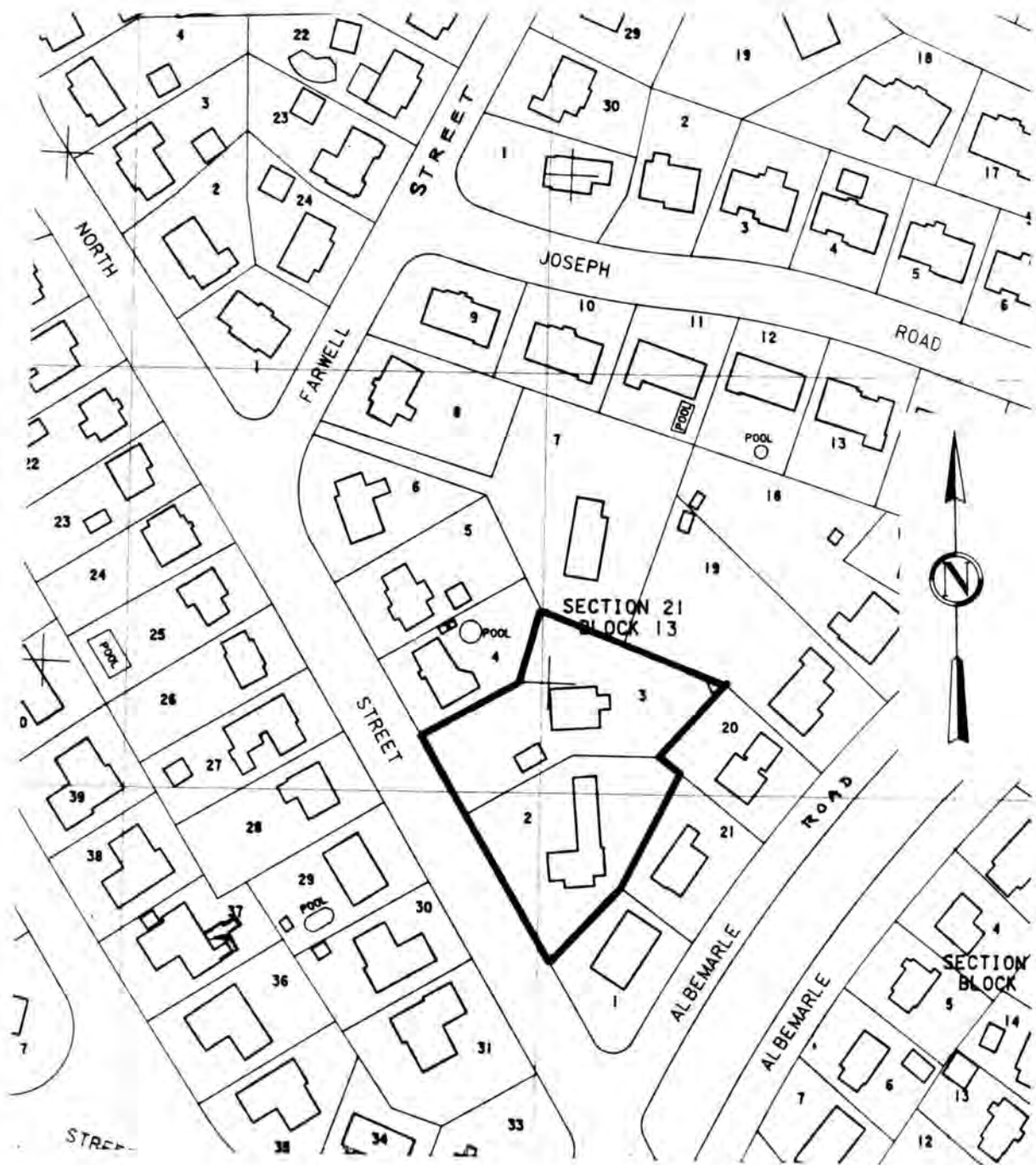
Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



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City of Newton Assessor's Maps. Sheet 7
 Metric Series. 1979
 Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

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