

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
	34/168-15

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PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)  
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Photo number \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

Recorded by Larkin and Benka  
Organization Brookline Historical Commission  
Date Fall, 1978; update, 5/85

Town Brookline MRA  
Address 12 Vernon Street  
Historic Name NA House

Use: Present Residential  
Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1890

Source permit

Style Queen Anne (Front gable)

Architect Tristram Griffin

Exterior wall fabric clapboard & shingle

Outbuildings garage

Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

Converted to two family -1958

Moved NA Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage 9064 sq.ft.

Setting In mixed residential neighborhood near intersection with major commercial cross street (Harvard Street)

Boston South Quadrangle  
UTM Reference: 19/325130/4689320

Map #: 64

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

One of the more flamboyant examples of the Queen Anne style in Brookline; 12 Vernon Street features a front gable roof; turreted bay with vertical boarding; sunrise motifs; a wide entry porch with spindlework and contrasting classical porch supports; lattice-type work in the porch gable and on the second floor; projecting bays; and a swan's neck pedimented window. The decorative details are so numerous that, in the true Queen Anne fashion, little of the exterior surface is left smooth or flat. Other houses on the street date from the same period and are of similar size and scale, but none is so elaborately designed nor so well preserved.

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

The original owner, William Boynton, like many of his neighbors, was in business in Boston. He owned a wholesale flour firm at 1 Blackstone Street.

and well preserved

12 Vernon Street meets NR criteria C, being a unique example of the front gable Queen Anne style with both spindlework and free classic detailing.

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

Atlas-1888, 1893, 1978  
Building permit-1890  
Brookline Directory-1891



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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House (Brookline MRA) (12 Vernon St.)  
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	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

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

- |                                    |                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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**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

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acres of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



12 Vernon St

Brookline (Ma) MRA

SEPT 1978

12 Vernon St. (front detail)

SEPT 1978



12 Vernon (front)  
Brookline (Ma) URA

SEPT 1978

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