

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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AREA

FORM NO.

NH-060

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

Town Newton (Newton Highlands)Address 74 Elliot StreetHistoric Name City Stable & Garage

(Division C Street Dept. Headquarters)

Use: Present department of public worksOriginal city stables and garage

DESCRIPTION

Date 1926Source Newton Graphic 6/24/27Style Flemish RevivalArchitect Herbert W. ColbyExterior Wall Fabric brickOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition goodMoved no Date n/aAcreage less than one acreSetting part of large open lot surrounded
by residential neighborhoodUTM REFERENCE 19/317560/4687010USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTONSCALE 1:25000Recorded by Candace Jenkins/Susan AbeleOrganization Newton Historical Comm.Date 3/1987; rev. 3/1988

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The City Stable and Garage possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as an early city garage which followed the tradition and form of the 19th century city stables. It also reflects the continuing role of horses despite escalating automobile usage (see overview - section 8). Finally, it is a handsome and well-preserved building displaying unusual stepped Flemish gables. The City Stable and Garage meets criteria A & C of the NRHP.

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

The City Stable of 1926 is a 1 and 1/2 story, rectangular plan, brick structure enclosed by a steeply pitched roof with stepped Flemish gable ends and exposed rafters. It is built into a hillside so that on the south (rear) elevation, the basement story is fully exposed and contains four garage bays. On the north (front) elevation a projecting frontispiece, also with stepped gable ends, contains the entry. Windows throughout are segmentally arched and generally contain 6/6 sash.

Due to the presence of numerous non-contributing buildings on the parcel, the nomination is confined to the City Stable/Garage and the land extending 15' from the perimeter.

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

The Stables and Garage on Elliot Street, headquarters of Division C of the Street Department which had charge of the highways and sewers on the south side of the city, were begun in 1926 and dedicated June 24, 1927. Trucks were stored at the basement level of the new building, while the main floor contained 26 large horse stalls. However, the building was constructed so that when horses were no longer needed the main floor area could be converted to garage space. According to the newspapers, other buildings built in conjunction with the Stables were "artistically" arranged on the "spacious, well laid out grounds" with consideration for their impact on the surrounding residential neighborhood. At the dedication, the city voiced great pride in the Street Department, its efficient and faithful employees, and the combination of "beauty and utility" in the new building, which was designed by Newton architect Herbert W. Colby. Colby was also responsible for the city-owned Bath House at Crystal Lake.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Building Department Records: 74 Elliot Street
Newton Graphic 6/24/27

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

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

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

131. Old Chestnut Hill Historic District
-
- (Boundary Increase)

Keeper SPR Beth L. Savage 02-16-90

Attest _____

132. Pine Ridge Road--Plainfield Street
-
- Historic District Entered in the
-
- National Register

Keeper Helene Byers 2/16/90

Attest _____

133. Saco-Lowell Shupe Housing Historic
-
- District Entered in the
-
- National Register

Keeper Helene Byers 2/16/90

Attest _____

134. West Newton Village Center Historic
-
- District Entered in the
-
- National Register

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Attest _____

135. Windsor Road Historic District
-
- Entered in the
-
- National Register

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Attest _____

136. Agudas Achim Anshei Sfard Synagogue
-
- Entered in the
-
- National Register

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Attest _____

137. Boston Edison Power Station
-
- Entered in the
-
- National Register

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Attest _____

138. Bruner Mayall, House
-
- Entered in the
-
- National Register

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139. Childs, Mayor Edwin O., House
-
- Entered in the
-
- National Register

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140. City Stable and Garage

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY City Stable and Garage
NAME:

MULTIPLE Newton MRA
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 1/02/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/16/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/01/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/16/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000022

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

CLASSIFICATION

☐ count ☐ resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

☐ historic ☐ current

DESCRIPTION

☐ architectural classification
☐ materials
☐ descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

☐ acreage ☐ verbal boundary description
☐ UTM's ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



