

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

NH-060



Newton (Newton Highlands)
Address 74 Elliot Street
Historic Name City Stable & Garage
(Division C Street Dept. Headquarters)
Present Use department of public works
Original Use city stables and garage

DESCRIPTION
1926
Source Newton Graphic 6/24/27
Style Flemish Revival
Architect Herbert W. Colby

Exterior Wall Fabric brick
Outbuildings none
Major Alterations (with dates) none
Condition good

Moved no **Date** n/a
Acreage less than one acre
Setting part of large open lot surrounded
by 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

see attached map

UTM REFERENCE 19/317560/4687010
USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON
SCALE 1:25000

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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.

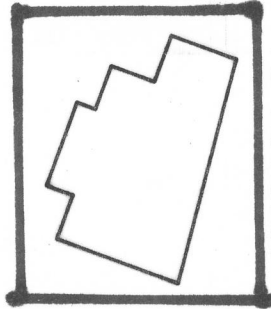
Due to the presence of numerous non-contributing buildings on the parcel, the nomination is confined to the City Stable/Garage and the land extending 15' from the perimeter.

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

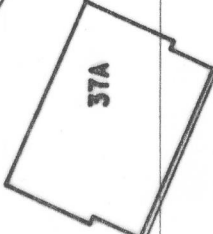
The Stables and Garage on Elliot Street, headquarters of Division C of the Street Department which had charge of the highways and sewers on the south side of the city, were begun in 1926 and dedicated June 24, 1927. Trucks were stored at the basement level of the new building, while the main floor contained 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

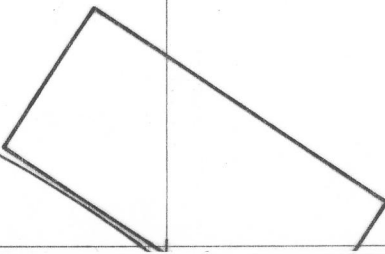
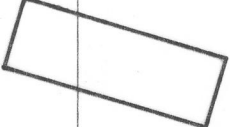
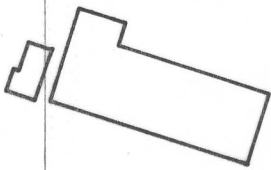
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SECTION 51
BLOCK 29



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ELLIOT STREET

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FRANCES STREET

CHARLES STREET

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SECTION 51
BLOCK 22

SECTION 51
BLOCK 21

COMMON SEWER LEAF

MARGARET ROAD

SEWER