

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	A-04

NEWTON, MA MRA

Town Newton (Auburndale)

Address 2 Charles Street

Historic Name Riverside Concrete Co./

Lamont's Market

Use: Present market/apartment

Original office

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

DESCRIPTION

Date 1910

Source building and water dept. records

Style Commercial

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric concrete block

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

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition good

see attached map

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage 3,830 sq.ft. C.09A

Setting modest residential neighborhood

SW of Auburndale commercial center

UTM REFERENCE 19|314200 |4690270

USGS QUADRANGLE NATICK

SCALE 1:25000

Recorded by Candace Jenkins/Susan Abele

Organization Newton Historical Comm.

Date 12/86; rev. 3/88

## NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

Lamont's Market possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as an exceptionally well preserved early 20th century market, constructed of rusticated concrete block manufactured by a local company. As an example of a now rare building type constructed of an innovative period material, it meets criterion C of the NRHP.

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

Lamont's Market is located on the SW corner of Charles and Auburn Streets in a modest residential neighborhood southwest of the Auburndale commercial district. It is a two story, flat-roofed rectangular plan structure whose slightly angled facade reflects the configuration of its corner lot; the sloping profile of the lot leaves the basement almost fully exposed at the rear. The building is constructed of concrete block with cast stone trim, manufactured by its original occupant, the Riverside Concrete Co. The concrete block is rusticated at the basement level, and raised, smooth-faced quoins emphasize the corners. A molded stringcourse separated the stories and a frieze, decorated with a modified wave pattern, is located beneath the molded cornice. The first story of the facade (N) is dominated by two large display windows, both with diamond pane transoms, and the recessed entryway. These elements are divided by three buff brick piers which support the second story. The eastern display window is the larger, occupying its entire bay; the western window is half-size, sharing its bay with the entryway which contains one door to the market space and one to the second story. The interior retains its original lights.

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

Built in 1910, Lamont's Market is pictured in a newspaper advertisement for the Riverside Concrete Company, C. W. Salisbury owner, with work yards on Staniford Street, Auburndale. The construction in concrete stone was said to be "waterproof, fireproof and time proof...warm in winter...cool in summer" and at the time could be duplicated for about \$3,7000. Although originally built for commercial use only, a second-floor apartment was added in 1928. Early occupants included Fletcher the Florist, Riverside Concrete, Auburn Press and, from 1913 to 1925, F. A. Willis, grocer. After the death of Mr. Willis, Malcom Lamont took over, giving his name to the market. Its proximity to the Riverside Recreation Grounds, Norumbega Park and a residential neighborhood made this an ideal location for a local market in the early 20th century and it continues in use today.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Building Department: 2 Charles Street  
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*Newton Times* 3-8-11

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Newton MRA  
State Middlesex County, MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

151. Luke, Arthur F., House <sup>entered in the</sup>  
**National Register**

for Keeper Melrose Byers 2/16/90

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

152. Newton Catholic High School  
**Substantive Review**

for Keeper Beth L. Savage 02-16-90

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

\* 153. Newton Centre Branch Library  
**Substantive Review**

for Keeper Beth L. Savage 02-16-90

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\* 154. Newton City Hall and War Memorial  
**Substantive Review**

for Keeper Beth L. Savage 02-16-90

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155. Noves, Charles W., House  
**Entered in the National Register**

for Keeper Melrose Byers 2/16/90

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156. Pierce, F. Lincoln, Houses <sup>entered in the</sup>  
**National Register**

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157. Plummer Memorial Library <sup>entered in the</sup>  
**National Register**

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158. Riverside Concrete Company--Lamont's  
Market **Entered in the National Register**

for Keeper Melrose Byers 2/16/90

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159. Sawyer, C. A., House (Second)  
**Entered in the National Register**

for Keeper Melrose Byers 2/16/90

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160. Schraft, George F., House  
**Substantive Review**

Keeper \_\_\_\_\_

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*ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION*  
*TO: OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANSH, D.*

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Riverside Concrete Company--Lamont's Market

MULTIPLE NAME: Newton MRA

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 1/02/90      DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/16/90  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/02/90      DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/16/90  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000029

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N    DATA PROBLEM: N    LANDSCAPE: N    LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N    PDIL: N    PERIOD: N    PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N    SAMPLE: N    SLR DRAFT: N    NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT     RETURN     REJECT    2/16/90 DATE

