

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 80 BOYLSTON STREET  
 BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
160	CH-136A

Town Newton, Mass. M.R.A.  
Newton/ Chestnut Hill

Address 137 Suffolk Rd

Historic Name Kingsbury 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 c.1700

Source Jackson Homestead Public #14

Style Georgian

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric shingle

Outbuildings none

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

Major Alterations (with dates) new foundation; new shingle cladding; rear additions

Condition very good

Moved from 7 Lawrence Road Date 1905

Acreage 12,067 square feet *less than one acre*

Setting suburban residential

UTM REFERENCE 19.321100.4688350

USGS QUADRANGLE Newton, Mass.

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Archit. Preservation Assoc

Organization Newton Hist. Comm

Date May 15, 1983, rev 3/86

## NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

Meets Criteria B and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

Because of its associations with John Parker, one of the area's early settlers, and Ebenezer Stone, a prominent figure in local affairs 137 Suffolk Road meets Criterion B.

As one of relatively few early eighteenth century structures remaining in Newton the Kingsbury House meets Criterion C.

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

It is possible that portions of this house were built by John Parker during the 1680s. The massive central chimney was a typical 17th c. feature. However, the gable roof, fenestration and entrance are more representative of 18th c. farmhouses.

Although this structure has been moved from its original site and somewhat altered, it retains the compact lines, massive central chimney and facade organization of a traditional Georgian farmhouse. The crown mouldings and tall vertical proportions of the windows have been retained, although the 6/9 moveable sash is probably not original. The windows of the upper story are framed into the cornice.

Narrow corner boards and saltbox profile are characteristic features of this house.

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

In 1686 John Parker, a carpenter, left 11 acres and a dwelling house and 7 acres of meadow and woodland to his son John, Jr.

John Parker, Jr. sold to Ebenezer Stone of Newton Corn, one "mansion house" with barns and 14 acres in 1701. Ebenezer Stone (1662-1754) probably built this house (137 Suffolk Rd) in c. 1700. Stone was a representative to the Gen'l. Court in 1729, Selectman from 1705-06, and a member of the First Parish. His descendants were farmers in Chestnut Hill until the end of the 19th c.

In 1817 John Stone, yeoman, sold the property to John Kingsbury of Brookline. Kingsbury and his offspring were major land owners in Chestnut Hill and Oak Hill throughout the 19th c. Isaac Kingsbury, John's grandson, was city clerk from 1883-1911, and acquired the old house. However, he resided at 360 Hammond St and rented this house to Chas. Burrage.

In 1896 Edwin Webster bought the property and the old house was moved to its present location, to make way for Mr. Webster's new house.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Jackson Homestead Publication #14.

Atlas 1907 Chas. H. Burrage

1895 Land of Francis Kingsbury

1874-86 Land of John & Jos. Woodman

1855 Land of J. and I. Kingsbury

Directories: 1907 Chas. Burrage, treas. Boston

1895

1874 John & Jos. Woodman, farmers

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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

Entered in the  
National Register

Date/Signature

81. Hyde, Gershom, House

for Keeper Delores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

82. Jackson House

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83. Jackson, Samuel, Jr.,  
House

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84. Jennison, Joshua, House

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85. Judkins, Amos, House

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86. King House

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87. Kingsbury House

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88. Kistler House

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89. Merriam, Galen, House

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90. Mount Pleasant

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Kingsbury House (Newton MRA)  
Middlesex County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. JUL 23 1986

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/37

Date Due: 8/24/86 - 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

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

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**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

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**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

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

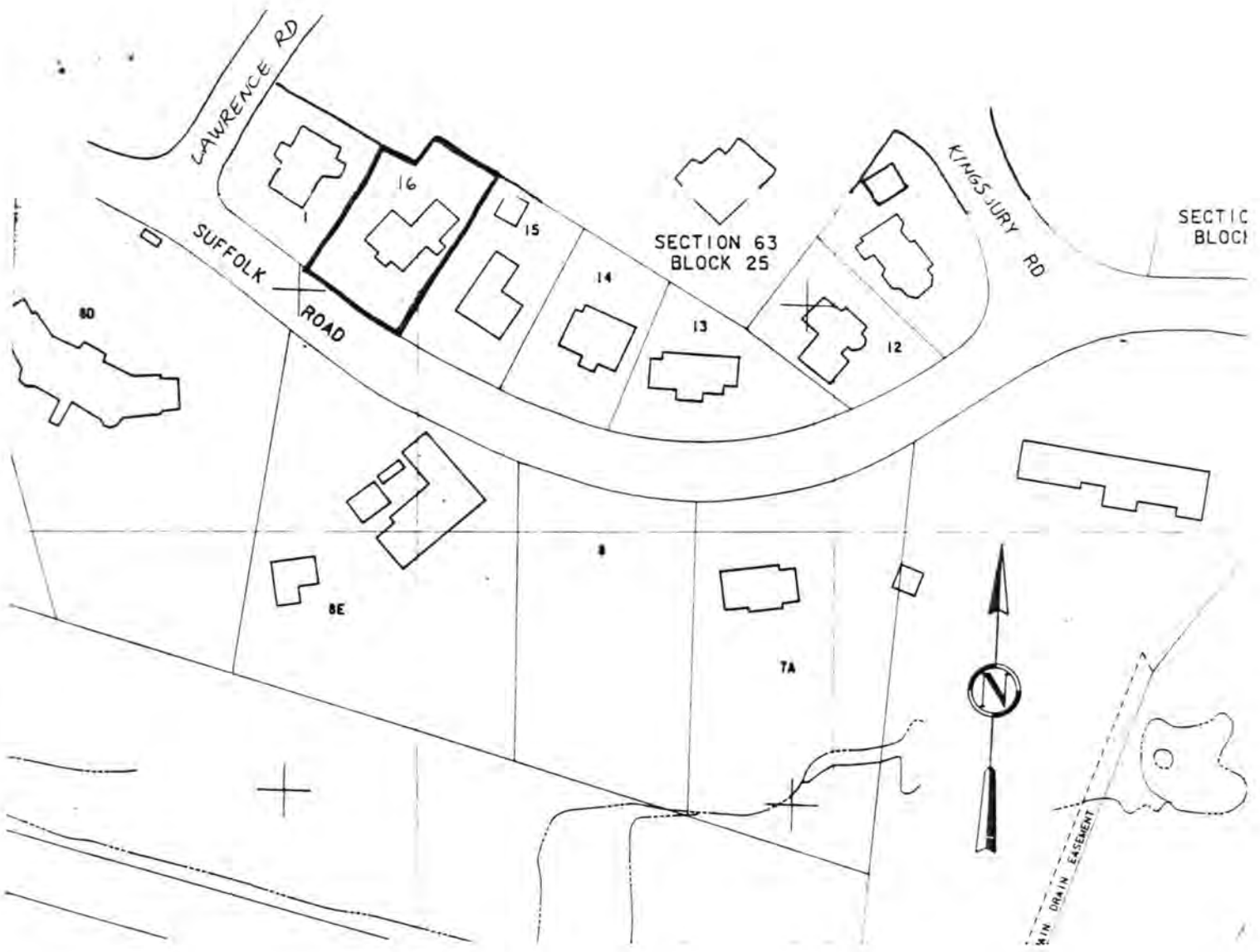
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



*Kingsbury House*

Newton, Mass. MRA

- 137 Suffolk Rd, Chestnut Hill -  
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City of Newton Assessor's Maps. Sheet 109  
 Metric Series. 1979  
 Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

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