

FORM B - BUILDING

Newton, MA-MRA  
FORM NO.

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AREA

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

W-0110



Town Newton (Waban)

Address 86 Waban Avenue

Historic Name Second C.A. Sawyer House

Present residential

Original same

DESCRIPTION

1919

Permit Building Permit

Style Colonial Revival

Architect Derby & Robinson

Exterior Wall Fabric brick

Outbuildings matching garage of Flemish  
bond brick-C

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition excellent

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage 28,330 sq.ft. C.65A

Setting located in large residential sub-  
division known as Waban Village

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 19/315860/4688000

USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Candace Jenkins/Susan Abele

Organization Newton Historical Comm.

Date 6/1987; rev. 3/1988

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

The Second C. A. Sawyer, Jr. House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as an exceptionally well-detailed and preserved example of the Colonial Revival style, executed in brick. Derby and Robinson, noted for their Colonial Revival domestic designs, were the architects. It is also representative of Newton's early 20th century suburban growth which resulted in infill of established areas as well as in development of new subdivisions. It meets criteria A & C of the NRHP.

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

The Sawyer House is a finely detailed example of the Colonial Revival style constructed of brick laid up in Flemish bond and enclosed by a slate gable roof with pedimented dormers. A beltcourse separating the first and second stories adds to the rich effect. The symmetrical facade is centered on the entry with massive arched hood. Flanking multi-pane windows are headed by splayed brick lintels. A projecting wing and chimney are appended to the left side. The large well landscaped lot complements this fine house.

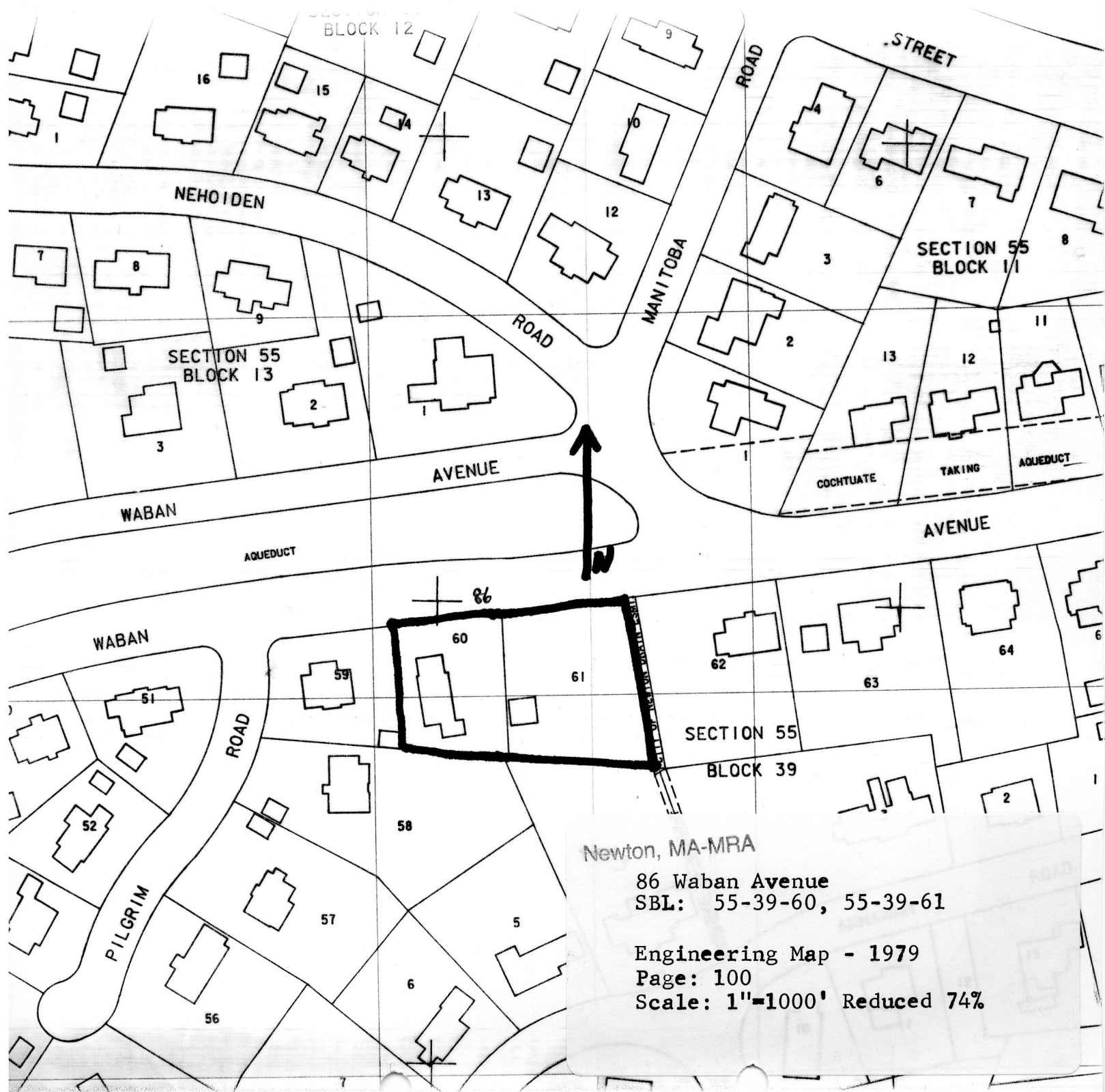
**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.**