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National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_  
REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_  
DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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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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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps       USGS maps       photographs       presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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BAKED BREAD  
FOR SALE  
DAILY

NO POSTAGE  
NECESSARY  
IF MAILED  
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C. Jenkins

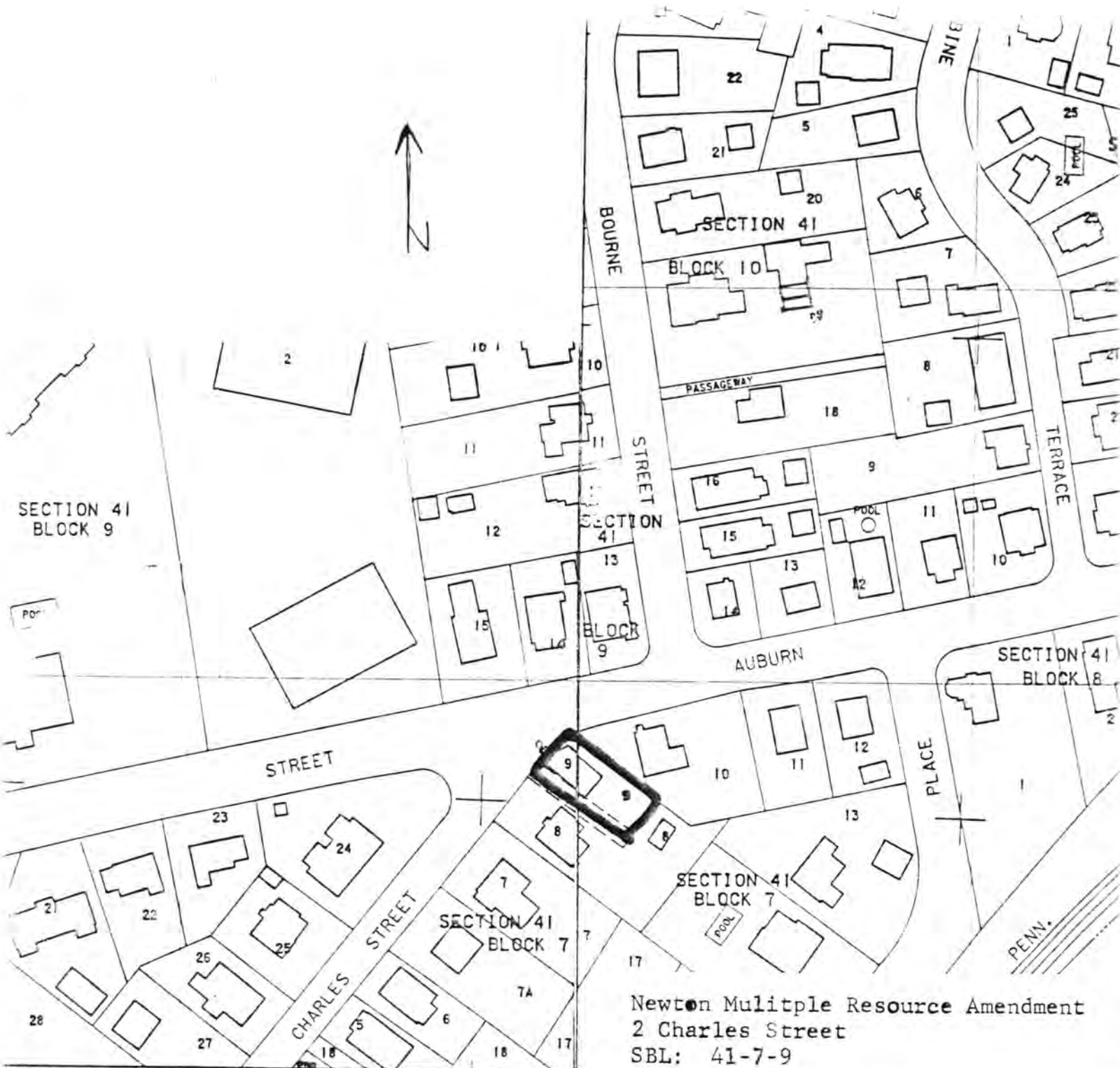
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Newton Multiple Resource Amendment  
2 Charles Street  
SBL: 41-7-9

Engineering Map 1979  
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