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AREA

FORM NO.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

NC-0135

Town Newton (Newton Centre)

Address 145 Warren Street

Historic Name William L. Church 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 residential

Original same

DESCRIPTION

Date 1916

Source Building permit

Style Bungalow

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric banded shingle

Outbuildings garage-NC

Major Alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

window sash- c1950?

Condition good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage 22,383 sq.ft./ c .51 acres

Setting quiet residential neighborhood

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

UTM REFERENCE 19/319590 14688490

USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON

SCALE 1:25000

Recorded by Candace Jenkins/Susan Abele

Organization Newton Historical Comm.

Date June, 1988

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

The William L. Church House possesses integrity of location, design, materials (except for some window sash), setting, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as a representation of Newton's early 20th century growth which resulted in infill of established areas as well as in the creation of new subdivisions. It is also important as an exceptionally detailed Craftsman style bungalow, surpassed locally only by the Goodbar House (NV-085). It thus meets criteria A and C of the NRHP.

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

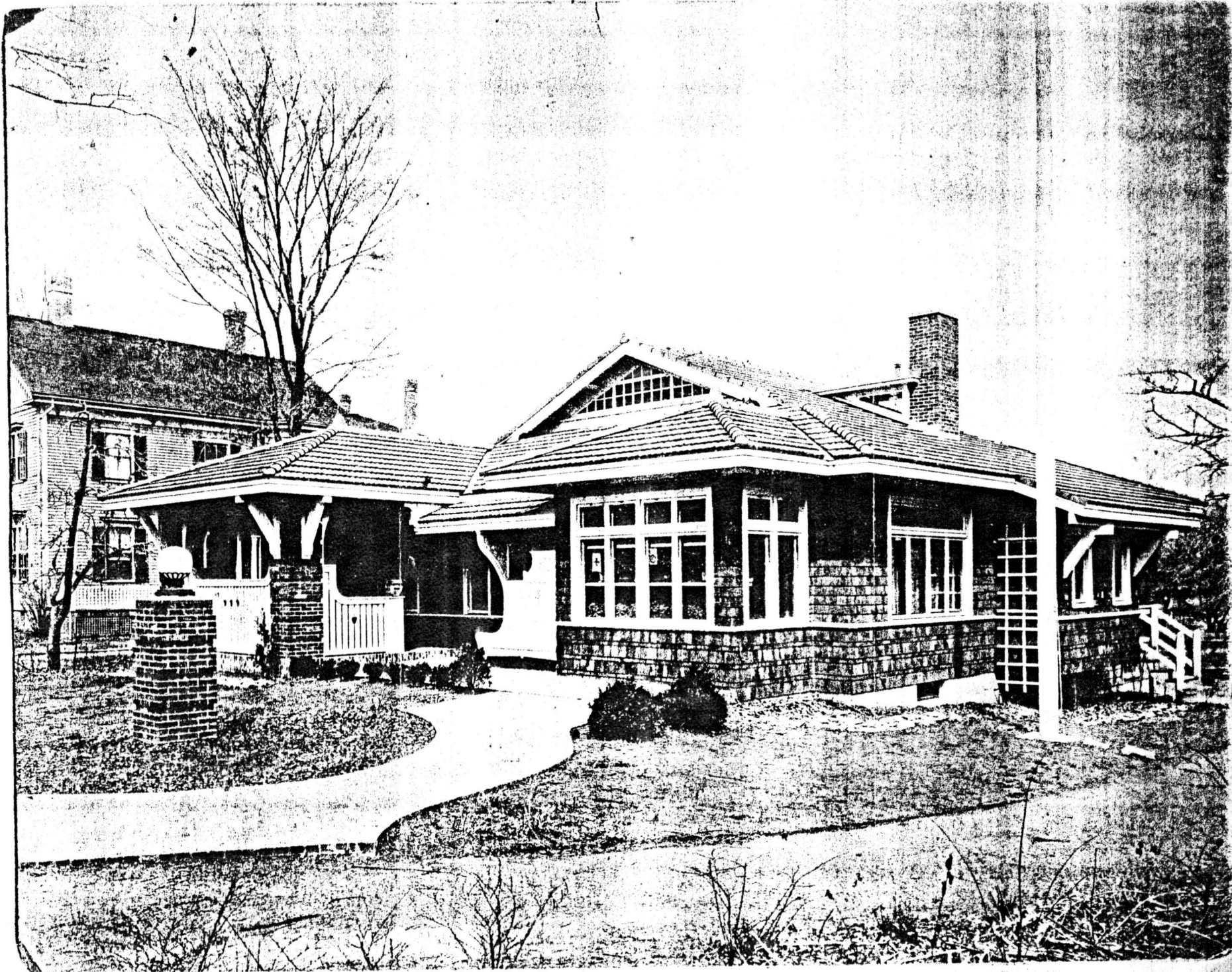
The Church House is a well-detailed example of a Craftsman style bungalow which adheres to the prescribed one story height unlike many other examples in the city. It is built on a rectangular plan with some squared projecting window bays and a projecting entry porch. It is sheathed with the banded shingles popular for this style, and its low pitched hip roof is covered with tiles. The entrance porch displays rusticated brick piers and heavy carved struts to support the overhanging roof. An original built-in bench remains between the porch and the balancing window bay to the right. The major alteration to the house has occurred in this window bay where original vertically aligned sash with transoms has been replaced by horizontal louvers; fortunately this is a change that could easily be restored. Original sash, some with stained glass transoms, remains on the side elevations. Small, multi-pane sash remains in the gabled dormers.

