

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	3105

Newton, Mass. MRA

Town NEWTON (West Newton)

Address 3 Davis Avenue

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

Use: Present Residence

Original Residence

DESCRIPTION

Date c.1853

Source Jackson Homestead Pub.

Style Italianate

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition Good

Moved no Date ---

Acreage 12,000 sq. ft. (less than 1 acre)

Setting Corner lot, at edge of  
Victorian residential district

Recorded by Kathlyn Hatch

Organization Newton Historical Comm.

Date December 1977

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 19.316700.4691040

USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON, MA

SCALE 1:25,000

## NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

As an elaborately detailed and well-preserved example of a modest Italianate residence, this house 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.

Curvilinear bracketing forms the dominant design feature of this well-preserved Italianate style residence. Brackets appear at the doorway, over the windows, and at the cornice line of the building's narrow, front-gabled main block. The trim, which is unusually ornate for a house of this size, includes corner blocks and long front parlor windows.

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

The building is listed under the ownership of Mrs. J. Purdie in 1855. By 1874, it had been acquired by Charles Burrill (1838-1916), a well-known Boston insurance man. Born in Boston, Burrill had been active in the insurance business for most of his life, having been identified with the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company.

A very similar house of Italianate derivation was built nearby at 15 Davis Avenue (#3104) shortly after this residence was constructed.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Friends of the Jackson Homestead, Newton's Older Houses: West Newton (1978), pp. 28-29.

"Charles Burrill," Newton Journal 8 December 1916, p. 5.

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

61. House at 170 Otis Street

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper  
Attest

Delores Byers 9/4/86

62. House at 173--175 Ward Street

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Delores Byers 9/4/86

63. House at 203 Islington Road

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Delores Byers 9/4/86

64. House at 215 Brookline Street

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Delores Byers 9/4/86

65. House at 2212 Commonwealth Avenue

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66. House at 230 Melrose Street

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67. House at 230 Winchester Street

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68. House at 3 Davis Avenue

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Delores Byers 9/4/86

69. House at 307 Lexington Street

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70. House at 309 Waltham Street

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House at 3 Davis Avenue (Newton MRA)  
Middlesex County  
MASSACHUSETTS

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

- 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
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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

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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**

Acreege 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: \_\_\_\_\_



Newton, Mass. MRA  
3 Davis Ave., West Newton

*House at*  
Inv. #3105

Newton Mass MRA



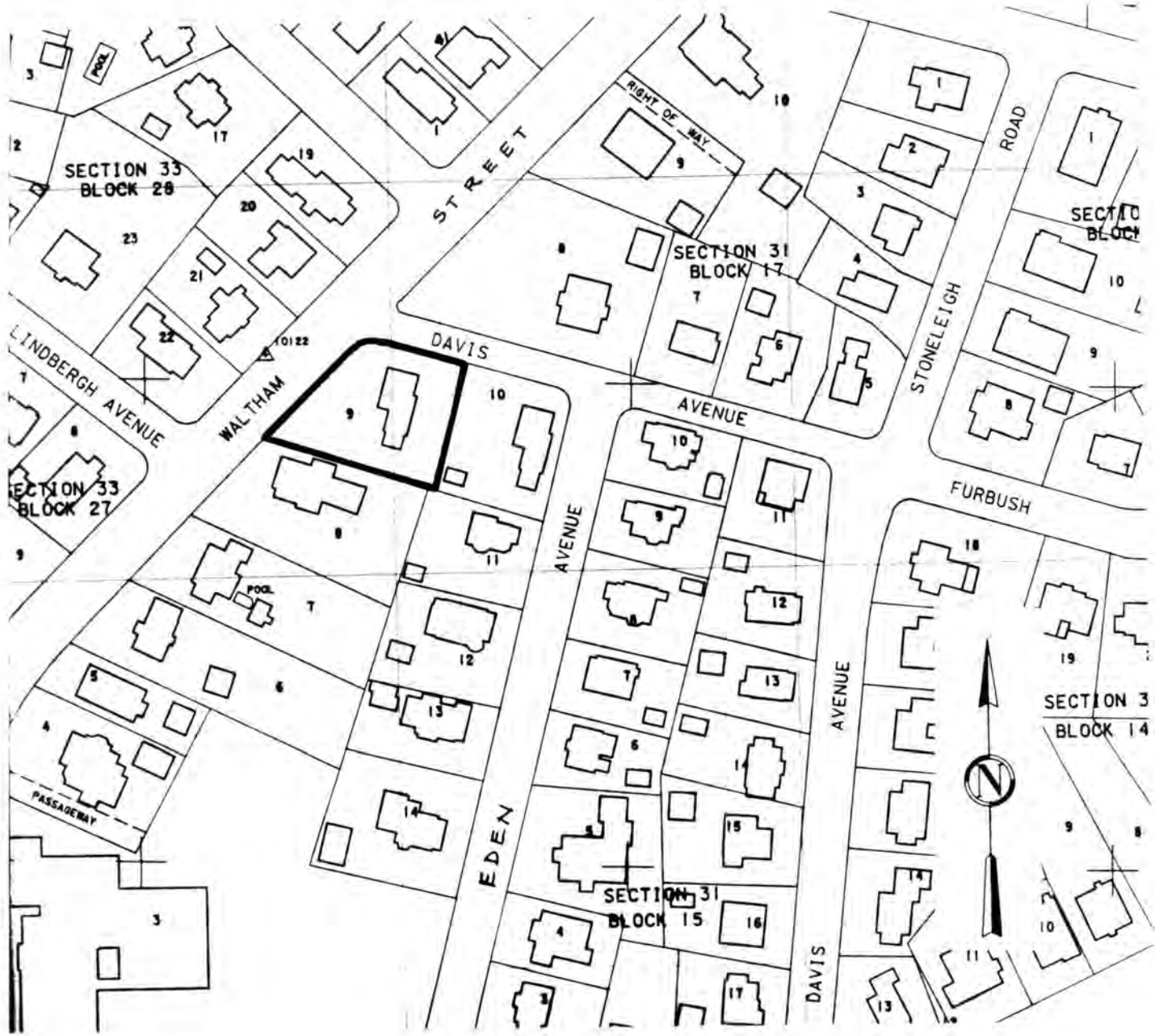
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City of Newton Assessor's Maps. Sheet 29  
 Metric Series. 1979  
 Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

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