

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	1163

Newton, Mass. M.R.A.
Town (Newton Corner)

Address 17 Channing Street

Historic Name Thayer 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 1860s

Source Surveyor, Directories

Style Carpenter Gothic

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) 20th c.
tri-partite facade windows, entry

Condition Good

Moved no Date less than one acre

Acreage 8704' sq.

Setting urban residential along side street

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 19³19750.4691550

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

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Thayer House is an unusual example of the Carpenter Gothic cottage house form 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 their buildings within the community.

Three steeply-pitched facade gables clad with flush-boardings adorn the street elevation of this unusual Carpenter Gothic cottage. The building's trim is testimony to the inventiveness in wood ornament that resulted from the invention of the scroll saw. Elaborate scrolled trim embellishes the window lintels. Leaf and floral motifs are applied to the gable fields. The corner pilasters have unusual capitals with cyma-curved metal ribbons.

As with many Gothic Revival cottages, this residence retains several Greek Revival features, including pedimented end gables and Ionic porch columns incorporated in an enclosed vestibule.

A Mansard-roofed ell is attached to the rear of the house.

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

This house was owned in 1868 by Stephen O. Thayer, a local printer. It remained in the possession of the Thayer family through the early 1900s.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Atlases - 1907, 1895, 1886, 1874.
Directories- 1871, 1868.
O.H. Bailey. View of Newton, Mass. (1878)

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 Newton-MRA
State Middlesex County, MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

111. Souther, John, House

Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper*Delores Byers* 9/4/86

Attest

112. Staples--Crafts--Wiswall Farm

Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper*Delores Byers* 9/4/86

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113. Stone, Ebenezer, House

Substantive Review
Entered in the
National Register *for* Keeper*Eligible Talvick Andrus* 9/4/86

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114. Stone, Joseph L., House

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National Register *for* Keeper*Delores Byers* 9/4/86

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115. Strong's Block

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116. Thaxter, Celia, House

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117. Thayer House

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118. Ward, Ephraim, House

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119. Wheat, Samuel, House

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120. Woodward, John, House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Thayer House (Newton MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

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

Entered in the
National Register

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: _____

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 | ☐ deteriorated |
| ☐ good | ☐ ruins |
| ☐ fair | ☐ 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: _____



Thayer House

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