

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	1134

Town Newton, Mass. MRA
Newton (Newton Corner)

Address 72 Jewett Street

Historic Name Seth Adams House

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 ca. 1854

Source Jackson Homestead Public.

Style Italianate

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition Good

Moved no Date _____

Acreage 14,900 sq. ft. *less than one acre*

Setting urban residential along side street

UTM REFERENCE 19.319570.4691700

USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON, MASS.

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by K. Hatch

Organization Newton Historical Comm.

Date 2/77; rev. by H. White 3/86

(SEE ATTACHED MAP)

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

Because of its associations with Seth Adams, the benefactor of the Adams Nervine Asylum in Jamaica Plain, the house at 72 Jewett Street meets Criterion B of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

The Seth Adams House is a well-preserved example of the Italianate style and features the bracketed eaves and window entablatures associated with this mode of architecture. The main entrance is centered in the three-bay Jewett Street facade and is surrounded by a transom and sidelights; a subsidiary entry is located on the Pearl Street side. Elaborately patterned openwork porch supports appear on the entrance porch and the long side veranda, and are the house's most distinctive architectural feature.

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

By the mid-nineteenth century the scenic hills of the outlying Newton Corner neighborhood near Jewett Street were dotted with the wood frame country villas and gardens of Boston's newly rich upper middle class. Seth Adams, who owned this house in 1874, was one of Newton's wealthiest residents. In 1872 Adams gave the bulk of his fortune to the Adams Nervine Asylum in Jamaica Plain, incorporated in 1877 "...for the alleviation of nervous diseases, by diet, good air, gymnastics, hot and cold baths, and the movement cure, with special attention to genial association and religious exercises." (Sweetser, p. 59).

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Friends of the Jackson Homestead. Newton's Older Houses: Newton Corner - and Nonantum, (1976), p.44.

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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

21. West Newton Hill
Historic District

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

Patrick Anderson 9/4/86

Beth L. Savage 9/4/86

22. Adams, Amos, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

Patrick Anderson 9/4/86

Beth L. Savage 9/4/86

23. Adams, Seth, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

Shelene Byers 9/4/86

24. Auburndale Congregational
Church

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

Shelene Byers 9/4/86

25. Bartlett--Hawkes Farm

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Shelene Byers 9/4/86

26. Bayley House

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27. Bemis Mill

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28. Bigelow, Henry, House

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29. Blodgett, William,
House

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30. Brackett House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Adams, Seth, House (Newton MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

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

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: JUL 23 1986 2/3/86
Date Due: 8/20/86 - 9/6/86
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 9-4-86
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed		

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: _____



Adams, Seth, Hise

Newton, Mass. MRA

- 72 Jewett St, Newton Corner -
- 77-A-12 (8)



City of Newton Assessor's Maps. Sheet 19
 Metric Series. 1979
 Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

Newton, Mass. M.R.A.
 72 Jewett Street, Newton Corner
 11-26-10
 Seth Adams House