

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
	CH-145

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town Newton, Mass. M.R.A.  
NEWTON (Chestnut Hill)

Address 107 Waban Hill Road

Historic Name none

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

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 circa 1875

Source Stylistic analysis

Style Italianate

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard, flushboard

Outbuildings barn

Major Alterations (with dates) frame

additions on northwest elevation

Condition Very Good

Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage 38,412 sq. ft. *less than one acre*

Setting Suburban residential atop Waban Hill, with panoramic view of surrounding communities.

Recorded by Arch. Pres. Associates

Organization Newton Historical Comm.

Date 5/83; rev. by H. White 3/86

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 19.321040.4689640

USGS QUADRANGLE Newton, Mass.

SCALE 1:25,000

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

The house at 107 Waban Hill Road is one of the city's finest examples of the very formal and academic mode of the Italianate 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.**

The Italianate style in Newton enjoyed widespread popularity from the late 1840s until about 1870. Somewhat late in date, the house at 107 Waban Hill Road achieves a towered silhouette with its pyramidal hip roofed cupola which is crowned by an elaborate wooden finial. The house is picturesquely sited atop Waban Hill. This large and elaborate dwelling contains a full repertoire of Italianate elements, including an overhanging bracketed cornice, quoins, heavy pedimented window and door frames. The chief feature of the flush-boarded facade is the shallow, center-gabled pavilion with the entrance set within a flat-roofed arched portico.

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

Waban Hill is one of Newton's seven hills, rising 313 feet to provide a panoramic view of surrounding communities including Arlington, Waltham and Cambridge. It was more commonly known as Prospect Hill during the nineteenth century. This house was owned Louis Jones, a Boston undertaker, during the final years of the nineteenth century.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Atlases: 1907-Regina Jones, 1895-Regina Jones, 1886-J.A. Bacon  
City Directory- 1907-Mr.&Mrs. Louis Jones, undertaker Boston  
1895-Louis L. Jones  
Sweetser, M.F. King's Handbook of Newton, Mass. (1889)

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Newton MRA  
State Middlesex County, MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

51. Gunderson, Jos ., House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melores Byers 9/4/86

Attest

52. Harbach, John, House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

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53. Harding House--Walker  
Missionary Home

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

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54. Haskell, Charles, House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

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55. House at 1008 Beacon St.

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National Register

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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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58. House at 115--117 Jewett  
Street

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National Register

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59. House at 15 Davis Avenue

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National Register

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60. House at 152 Suffolk Road

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House at 107 Waban Hill Road (Newton MRA)  
Middlesex County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Fed. Reg. Date: JUL 23 1986 / 12/3/87  
Date Due: 8/21/86 - 9/6/86  
Action:  ACCEPT 9-4-86  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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

*House at*

107 Waban Hill Rd.  
- Chestnut Hill J-18 (2) -



City of Newton Assessor's Maps. SheetS 62, 77  
 Metric Series. 1979  
 Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

Newton, Mass. M.R.A.  
 107 Waban Hill Road, Chestnut Hill  
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