

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.

Form no.

130/441

-3

1. Town Brookline MRA

Address 209 Newton Street

Name Isaac Child House

Present use Residential

Present owner R. M. & J. B. Jenney

3. Description:

Date Prior to 1740

SOME OLD BROOKLINE HOUSES

Source by Nina Fletcher Little

Style _____

Architect Information not available

Exterior wall fabric Vinyl siding

Outbuildings (describe) Garage & pool

Other features 3½ stories (front), 2½ stories(back); 1½-story rear ell; 3 bays on main mass, railings on 2; 2 covered porches w/arches; bull eye glass in door; pilasters w/heavy cornice; cornerboards.

Altered Yes* Date _____

Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size: 144,900 sq. ft.

One acre or less _____ Over one acre X

Approximate frontage 475'

Approximate distance of building from street

75'

6. Recorded by Carla Benka

Organization BHC

Date Sept 1979

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.

See attached map.

Newton Quadrangle

UTM Reference: 19/323300/4686260

Map #: 40

Acreage: 4 acres

- * 1875 - Raised, ground floor added.
- 1923 - Interior alterations.
- 1928 - Servants quarters.
- 1953 - 3 doors cut; window enlarged.
- 1956 - Remove window and door; install triple window.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Isaac Child

Original use single family residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	<u>x</u>	settlement	_____	invention	_____
Commerce	_____	Industry	_____	Social/	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	humanitarian	_____
Community development	<u>x</u>	Political	_____	Transportation	_____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

During the first half of the 17th century, this property was part of the land holdings of Griffin Bowen; by the middle of the 18th century, the land had been divided between Bowen's two great-grandchildren, Joshua and Issac Child. Although written evidence can not place this house earlier than 1790, it is possible that this is the same house Issac Child built in 1715. Heavy summer beams, wide floor boards, batten doors, and strap hinges indicate that at least materials from an older building were used in the construction of this one.

There have been a number of changes in the structure of the Issac Child House, the most dramatic of which was completed in 1875 by Willard A. Humphrey*who, according to Harriet Woods, "raised and improved" the property. Humphrey literally raised the house and changed it from a two story to a three story structure. He built the present ground floor whose heavy trim is characteristic of the period. In 1923, the interior was altered; in 1953, three doors were cut and a window enlarged, and in 1956, a window and door were removed and a triple window installed.

209 Newton Street meets NR criteria C, being an unusual example of an 18th century homestead, one of less than one dozen remaining in the entire town.

* Humphrey was a vegetable farmer, according to the 1881 Directory. and a member of the General Court in 1872 and 1873.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Harriet Woods - Historical Sketches of Brookline
Nina Fletcher Little- Some Old Brookline Houses
Theodore Jones - Land Ownership in Brookline

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Brookline MRA
State MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Cabot, Lewis, Estate

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

Melvin Byers 10/17/85

12. Candler Cottage

Entered in the
National Register

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DistrictEntered in the
National Register

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14. Child, Isaac, House

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National Register

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15. Corey, Timothy, House #1

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16. Corey, Timothy, House #2

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DistrictEntered in the
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18. Davis, Robert S., House

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HouseEntered in the
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20. Douglass, Alfred, House

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Child, Isaac, House (Brookline MRA)
Norfolk County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. SEP 4 1985

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87

Date Due: 10/3/85 - 10/19/85

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 10-17-85

☐ RETURN

☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

Entered in the
National Register

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

- ☐ 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: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



209 Newton

Brookline (Ma) MRA

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by Berkeley

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209 NEWTON (130/441-3)
Isaac Child House
TOWN OF BROOKLINE MAP JAN '81
Scale 1/2" = 200 ft.

Brookline (Ma) MRA