City Stables + Garage
74 Elliot St.
Newton, MA

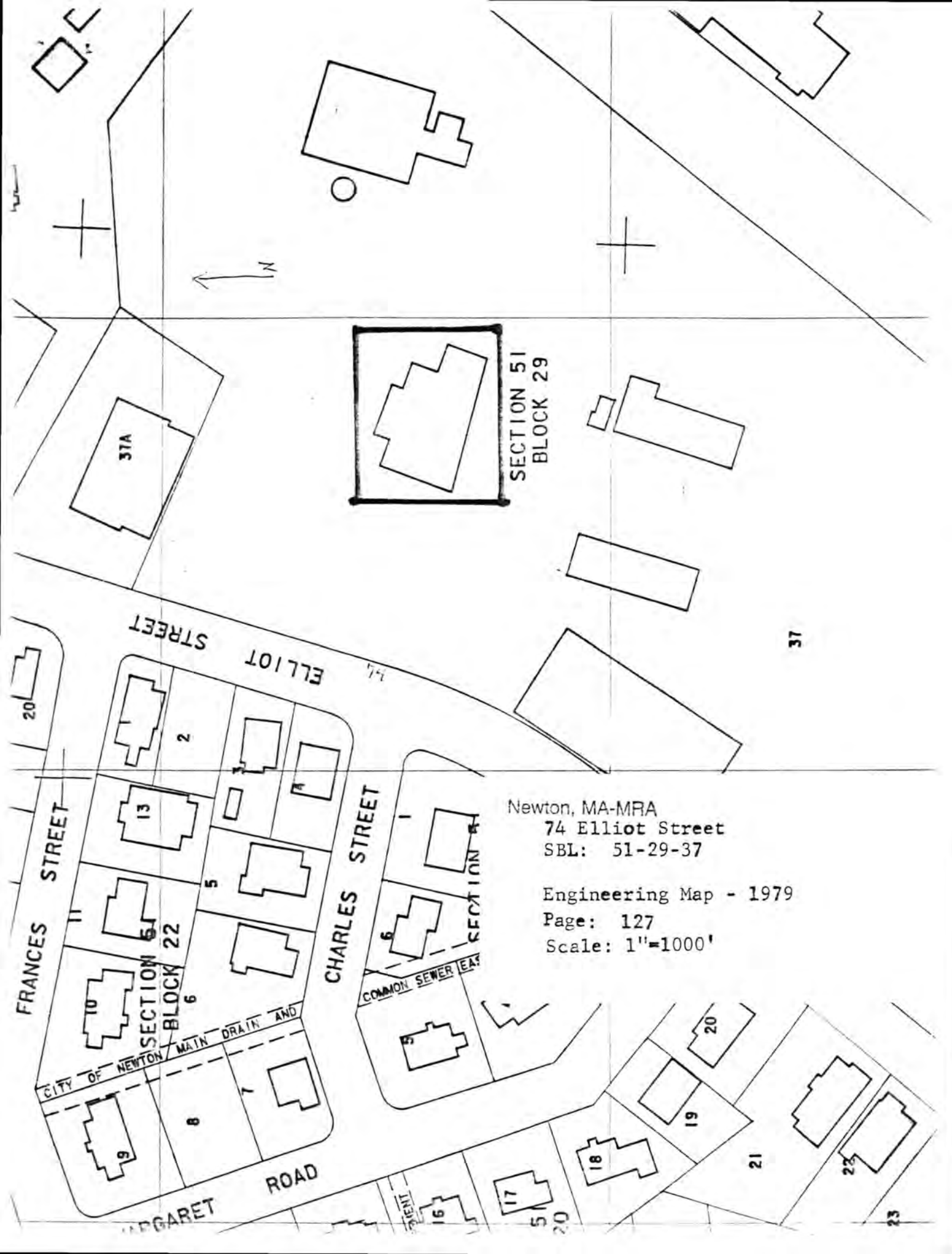
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C. Jenkins

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reg. @ Jackson Homestead
new-south

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74 Elliot Street
SBL: 51-29-37

Engineering Map - 1979
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Scale: 1"=1000'