

FORM 1 - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
52	4003

Town Newton, Mass. M.R.A.
Newton/Auburndale

Address 203 Islington Rd

Historic Name none

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

DESCRIPTION

Date c.1870

Source King's Handbook of Newton

Style Victorian Gothic

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric composition stone
block

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

20th c. addition to rear

Condition Very good

Moved no Date _____ sq.

Acreage less than one acre 15,870 ft.

Setting suburban residential

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

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UTM REFERENCE 19.314230.4691030

USGS QUADRANGLE Natick, Mass.

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Bruce Fernald

Organization Newton Hist. Comm.

Date 3/10/81
rev. by H. White 3/86

ADDITIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

203 Islington Rd meets Criterion C as a rare surviving example of the Ruskinian mode of the Victorian Gothic style in Newton.

Criterion B is met by the property's association with Ezra Winslow, a prominent local real estate speculator during Auburndale's early suburbanization. In 1874 the property came under the ownership of Royal Pulsifer, an owner of the Boston Herald newspaper.

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

203 Islington Rd was a subsidiary building on a large estate built in 1874 on a promontory overlooking the Charles River which was called Islington Point. The estate was known as "Islington" and the mansion house to which 203 Islington Road was a companion has long since been demolished.

203 Islington Rd. is an unusual example of the Ruskinian mode of the Victorian Gothic style as adapted for a smaller dwelling. The building is constructed of a buff-colored composition stone, as is "The Castle" nearby at 53 Vista Avenue (N.R.H.P. 10/25/79). The Castle was also built by Ezra Winslow.

Darker brick is used for belt courses and the windows are set within pointed arches trimmed with voussoirs of alternating colors. The

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

This structure is extremely well-preserved and is significant as one of the area's few surviving buildings from the era when large estates occupied Auburndale's picturesque reach of Charles River frontage.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Atlases: 1874, 1886, 1895, 1907

Directories.

Louise Peloubet, edit. Early Days in Auburn Dale.

M.F. Sweetser, King's Handbook of Newton

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Newton/Auburndale	Form No: 4003
Property Name: 203 Islington Rd	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE: continued from page one

facade is organized around a shallow projecting entrance crowned by a jerkin-head gable. The entrance and slender paired windows are set within pointed arch openings, each beneath an ornate panel of wooden carving in imitation of Gothic tracery.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

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

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

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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 Byan 9/4/86

62. House at 173--175 Ward Street

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper
Attest

Delores Byan 9/4/86

63. House at 203 Islington Road

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper
Attest

Delores Byan 9/4/86

64. House at 215 Brookline Street

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National Register

for Keeper
Attest

Delores Byan 9/4/86

65. House at 2212 Commonwealth Avenue

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Delores Byan 9/4/86

66. House at 230 Melrose Street

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67. House at 230 Winchester Street

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68. House at 3 Davis Avenue

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69. House at 307 Lexington Street

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70. House at 309 Waltham Street

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Attest

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House at 203 Islington Road (Newton MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: JUL 23 1986 / 2/3/87
Date Due: 8/21/86 - 9/6/86
Action: ACCEPT 9-4-86
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in
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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> 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 _____

