

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
160	CH-9A

Newton, Mass. MRA

Town Newton / Chestnut Hill

Address 400 Beacon St

Historic Name Dupee Estate

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 1880-1881

Source Atlases: 1886, 1874

Style Stick Style variant

Architect Peabody & Stearns

Exterior Wall Fabric stone, brick

Outbuildings carriage house & residence

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

1907 wing added, entrance remodelled

Condition very good

Moved no Date _____

Acreage ²⁰⁴¹⁸⁹ over 1 acre (8.36 acres)

Setting suburban, generous setback along major thoroughfare

Recorded by Arch. Pres. Assoc.

Organization Newton Hist. Comm.

Date 5/15/83, rev. 3/86

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 19.320840.4688760

USGS QUADRANGLE Newton, Mass.

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Dupee Estate meets Criteria C as a work by the noted architectural firm of Peabody & Stearns, and an unusual example of the quasi-Medieval mode of the Queen Anne movement as adapted for a domestic, rather than monumental institutional building.

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

The Dupee Estate is an unusual example of the quasi-Medieval manner of the Queen Anne movement influenced by John Ruskin. This mode of the Queen Anne style was generally reserved for monumental buildings of masonry construction. However, several domestic examples exist in the Boston environs, including Cambridge and this house in Newton. Queen Anne characteristics are the irregular mass and broken roofline. Ruskinian Gothic overtones are suggested by the blunt pointed arches and masonry of brick and stone. Few masonry houses of this period exist in Newton.

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

The land on which the Dupee Estate stands was owned throughout most of the 19th c. by the Woodman family. During the 1880s and 1890s many of the nearby farms were parcelled off and numerous suburban houses and large estates were built. After 1900 the area became a sought after place of residence by Boston merchants and financiers, such as William Dupee, who was involved in the wool market.

The house was later owned by Mary Baker Eddy, and is currently in the possession of the Christian Science Church which she founded.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Atlases: 1907 Caroline Lawrence, et al.
1895 Jeanie Dupee
1886 Mrs. W.R. Dupee
1874 Land of John & Jos. Woodman
Directories: 1885-Wm. Dupee, wool, Boston; 1874-John & Jos. Woodman, farmers
Newton's 19th C. Architecture: Newton Centre, Oak Hill & Chestnut Hill,
1985, p.28.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Newton MRA
State Middlesex County, MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

41. Dupee Estate

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Melrose Byers 9/4/86

42. Elliott, Charles D., House

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43. Eminence, The

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44. Estabrook, Rufus, House

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45. Evangelical Baptist
ChurchEntered in the
National Register

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46. Farquhar, Samuel, House

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47. Fenno, John A., House

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48. First Unitarian Church

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National Register

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49. Fuller, Capt. Edward,
FarmEntered in the
National Register

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50. Gane, Henry, House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Dupee Estate (Newton MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. JUL 23 1986
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87
Date Due: 8/2/86 - 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
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ 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: _____



400 Beacon St, Chestnut Hill
- Roll #17 (8A) -

Dupree Estate

Newton, Mass. MRA

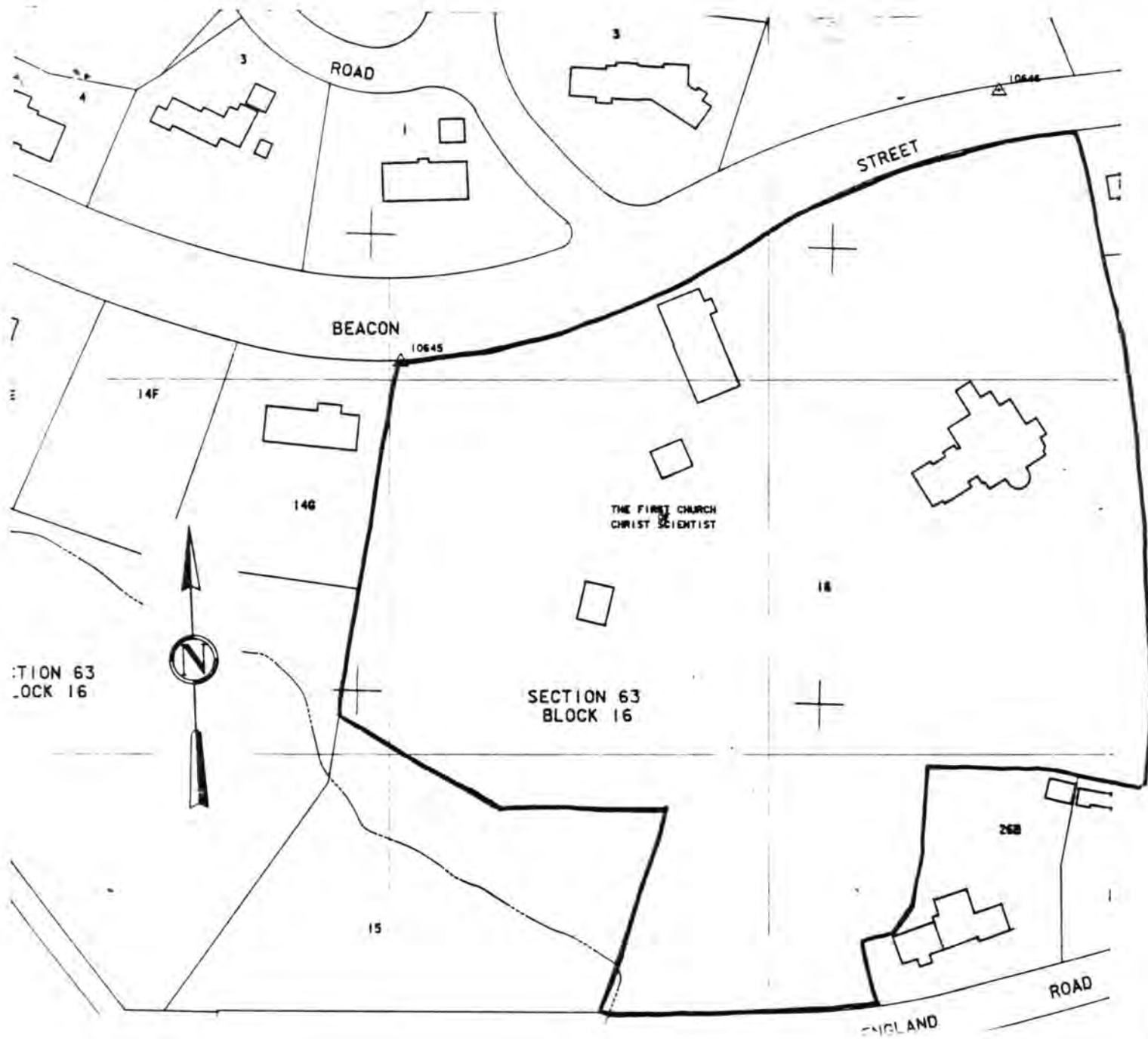


Popee Estate

APR 1986

Newton, Mass. MRA

- 400 Beacon St, Chestnut Hill
- carriage house Roll 17 (9A) -



City of Newton Assessor's Maps. Sheet **92**
 Metric Series. 1979
 Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

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 400 Beacon Street, Chestnut Hill
 Dupee Estate
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