

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
98	W13

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

Address 1734 Beacon Street

Historic Name Frederick Collins 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 1825-1831

Source Newton's Older Houses-Waban

Style Greek Revival

Architect Frederick A. Collins

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings garage

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

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition Excellent

Moved no Date _____

Acreage 27,000 sq. ft. less than one acre

Setting suburban along major thoroughfare.

(SEE ATTACHED MAP)

UTM REFERENCE 19.315980.4688120

USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON, MASS.

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Deborah Shea

Organization Newton Historical Comm.

Date 5/81; rev. by H. White 3/86

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Frederick Collins residence is an exceptionally well-preserved example of a temple-front type of Greek Revival house, one of several in Newton, although Waban's single example; it therefore 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.

The Frederick Collins house is sited with its gable end to the street. A two-story Ionic portico across the facade and the placement of the entrances on both of the lateral sides are a local variation of the style. The typanum and facade are flush-boarded in an attempt to simulate the ashlar masonry of the Greek temple prototype. The side entrances are set within one-story Ionic porches which are centered on the five-bay east and west elevations. Other characteristic features include the full-length first-story windows on the facade, the panelled corner pilasters and the shaped window lintels.

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

Frederick A. Collins was one of the three sons of Matthias Collins III, and inherited a portion of his father's vast 100-acre estate which reached from Beacon Street (formerly part of the Sherborn Road) to the Charles River.

Matthias Collins I was one of Waban's earliest settlers, and purchased local acreage in 1779. The area remained largely undeveloped until the latter years of the nineteenth century.

Frederick Collins and his brother Edward owned a glue factory which once stood south of the Beacon Street residence. Collins was active in local affairs, and was a member of the City Council.

During the late nineteenth century this section of Beacon Street came to be known as the "Collins neighborhood" for the row of Collins houses which stood here. The Frederick Collins residence is the only one of the Collins family houses to survive.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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City Directories: 1868

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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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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Newton MRA
State Middlesex County, MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Buckingham, John, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Helene Byers 9/4/86

Attest

32. Building at 1--6 Walnut
Terrace

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33. Central Congregational
Church

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34. Chestnut Hill, The

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35. Claflin, Adams, Estate

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36. Clark House

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37. Collins, Frederick,
House

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38. Curtis, Allan Crocker,
House--Pillar House

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39. Curtis, William, House

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40. Davis, Seth, House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Collins, Frederick, House (Newton MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

JUL 23 1986

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: 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.

- 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 | Check one | Check one |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> altered | |

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

Acreege 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: _____



Collins, Frederick, House

Newton, Mass. MRA

- 1734 Beacon St., Waban
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City of Newton Assessor's Maps. Sheet 100
 Metric Series. 1979
 Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

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 Frederick Jollins House
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