

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
	128/439-52
	56-71

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
staple to left side of form

Photo number _____

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.

See attached map.

Newton Quadrangle
UTM Reference: 19/323050/4687380
Map #: 8

Recorded by Carla Benka

Organization Brookline Historical Com.

Date June 1980

Town Brookline MRA

Address 155 Clyde Street

Historic Name Fernwood

Use: Present Institutional

Original Residential

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1909

Source building permit

Style Jacobethan

Landscape: Olmsted Brothers
Architect Charles Patch

Exterior wall fabric limestone, granite and brick

Outbuildings garage (1911)

Major alterations (with dates) NA

Moved NO Date -

Approx. acreage 2.7 acres (126,722 s.)

Setting Set back from street, at to of drive winding through newly developed subdivision

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

"Fernwood", located at 155 Clyde Street, was built in 1909 by Alfred Douglass who had moved to Brookline from New York. It was designed by Charles Patch in a textbook example of the Jacobethan style, popular at the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th century. Windows are rectangular and divided into rectangular lights by stone mullions. Gables, which rise above the roof, are of a steep-sided triangular form. The roof is ridged, while the chimneys are tall with a separate shaft for each flue. The round arched doorways are enclosed with larger frames, and brick is used for the walls with limestone for windows, parapets, and quoins. The interior framing of the house contains no wood; it is constructed of steel beams and terra cotta arches.

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

Alfred Douglass, a New York merchant, had retired by the time he purchased the land on which he laid out "Fernwood" according to plans by Olmsted Brothers. Due to business reversals, he was forced to sell this estate and tried for a number of years to subdivide the property. All attempts failed, consequently he sold it as one parcel to Sidney Winslow, Jr., vice president of the United Machinery Corporation.

The land on which Douglass built this house belonged to Moses White during the second half of the 19th century. White sold the property to Thomas H. Perkins, a Boston merchant, who eventually gave it to his daughter, Caroline. She married William Gardiner and their son Charles inherited the land and the house on it. In 1909 Douglass tore down the Gardiner's house and built this one and #157, also designed by Patch.

In the late 1970's, the property was subdivided and single family homes constructed on large, well landscaped lots. The house is now owned by a religious sect.

"Fernwood" meets NR criteria C, being a fine example of a Jacobethan manor house with original grounds landscaped by Olmsted Brothers.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

Proceedings of the Brookline Historical Society-1926, p.6
Land Ownership in Brookline
Building permits-1909
Engineering subdivision plan- L 41 D 24,33

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

Page

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Brookline MRA
State MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Elliot, General Simon,
House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Alvina Byers 10/17/85

Attest

22. Emmett Cottage

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Alvina Byers 10/17/85

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23. Fernwood

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24. Fire Station #7

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National Register

for Keeper

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25. Fisher Hill Historic District

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National Register

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26. Francis, Dr. Tappan Eustis,
House

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National Register

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27. Fuller, Peter, Building

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National Register

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28. Goddard, John, House

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National Register

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29. Graffam Development
Historic District

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30. Green Hill Historic District

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Fernwood (Brookline MRA)
Norfolk County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. SEP 4 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87
Date Due: 10/3/85 - 10/19/85
Action: ACCEPT 10-17-85
 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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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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

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

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 _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



