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AREA

FORM NO.

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town Newton (West Newton)Address 85 Bigelow RoadHistoric Name George W. Eddy 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 residentialOriginal same

DESCRIPTION

Date 1913Source Building permitStyle CraftsmanArchitect Chapman & FrazerExterior Wall Fabric stuccoOutbuildings matching garage-CMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition excellentMoved no Date n/aAcreage 40,926 sq.ft. C .93ASetting residential area of large homes
on West Newton hill.Recorded by Candace Jenkins/Susan AbeleOrganization Newton Historical Comm.Date 6/1987; rev. 3/1988

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 19/317350/4689760USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTONSCALE 1:25000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The George W. Eddy House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as Newton's finest example of the English Craftsman style characterized by symmetry and planar stucco surfaces. The exceptional design is by the noted Boston firm of Chapman & Frazer. It is also representative of Newton's early 20th century suburban growth which resulted in infill of established areas as well as in development of new subdivisions. It meets criteria A & C of the NRHP.

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

The George W. Eddy House is a subtle and exceptionally well detailed example of the Craftsman style by a major Boston architectural firm. It is a 2 and 1/2 story stucco clad house enclosed by a slate hip roof which curves elegantly over paired second story windows. Two dormers with similarly curved roofs are located on the front slope of the roof. A pent roof on carved brackets extends across the facade and forms a porch over the recessed entry where the roof is supported on heavy Doric columns. The entry and flanking windows contain leaded glass. A two story wing with overhanging second story extends to the right and is contained under the main roof. A porch that was originally open, but is now closed, extends at an angle to the left. A matching detached garage stands to the north.

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

George W. Eddy was the original owner of the house at 85 Bigelow Road. Eddy was a commissions merchant and later became president of the G. F. Eddy Company, a company begun in Newton by his father Caleb F. Eddy in 1870. The business, which sold coal, wood, and hay, was located in the Eddy Block, 1-11 Washington Street, West Newton, and in Auburndale at 181 Auburn Street.

The Eddy House, designed by the well-known Boston firm of Chapman and Frazer, was built in 1913. Horace S. Frazer, whose partner J. H. Chapman died in 1895, carried on under the firm name, designing a number of fine residences, particularly in Chestnut Hill. A contemporary view of the Eddy House can be found in *Beautiful Newton*.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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RESIDENCE OF GEORGE W. EDDY, BIGELOW ROAD, WEST NEWTON.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Newton MRA
State Middlesex County, MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

141. Crimmins, Thomas A., House
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Attest _____142. Eddy, George W., House
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Eddy, George W., House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Newton MRA
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 1/02/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/17/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/02/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/16/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000038

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 2/16/90 DATE

Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

☐ count ☐ resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

☐ historic ☐ current

DESCRIPTION

☐ architectural classification
☐ materials
☐ descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

☐ acreage ☐ verbal boundary description
☐ UTM's ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



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85 Bigelow Rd.
Newton, MA

Newton, MA-MRA

C. Jenkins

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