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

Mr. and Mrs. William Lee Church were the original owners of the bungalow at 145 Warren Street which was built in 1916. The architect and builder of the house are unknown, but it may be that Mr. Church who graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute as a mechanical and hydraulic engineer had some hand in its design. Before coming to Newton, Mr. Church worked for the firm of Westinghouse, Church and Kerr Company of New York, and then in Boston for Lockwood-Green Company. (The Lockwood-Green Company was responsible for the design of the Gamewell Company buildings in Newton Upper Falls.) He was also President for a time of the Ambursen Hydraulic Construction Company of Boston. Church and his wife Sarah had one son, Burr Alden Church who became a photographer and a niece, Miss Dai Buell, a music teacher and concert pianist, who lived with them. The house is said to be designed with proper accoustics for the piano for the use of Miss Buell. Sarah Church died in 1922 within days of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. William, who was listed as an "old resident" of Newton Centre died in 1927 at the age of 77. The early picture of the house can be dated to the 1940s due to the Red Cross sign in the front window.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Building Department Records: 145 Warren Street  
City Directories and Atlases, VF-Jackson Homestead  
*Newton Graphic* 27 May 1927



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145 Warren St.  
Newton Centre

1916

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Newton MRA  
State Middlesex County, MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

161. Second Church of Newton **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Melrose Byers 2/16/90

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162. Stratton, Edward B., House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Melrose Byers 2/16/90

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163. Towle, Loren, Estate **National Register** Keeper Melrose Byers 2/16/90

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

164. Waban Branch Library **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Melrose Byers 2/16/90

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*Sub Return*  
165. Walker Home for Missionary Children **Substantive Review** Keeper \_\_\_\_\_

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

166. Warren, Levi, Jr., High School **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Melrose Byers 2/16/90

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167. Boston College Main Campus **Substantive Review** Keeper Det.  
*Return* Historic District

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

168. Church, William L., House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Melrose Byers 2/21/90

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169. Farlow Hill Historic District **Entered in the National Register** Keeper Melrose Byers 2/21/90

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170. Newton Cottage Hospital Historic District **Substantive Review** Keeper Billy J. Savage 2/21/90

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

*2/19-2/21/90*  
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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 Church, William L., House  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Newton MRA  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 1/09/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/24/90  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/09/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/23/90  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000112

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 2/2/90 DATE Entered in the  
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_  
REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_  
DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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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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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage               verbal boundary description  
 UTM's               boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps       USGS maps       photographs       presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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Newton MA, Ma



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Newton, MA-MRA  
 145 Warren Street  
 SBL: 61-39-10  
 Engineering Map - 1979  
 Scale: 1"=1000" Reduced 64%  
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