155 Clyde St

~~155~~ Fenwood

Brookline (Ma) MRA

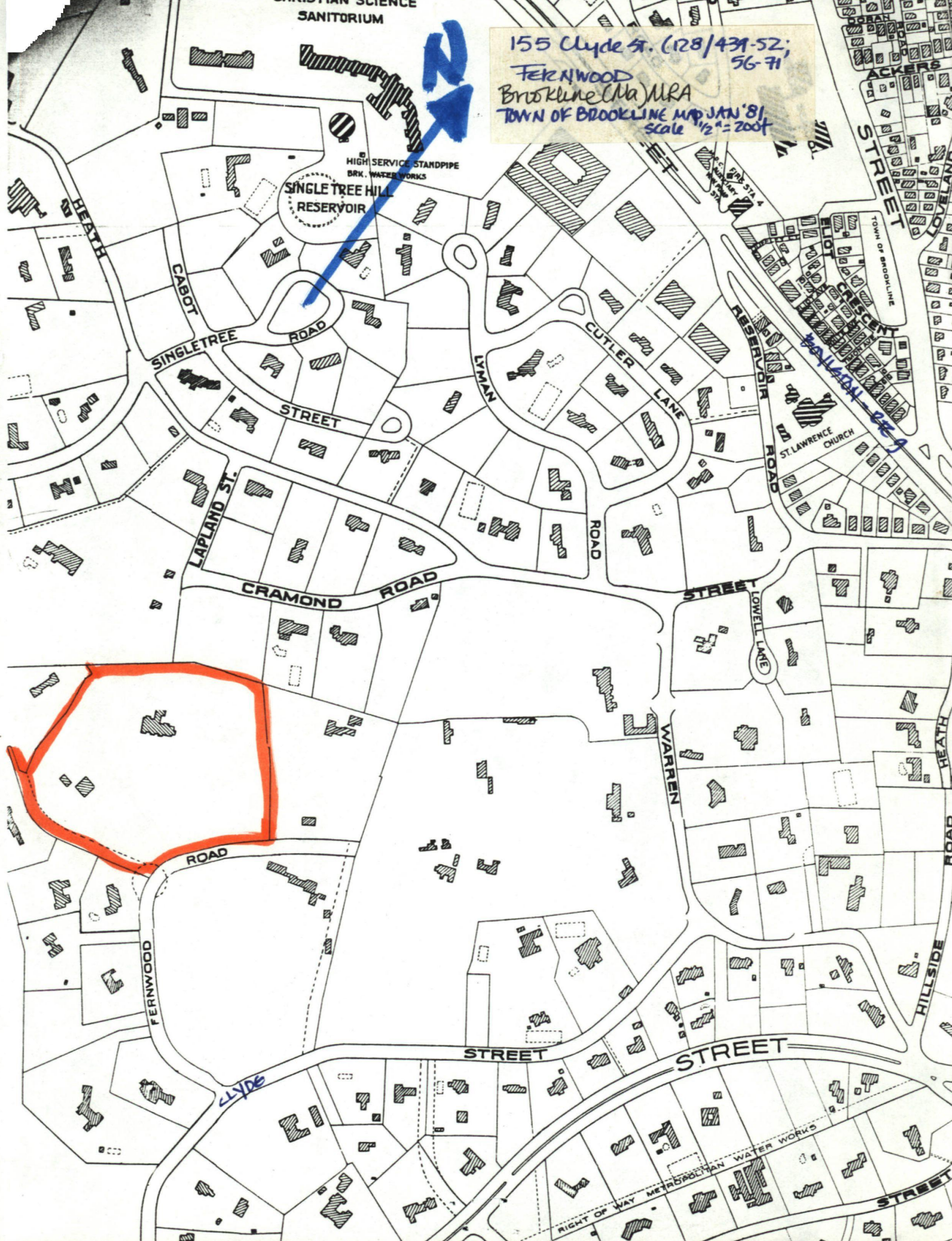
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FERNWOOD
Brookline (Ma) MRA
TOWN OF BROOKLINE MAP JAN '81
Scale 1/2" = 200'



SINGLE TREE HILL
RESERVOIR

HIGH SERVICE STANDPIPE
BRK. WATER WORKS



HEATH

CABOT

SINGLE TREE
ROAD

STREET

LAPLAND ST.

CRAMOND ROAD

FERNWOOD
ROAD

CLYDE

STREET

STREET

WARREN

HILLSIDE
ROAD

ACKERS
STREET

LOVELAND

CRESCENT

ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH

LOWELL LANE

HEATH

STREET

RIGHT OF WAY METROPOLITAN WATER WORKS