C.(Charles) Adrian Sawyer, Jr., of the Sawyer Construction Company, built three houses in Waban between 1910 and 1926, all designed by the well-known firm of Derby & Robinson and built by the Sawyer Construction Company. The first house, at 16 Pilgrim Road, was featured in *The House Beautiful* magazine, September 1915. The family moved to Chicago for a short time, but returned by 1919 and built the house at 86 Waban Avenue. A third house, at 57 Dorset Road, was built in 1926. A photograph of this house can be found in the *Newton War Memorial*. The firm of Derby & Robinson, whose principal architect Richard Derby lived in Concord, specialized in domestic Colonial architecture. The Pierce House (1916,\*NV-078), 237 Mill Street in Newtonville is another Derby & Robinson design. Derby was also responsible for many fine Colonial house in his native Concord.

The Sawyer Construction Company, in which C. Adrian Sawyer, Jr. was affiliated, is still in business. Sawyer was also involved with the Peabody Home for Crippled Children for many years. He died in 1952.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Building Department Records: 16 Pilgrim Rd., 86 Waban Ave., 57 Dorset Rd.  
 City Directories and Atlases  
*The House Beautiful*, September 1915, *Newton War Memorial*



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86 Waban Avenue  
SBL: 55-39-60, 55-39-61

Engineering Map - 1979

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Newton MRA  
State Middlesex County, MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

151. Luke, Arthur F., House <sup>Entered in the</sup>  
**National Register**

for Keeper Melrose Byers 2/16/90

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152. Newton Catholic High School  
**Substantive Review**

for Keeper Betty L. Sarge 02-16-90

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*ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION*  
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\* 153. Newton Centre Branch Library  
**Substantive Review**

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\* 154. Newton City Hall and War Memorial  
**Substantive Review**

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155. Noves, Charles W., House  
<sup>Entered in the</sup>  
**National Register**

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156. Pierce, F. Lincoln, Houses  
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157. Plummer Memorial Library  
<sup>Entered in the</sup>  
**National Register**

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158. Riverside Concrete Company--Lamont's  
Market  
<sup>Entered in the</sup>  
**National Register**

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159. Sawyer, C. A., House (Second)  
<sup>Entered in the</sup>  
**National Register**

for Keeper Melrose Byers 2/16/90

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160. Schraft, George F., House  
**Substantive Review**

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