

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

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| AREA | FORM NO. |
| 148  | NC-113   |

Newton, Mass. M.R.A.  
Town Newton (Newton Centre)

Address 56 Cedar Street

Historic Name Edward Parsons 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 1877

Source Water Records

Style Stick Style

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings garage

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) \_\_\_\_\_

Condition Very good

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

Acreage 19,710 sq. ft. less than one acre

Setting Suburban residential

(SEE ATTACHED MAP)

UTM REFERENCE 19.318850.4689470

USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON, MASS.

SCALE 1.25,000

Recorded by Archit. Pres. Assocs.

Organization Newton Historical Comm.

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

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

The Edward Parsons house is a rare example in Newton of the Stick Style as it was miniaturized for small dwellings 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.

Although Stick Style houses are not found in great number in the vicinity of Newton Centre, the Edward Parsons residence is an unusual and distinctive example. A jerkin head facade gable and patterned stick work and bracing in the gable are characteristic of the style. The cross-gable and facade gable are decorated with elaborate carved bargeboards trimmed with rosettes. Chamfered posts, also decorated with brackets and rosettes, support the porch roof.

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

Edward Parsons, listed as a "gentleman" in the City Directories, was the original owner of this house. Cedar Street was probably laid out during the 1850s, although it was not accepted by the City until 1878.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Atlases: 1907, 1895, 1886, 1874

Directory: 1907

Assessed Polls : 1891

Newton's 19th Century Architecture: Newton Centre, Oak Hill, Chestnut Hill.

Newton Historical Commission, 1985, p. 54.

**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

91. Needham Street Bridge

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byan 9/4/86

Attest

92. Newton Street Railway  
Carbarn

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byan 9/4/86

Attest

93. Nichols House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byan 9/4/86

Attest

94. Old Shepard Farm

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byan 9/4/86

Attest

95. Page, H.P., House

Entered in the  
National Register

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Delores Byan 9/4/86

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96. Parsons, Edward, House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byan 9/4/86

Attest

97. Peabody--Williams House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byan 9/4/86

Attest

98. Potter Estate

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byan 12/23/81

Attest

99. Prescott Estate

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byan 9/4/86

Attest

100. Railroad Hotel

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byan 9/4/86

Attest

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Parsons, Edward, House (Newton MRA)  
Middlesex County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Fed. Reg. Date: JUL 23 1986 2/3/37  
Date Due: 8/24/86 - 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<br>Public Acquisition | Status<br>Accessible | Present Use |
|----------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|

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"/> original site    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        | <input type="checkbox"/> altered   | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |                                    |   |

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 \_\_\_\_\_

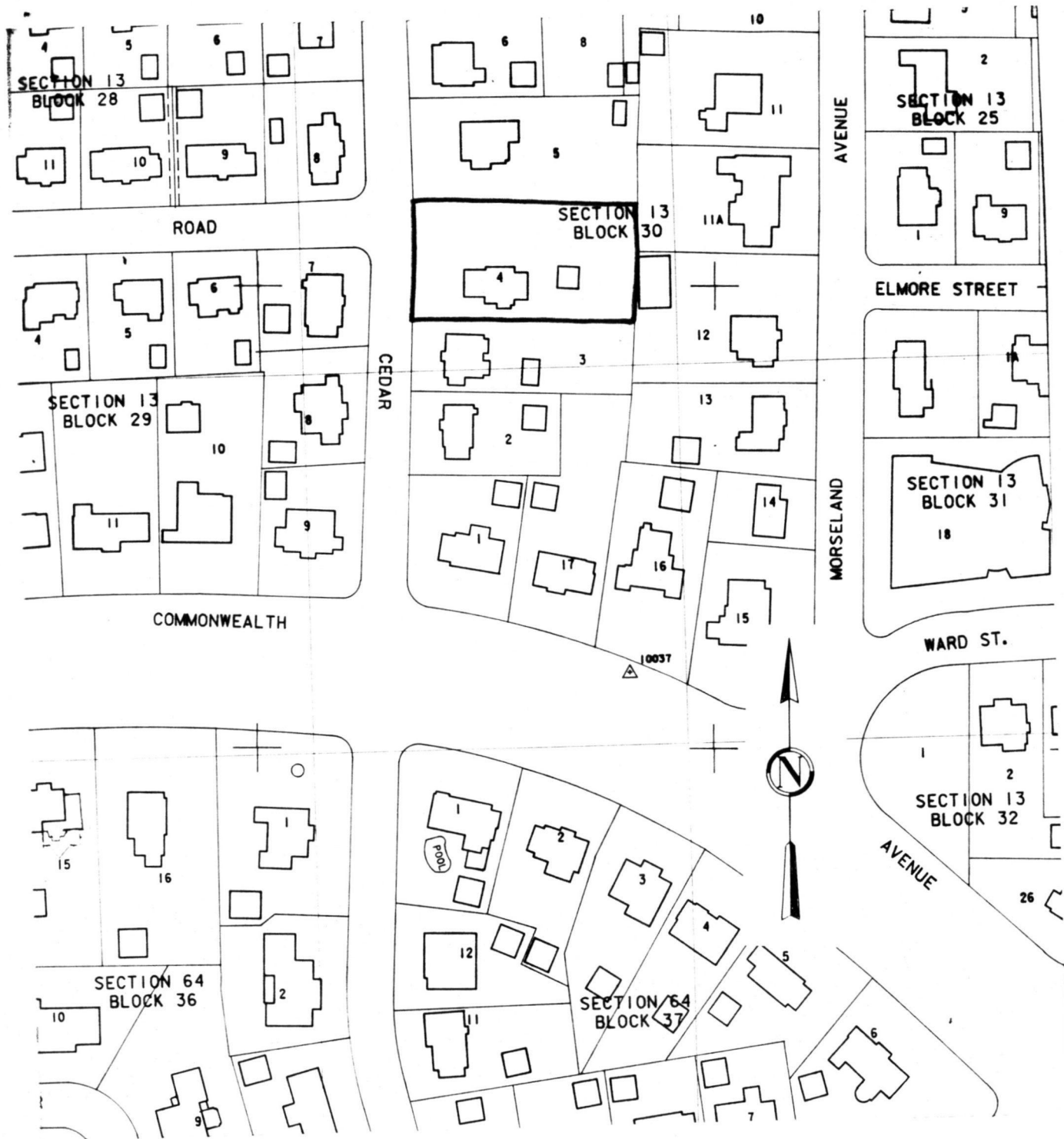
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Parsons, Edward, House

Newton, Mass. MRA

- 56 Cedar St, Newton Centre -  
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City of Newton Assessor's Maps. Sheet 73  
 Metric Series. 1979  
 Scale: UTM grid line interval = 100 meters (328 feet)

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