

## FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA

FORM NO.

CH-140

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 19.321000.4688330USGS QUADRANGLE Newton, Mass.SCALE 1:25,000Town Newton, Mass. M.R.A.  
NEWTON (Chestnut Hill)Address 152 Suffolk RoadHistoric Name noneUse: Present dwellingOriginal dwelling

## DESCRIPTION

Date 1900Source Engineering Dept. Water RecordsStyle Spanish Colonial RevivalArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric stuccoOutbuildings carriage houseMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition Very GoodMoved no Date Acreage 69,729 sq. ft. (1.6 acres)Setting Suburban residential along winding road.Recorded by Arch. Pres. AssociatesOrganization Newton Historical Comm.Date 5/83; rev. by H. White 3/86

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

The house at 157 Suffolk Road is one of few local examples of the Mediterranean manner of the Colonial Revival style and 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.**

During the early years of the twentieth century, the Georgian and Medieval Revivals were joined by several other styles, including the Mediterranean manner. In Newton houses of this type occur in limited numbers, and its differences from the principal revivals are not profound. Tile-roofed Mediterranean dwellings such as the house at 157 Suffolk Road, with its loggia and stucco walls appear to have been considered too exotic to have been built in large numbers.

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

Until 1850 this area of Chestnut Hill was devoted to the market gardens of the Kingsbury, Woodman, Hammond and Stone families. In 1850 the area received a number of newcomers who were members of several affluent old Boston families. They established large estates for use as summer homes. By the end of the nineteenth century, the Hammond Street area's proximity to the commuter railroad station at Chestnut Hill made it a sought-after place of residence for wealthy Boston commuters, such as Clement S. Houghton, who owned this house in 1907.

The land on which this house was built was owned by the Lee family. During the 1820s a sea captain named John Lee bought 163 acres of the land originally settled by Thomas Hammond in 1650. Lee died in 1845, and by 1854 his heirs Thomas Lee and John Lee began plans for a community that would eventually become known as Chestnut Hill.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic GroupName Newton MRA  
State Middlesex County, MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

51. Gunderson, Jos ., House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 9/4/86

52. Harbach, John, House

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National Register

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Delores Byers 9/4/8653. Harding House--Walker  
Missionary HomeEntered in the  
National Register

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54. Haskell, Charles, House

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55. House at 1008 Beacon St.

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56. House at 102 Staniford Street

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57. House at 107 Waban Hill Road

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Delores Byers 9/4/8658. House at 115--117 Jewett  
StreetEntered in the  
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59. House at 15 Davis Avenue

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60. House at 152 Suffolk Road

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House at 152 Suffolk Road (Newton MRA)  
Middlesex County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. JUL 23 1986  
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"/> unaltered        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        | <input type="checkbox"/> altered          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    | <input type="checkbox"/> 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 cut*

152 Suffolk Rd,  
Chestnut Hill

M-21(9)





City of Newton Assessor's Maps. Sheet 109  
 Metric Series. 1979  
 Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

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 152 Suffolk Road, Chestnut Hill  
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