

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	3196

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

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 19.316760.4691160
USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON, MA
SCALE 1:25,000

Newton, Mass. MRA
Town NEWTON (West Newton)
Address 399 Waltham Street
Historic Name Samuel Wheat House
Use: Present Residence
Original Residence

DESCRIPTION

Date c.1735
Source Jackson Homestead Pub.
Style Georgian
Architect unknown
Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboards
Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition Good.

Moved no Date ---

Acreage 46,318 sq. ft. (1.07 acre)

Setting large lot, close to busy street; mixed residential neighborh'

Recorded by Kathlyn Hatch

Organization Newton Historical Comm.

Date January 1978

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

As one of the earliest houses in West Newton, as well as for its associations with a prominent local family, the Samuel Wheat House meets criteria B and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

Although it obviously underwent several remodelings during the late 18th and 19th centuries, this narrow, gambrel-roofed house has survived remarkably intact. It remains one of the oldest houses in Newton.

The steep gambrel roof and narrow side elevations were undoubtedly part of the original structure. Six-over-six window sash were added in the early 19th century, and the dormers and elaborate classical doorway also represent later alterations. The building's high, narrow profile and small dimensions, however, present a good picture of the substantial dwellings of the early 18th century.

Eighteenth-century two-story gambrel-roofed buildings are rare in Newton. However, one other survives in West Newton, the Dr. Samuel Warren House (NR-1/3/85) at 432 Cherry Street, built about 1716, though the house was considerably enlarged in the late 18th century.

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

The house was evidently built for Dr. Samuel Wheat (1703-1770) who came to Newton from Boston in 1713 at the age of 10, when his father, also Dr. Samuel Wheat, settled in Newton as the village physician. In the late 1720s, Samuel Wheat, [Jr.] married Hannah [] and probably at that time purchased this land, part of the large holdings of Jonathan Park. Dr. Wheat played a prominent role in Newton affairs: he was on several committees including one in 1751 charged to determine the location of the new meeting house. He served as selectman in 1753. His daughter Catherine (1743-1827) married Capt. Thomas Eustis (1732-1807) in 1762, and at Dr. Samuel Wheat's death in 1770, the property passed to them.

By 1855 O.F. Woodford had acquired the property. Samuel S. Kilburn, an engraver, is shown as the owner of the property in 1874. In 1898, Mrs. Edward Augustus Holyoke Allen moved into the house with her children. Her late husband had been a cousin of Nathaniel Topliff Allen and had taught at the nearby Allen School on Webster Street (NR-1/9/78).

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Priscilla R. Ritter and Thelma Fleishman, Newton, Massachusetts, 1679-1779. A Biographical Directory (Boston: The New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1982).

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

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

Attest

113. Stone, Ebenezer, House

Substantive Review
Determined Eligible

for Keeper

Digby Talbot Andrews 9/4/86

Attest

114. Stone, Joseph L., House

Entered in the
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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Delores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Wheat, Samuel, House (Newton MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

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

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: JUL 23 1986 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

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: _____

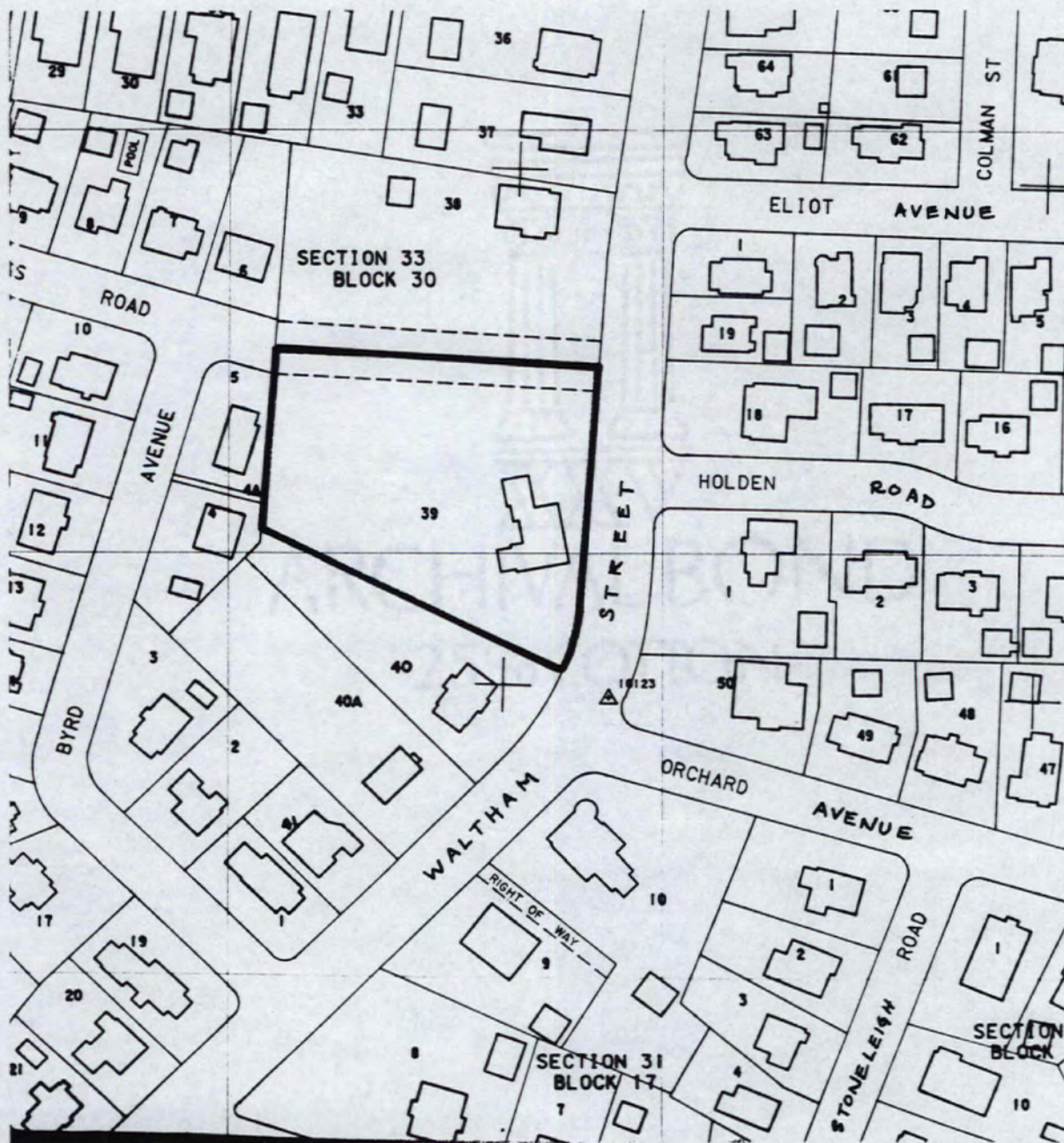


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City of Newton Assessor's Maps. Sheet 29
 Metric Series. 1979
 Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

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