

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	1683

Newton, Mass. MRA
Town Newton (Newton Corner)

Address 621 Centre Street

Historic Name Brackett 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. 1850

Source stylistic analysis

Style Greek Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings carriage house

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

Major Alterations (with dates) 20th c. remodelling. 1900-north wing added.

Condition Very good

(SEE ATTACHED MAP)

Moved no Date _____

Acreage 30,310 sq. ft. less than one acre

Setting urban residential along major thoroughfare

UTM REFERENCE 19.319830.4690740

USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON, MASS.

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by K. Hatch

Organization Newton Hist. Comm.

Date 3/12/77; rev. by H. White 3/86

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Brackett House is one of several fine examples of the temple front type of Greek Revival in Newton Corner and therefore 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.

The Brackett House is an elaborate Greek Revival style residence with a temple front. The temple front was used less often in Newton Corner than a local variation of the style which places both the pediment and entrance at the building's side and a row of four monumental columns across the front. The Brackett House is a 2½-story residence sited with its gable end and monumental Ionic portico facing the street. A north wing was attached to the main block of the house ca. 1900. Its current detailing represents a mixture of the Greek Revival and Colonial Revival styles.

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

This large lot at the corner of Bellevue and Centre Streets is said to have a history dating back to the early settlement of Newton Corner. It may have originally been part of the nearby 43 acre farm of Deacon Samuel Hyde. Hyde was one of Newton's first few original white settlers. He arrived in this country from London in 1639. With his brother, who owned adjoining land, in 1667 he laid out a road through his acreage which later became known as Centre Street. The street remains one of Newton's major north-south thoroughfares.

During the second half of the nineteenth century the house was resided in by Gilman Brackett, a provisioner who also owned several lots of land on adjacent Bellevue Street. Shortly before the first World War the house came into the possession of the Burton family.

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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

Kathie Andrus 9/4/86

Attest

Beth L. Savage 9/4/86

22. Adams, Amos, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Kathie Andrus 9/4/86

Attest

Beth L. Savage 9/4/86

23. Adams, Seth, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melrose Byers 9/4/86

Attest

24. Auburndale Congregational
Church

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25. Bartlett--Hawkes Farm

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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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Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Brackett House (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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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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 _____

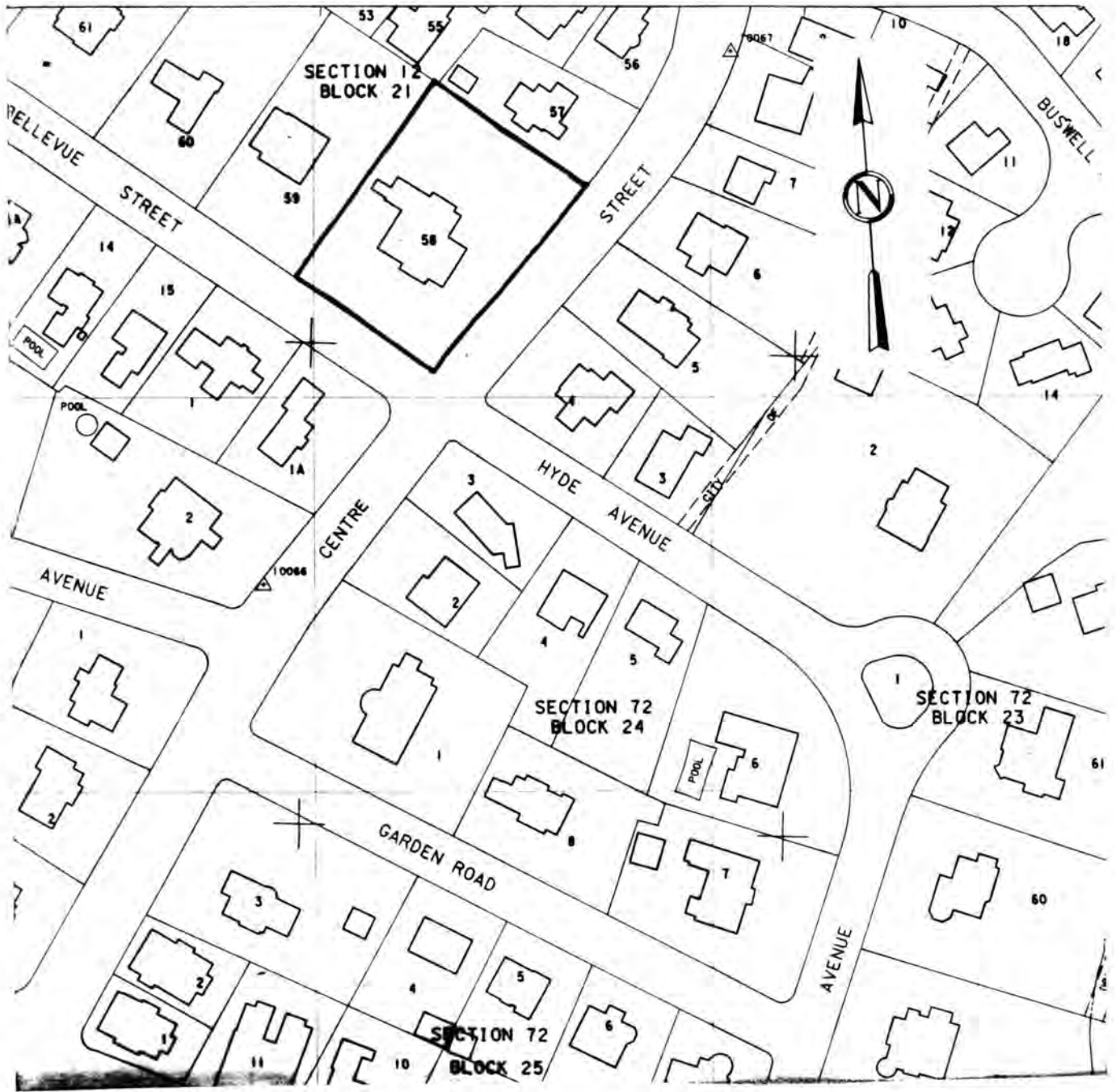
Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Brackett House

Newton, Mass. MRA

- 621 Centre St, Newton Corner -
MR-A-6 (25)



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 Metric Series. 1979
 Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

Newton, Mass. M.R.A.
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