

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

| AREA | FORM NO. |
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|      | 2012     |

Town Newton, Mass. MRA  
NEWTON (Nonantum)

Address 511 Watertown Street

Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_

Use: Present Residence

Original Residence

DESCRIPTION

Date 1897

Source Water Dept. Records

Style Colonial Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboards

Outbuildings Garage

Major Alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

Entrance Porch, 20th century

Condition Good

Moved no Date ---

Acreage 12,251 sq. ft. (less than 1 acre)

Setting Residential/Commercial

neighborhood on busy main street;  
corner lot at Watertown St & Broadway

Recorded by Kathlyn Hatch

Organization Newton Historical Comm.

Date December 1976

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 19.318270.4691610

USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

## **NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)**

As a well-detailed example of Colonial Revival architecture in Newton, this residence meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

This residence, completed in the late 1890s, is representative of the best aspects of late 19th-century Colonial Revival style design. Typical of this period are the bellcast hip roof with dormers, boxy massing, symmetrical arrangement of the openings and two-level front bow windows. The classical detailing, which is more elaborate than in other nearby examples, includes Ionic corner pilasters, an entablature with enriched moldings, and a Palladian motif in the front dormer. Since its construction, the exterior of the residence has survived with little alteration except for some changes to the front porch.

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

Water Dept. records indicate that the house was first connected to the city water supply in April 1897, and the structure was probably completed not long after. The first owner of the house was Morgan Mahoney (1842?-1920), a Nonantum grocer, who continued to live there through his death in 1920.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Atlases 1907, 1895.  
City Directories 1907-1897.  
City Engineer's Office, Water Dept. Records.  
Death notice, Newton Journal 9 November 1920.

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Newton MRA  
State Middlesex County, MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

71. House at 31 Woodbine Street

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

72. House at 41 Middlesex Road

National Register

for Keeper

Melores Byers 9/4/86

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73. House at 47 Sargent Street

National Register

for Keeper

Melores Byers 9/4/86

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74. House at 511 Watertown  
Street

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National Register

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Melores Byers 9/4/86

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75. House at 60 William Street

National Register

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76. House at 68 Maple Street

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National Register

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77. House at 729 Dedham Street

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78. House at 81--83 Gardner  
Street

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79. Hyde House

National Register

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80. Hyde, Eleazer, House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House at 511 Watertown Street (Newton MRA)  
Middlesex County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Fed. Reg. Date: JUL 23 1986 213/37  
Date Due: 8/21/86 - 9/6/86  
Action:  ACCEPT 9-1-86  
 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_



House at *511 Watertown St., Nonantum*

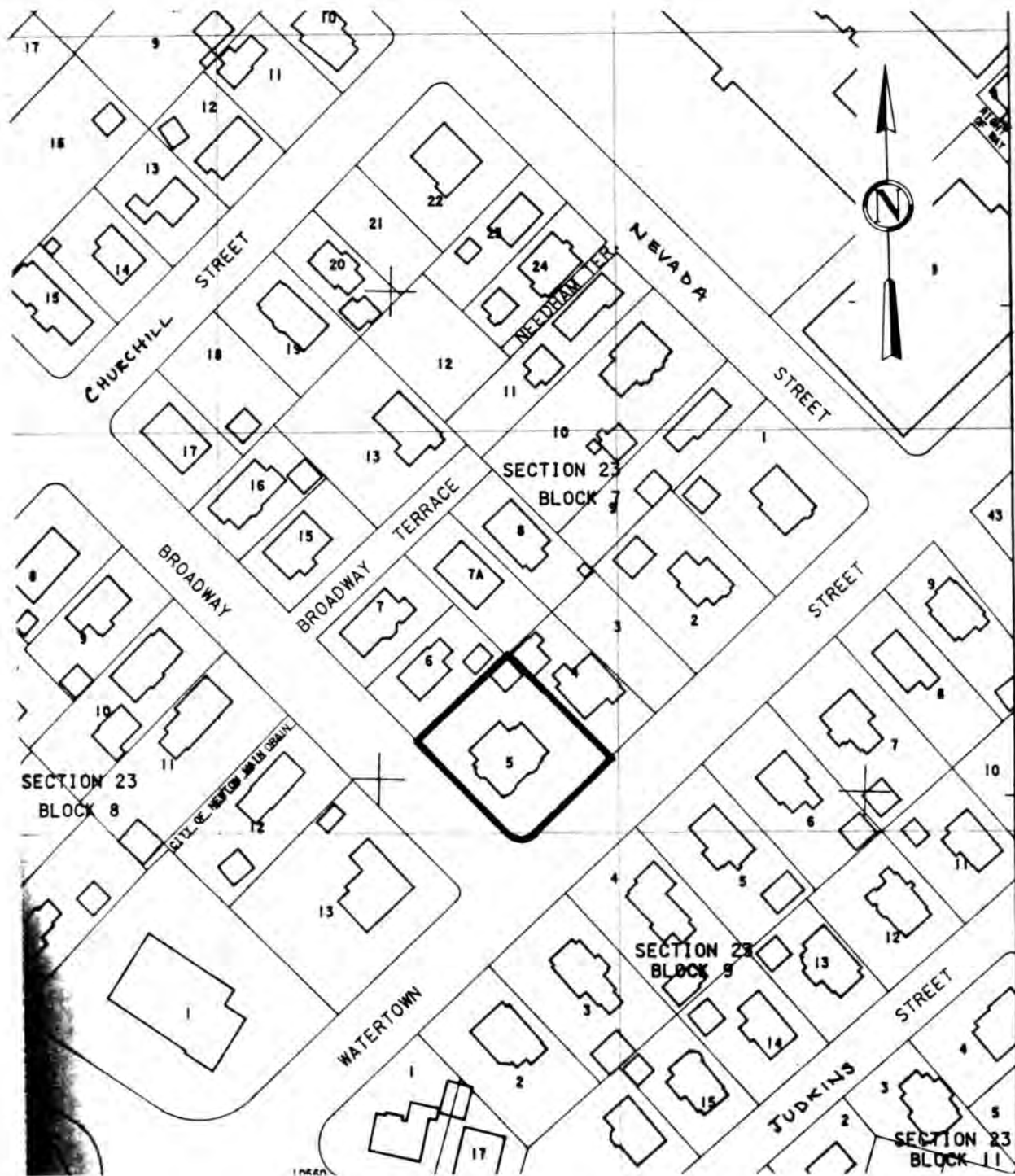
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City of Newton Assessor's Maps. Sheet 17  
 Metric Series. 1979  
 Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

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