



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

February 4, 2004 William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Mr. Lara Kritzer
Preservation Planner
Newton Historical Commission
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

RE: 1093 and 1099-1101 Chestnut Street, Newton

Dear Lara:

MHC staff have completed a review of the CLG eligibility opinions that you submitted for the two properties listed above. Our comments are as follows:

1093 Chestnut Street: MHC disagrees with CLG opinion. Because of alterations—siding, loss of window hoods, loss of cornice returns, extensive window replacements—MHC staff do not feel that this property is individually eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. However, its form and bracketed door hood survive to convey its significance and integrity as an Italianate, vernacular residence. Associated with workers in the nearby thread factories, this property would contribute to an extension of the Newton Upper Falls National Register Historic District, with the specific boundaries of the district extension to be determined.

1099-1101 Chestnut Street: MHC agrees with CLG opinion that this property is eligible for listing in the National Register only within a district. That district would constitute an extension of the Newton Upper Falls National Register Historic District and would include additional modest single- and multifamily vernacular workers housing of the 19th and early 20th centuries associated with nearby cotton and silk thread manufactories. These properties would be similar to those within the existing district and would likely include properties on Chestnut and Hale Streets. Boundaries of this district extension remain to be determined.

If you would like to work on a National Register nomination for an extension to the Upper Falls district, the first step would be for a site visit to discuss boundaries. A public meeting for property owners in the area would also be an important part of the nomination process.

I am enclosing for your files copies of the eligibility opinions, with MHC staff comments. If you have any questions about these comments, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy".

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

enclosure

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Original (pink) form to CLG file	
One copy to the following:	
Eligibility file	
Inventory form	
Town file (with correspondence)	
MACRIS Coordinator	
National Register Director	

Community: Newton

CLG OPINION: ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL REGISTER

Date Received:		Date Due:		Date Reviewed:	
Type:	Individual	Yes		District (attach map indicating boundaries)	No
Property Name	Catherine Burke House			MHC Inv Form #:	NWT.3694
Prop. Address	1093 Chestnut Street				

Action	Honor	Yes		ITC	No		Grant	No	
	CLGC initiated	Yes					Other CDBG Funded Project		

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES		DISTRICTS	
Eligible	Yes	Eligible	
Eligible, also in a district	Yes	Ineligible	
Eligible only in a district	No	More Information Needed	
Ineligible	No		
More Information Needed	No		

CRITERIA:	A-Yes	B- No	C-Yes	D- No
LEVEL:	Local-Yes	State-Yes	National-Yes	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE by:	Lara Kritzer, Staff, Newton Historical Commission
(Refer to criteria cited above in statement of significance. If more information is needed, use space to describe what is needed to finish eligibility opinion)	
<p>The Catherine Burke House was listed on the City's Multiple Area Resource Survey in the 1980s and was listed as a contributing property within the proposed expansion area for the Newton Upper Falls Historic District, the boundaries of which were set out in the 2000 study report for the area. The property is eligible under Criteria A as it is associated with the development of the village of Newton Upper Falls, the City's first village and original industrial center. The property is also eligible under Criteria C as it is consistent in age, style, and massing to the mill housing found within the local historic district of Newton Upper Falls.</p> <p>Please see the attached statement for more information.</p>	
Use reverse side if necessary	

MHC STAFF OPINION			
Date Received:		Date Reviewed:	
Opinion:	Concur	Disagree	More Information Needed
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CLG OPINION: ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL REGISTER

Date Received:		Date Due:		Date Reviewed:	
Type:	Individual	Yes		District (attach map indicating boundaries)	No
Property Name	Durbin House			MHC Inv Form #:	
Prop. Address	1099 - 1101 Chestnut Street				

Action	Honor	Yes		ITC	No		Grant	No	
	CLGC initiated	Yes					Other CDBG Funded Project		

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES		DISTRICTS	
Eligible	No	Eligible	
Eligible, also in a district	No	Ineligible	
Eligible only in a district	Yes	More Information Needed	
Ineligible	No		
More Information Needed	No		

CRITERIA:	A-Yes	B- No	C-Yes	D- No
LEVEL:	Local-Yes	State-Yes	National-Yes	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE by:	Lara Kritzer, Staff, Newton Historical Commission
(Refer to criteria cited above in statement of significance. If more information is needed, use space to describe what is needed to finish eligibility opinion)	
<p>The Durbin house has been listed as a contributing property within the proposed expansion area for the Newton Upper Falls Historic District, the boundaries of which were set out in the 2000 study report for the area. The property is eligible under Criteria A as it is associated with the development of the village of Newton Upper Falls, the City's first village and original industrial center. The property is also eligible under Criteria C as it is consistent in age, style, and massing to the mill housing found within the local historic district of Newton Upper Falls.</p> <p>Please see the attached statement for more information.</p>	
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