

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA FORM NO.

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Newton, Mass. M.R.A.

Town Newton (Newton Corner)

Address 27 George Street

Historic Name Hyde House

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

Use: Present dwelling

Original dwelling

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1840

Source stylistic analysis

Style Greek Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) rebuilt

1709; altered 1792, 1823. Wings added 1865.

Condition Very good

Moved & turned Date 1889, 1909

Acreage 10, 190 sq. ft. *less than one acre*

Setting suburban residential

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 19.319810.4690520

USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON, MASS.

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Archit. Pres. Assoc.

Organization Historic Newton, Inc.

Date 5/15/83; rev. H. White 3/86

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

Because of its associations with the Hyde family, which had lived in the Newton Corner area since the seventeenth century, the Hyde House meets Criterion B of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

Sections of the Hyde House are thought to date from the seventeenth century. The original house was destroyed by fire - 1709 and is known to have been immediately rebuilt. Numerous additions and alterations have been made over the years. Sometime before 1792 the house was expanded, and a second addition was made in 1823. In 1865 a library was added. The house was moved from Centre Street to its present location in 1909.

In its present form it is a Greek Revival sidehall house of two and one-half stories with its gable end to the street. The entrance is flanked by full-length sidelights and is offset to the left. A two-sided Doric portico encircles the lower story.

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

Deacon Samuel Hyde, who is thought to have built this house in its original form, was one of Newton's first few original white settlers. He arrived in this country from London in 1639, and may have been accompanied by his wife. With his brother (who owned adjoining land) in 1667 he laid out a road through his acreage which later became known as Centre Street. The Street today remains one of the city's major north-south thoroughfares.

The Hyde farm originally consisted of 43 acres. The farmstead remained in the possession of the Hyde family for eight generations. A nursery which flourished on the property during the nineteenth century is said to have had its beginnings in a pocket of cherry stones planted by Capt. Samuel Hyde, who by 1855 was a member of the 6th generation of the Hyde family to reside in Newton Corner. Capt. Hyde was also a bank director and a director of the Newton Female Academy. George Hyde (1811-1892) was a selectman, assessor and president of the Newton Savings Bank. He expanded the family nursery, but by the end of the 19th century increasing land values resulted from the suburbanization of Newton Corner. This led George Hyde to sell of most of his land as the practicality of agricultural use diminished.

Present-day George, Garden and Hyde Streets take their names from the prominent owners of the Hyde farm.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Maps 1688 - Hyde; 1700 - Hyde; 1855 - Hyde; 1875 - Geo. Hyde;
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Directory: 1895 - Geo. Hyde, Pres. Newton Savings Bank.
History of the Hyde House, Swanton, Mr. & Mrs. John, unpub. Man. 1976.

**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
71. House at 31 Woodbine Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers 9/4/86</i></u> Attest _____
72. House at 41 Middlesex Road <i>National Register</i>	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers 9/4/86</i></u> Attest _____
73. House at 47 Sargent Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers 9/4/86</i></u> Attest _____
74. House at 511 Watertown Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers 9/4/86</i></u> Attest _____
75. House at 60 William Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers 9/4/86</i></u> Attest _____
76. House at 68 Maple Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers 9/4/86</i></u> Attest _____
77. House at 729 Dedham Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers 9/4/86</i></u> Attest _____
78. House at 81--83 Gardner Street <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers 9/4/86</i></u> Attest _____
79. Hyde House <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers 9/4/86</i></u> Attest _____
80. Hyde, Eleazer, House <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers 9/4/86</i></u> Attest _____

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Hyde House (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

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

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 _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Hyde House

Newton, Mass. MRA

- 27 George St., Newton Corner -
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City of Newton Assessor's Maps. Sheet **47**
 Metric Series. 1979
 Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

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