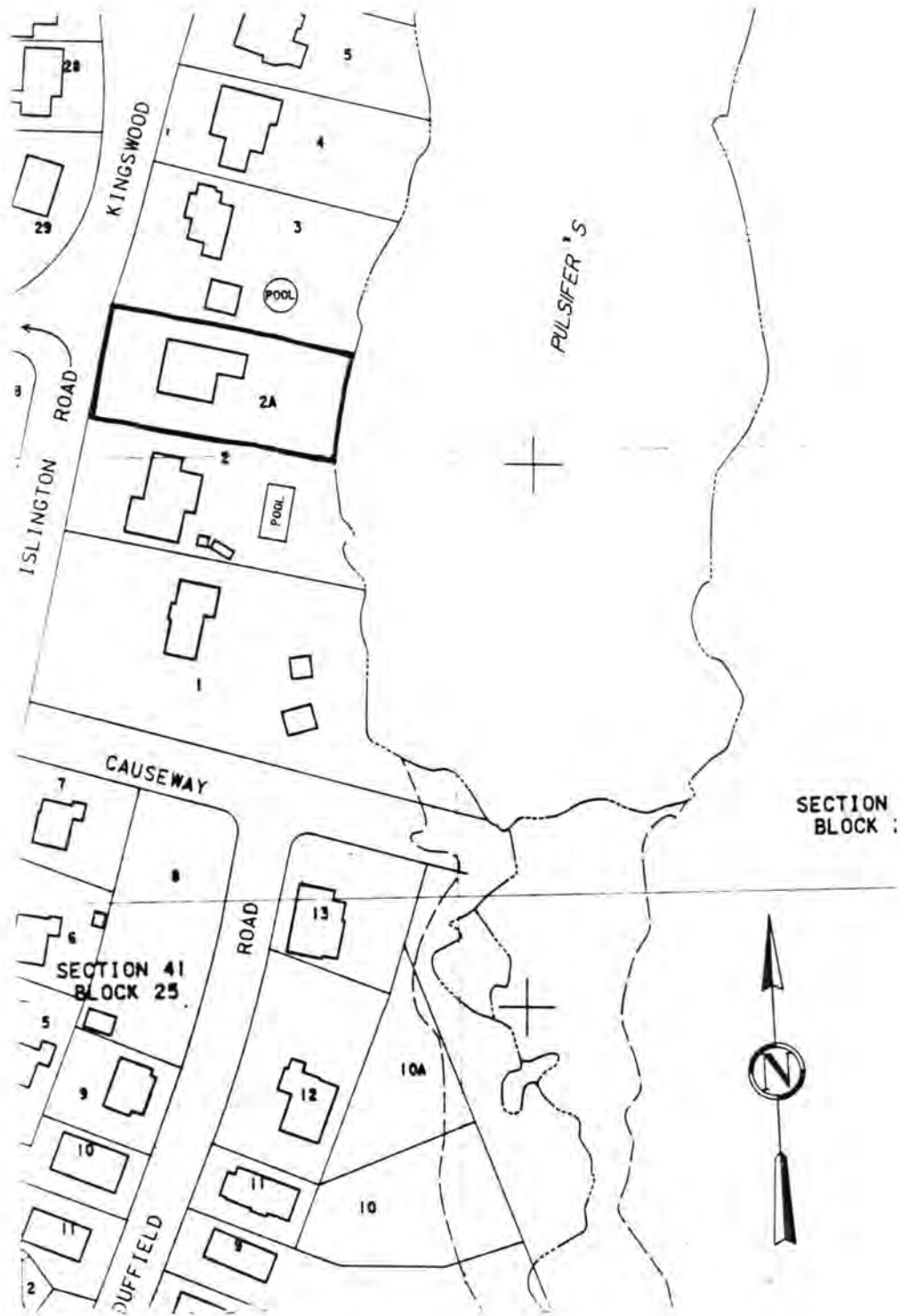
Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Newton, Mass. MRA

House at

- 203 Islington Rd, Auburndale -
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City of Newton Assessor's Maps. Sheet 25
 Metric Series. 1979
 Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

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 203 Islington Road, Auburndale
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prop)
Allen
6-21
2/82

May 30, 1986

Ms. Valerie A. Talmage
Executive Director
State Historic Preservation Officer
Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Dear Ms. Talmage,

Mrs. Faulkner and I are pleased that our house is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. It is a fine old example of Victorian Gothic, once gatehouse to an estate on a lovely peninsula of the Charles, and still easily liveable and sound. We have tried to restore it and are happy to see it noted and recorded.

I admire the work of the Commission, in encouraging preservation of notable dwellings. Best of luck!

Sincerely,


Robert K. Faulkner

203 Blington Rd
Arboretum 02166