

FORM B - BUILDING

In Area no. I	Form no. 44 218-14
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

1. Town Brookline MRA  
 Address 89 Rawson Road/86 Colburne Crescent  
 Name NA House  
 Present use Single family residence

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
 Staple to left side of form  
 Photo number \_\_\_\_\_

Present owner S. & E.H. Chasdi

3. Description:

Date 1900  
 (Stable 1904)  
 Source Building permit

Style Shingle

Architect Chapman and Frazar<sup>e</sup>

Exterior wall fabric Shingle, stone foundation

Outbuildings (describe) Stable, carriage house

Other features 2½ stories, complex gable roof, shed & hip roofed dormers, 2 story bay, 2 side porches, 2 tall chimneys, uncoursed rubble stone foundation, porches and terrace.

Altered NO Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved NO Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size: 40931 sq. ft.

One acre or less X Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage 230'

Approximate distance of building from street  
80'

6. Recorded by C. Marine, L. Larkin

Organization Brookline Historical Comm.

Date March 1979

Newton Quadrangle  
 UTM References: 19/324200/4688940  
 Map #: 61

(over)

89 Rawson Road meets NR criteria C, being a fine example of the Shingle Style and a property whose site has retained its original physical plan with a large, Shingle Style carriage house situated to the northwest of the main house. Both structures sit atop a rise which is heavily landscaped and bordered by a high retaining wall, while steps and an overgrown path provide a pedestrian approach to the main house from the street.

7. Original owner (if known) Thomas H. Shepard

Original use Residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Carriage house & stable converted to apartment and garage @ date unknown

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This is a handsome house, well situated near the top of the slope of Aspinwall Hill, with a commanding view of part of the town. The handling of its siting is deft - the house seems to grow naturally from the ground - and the curves of the stone walls echo those of the shingle walls and roof lines. It is a fine example of a house designed in the organic style of architecture popularized by H. H. Richardson and his successors, Shepley Rutan and Coolidge. The architects, Chapman and Frazar, designed a number of other large houses in Brookline, (see 149 Buckminster Road and 77 Warren St.,) many of them on Chestnut and Fisher Hills, as well as 49 Rawson Road nearby. This house is so good an interpretation of the Shingle Style, and so well adapted to its site, that it is difficult to believe that the same firm designed #49 only two years after this house, which is one of the most successful Shingle Style designs in Brookline of the houses surveyed so far. Elements of that style found here are the uniform covering of shingles, the multi-gable roof, broad gable ends with eaves close to the wall, the roof sweeping down from the ridge to cover the porch, banded windows, the graceful curve of the roof line corresponding to that of the bay and the curving roof lines on the center and hip roofed dormers, the use of natural rather than cut stone, and the horizontal emphasis of the house.

Thomas H. Shepard was a partner with his brother Otis in the Shepard & Morse Lumber Co. in Boston, which was founded by his father, Otis A. Shepard. (See 216 Gardner Road for his house). The elder Shepard died in 1900 - prior to that, Thomas worked for his father in the firm. He and his brother participated in the development of family owned land on Verndale St. in North Brookline.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Building Dept. permits, 1900, 1904  
Boston Directory, 1886, 1900  
Obituary, Brookline Chronicle, May 26, 1900

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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received 9-4-85  
date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Brookline MRA  
State MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 41. House at (5 Lincoln Rd.) Entered in the National Register  Keeper Delores Byers 10/17/85  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 42. House at (12--16 Corey Rd.) Entered in the National Register  Keeper Delores Byers 10/17/85  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 43. House at (25 Stanton Rd.) Entered in the National Register  Keeper Delores Byers 10/17/85  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 44. House at (38--40 Webster Pl.) Entered in the National Register  Keeper Delores Byers 10/17/85  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 45. House at (44 Linden St.) Entered in the National Register  Keeper Delores Byers 10/17/85  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 46. House at (44 Stanton Rd.) Entered in the National Register  Keeper Delores Byers 10/17/85  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 47. House at (83 Penniman Pl.) Entered in the National Register  Keeper Delores Byers 10/17/85  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 48. House at (89 Rawson Rd. & 86 Colburne Crescent) Entered in the National Register  Keeper Delores Byers 10/17/85  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 49. House at (105 Marion St.) Entered in the National Register  Keeper Delores Byers 10/17/85  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 50. House at (155 Reservoir Rd.) Entered in the National Register  Keeper Delores Byers 10/17/85  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

*89 Rawson Rd. +  
86 Colburne  
Crescent*

House (Brookline MRA)  
Norfolk County  
MASSACHUSETTS

SEP 4 1985

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87  
Date Due: 10/3/85 - 10/19/85  
Action:  ACCEPT 16-17-85  
 RETURN  
 REJECT

Entered in the  
National Register Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- 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  excellent  good  fair  
 deteriorated  ruins  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**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_



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Brookline (Ma) MRA



House at 89 Rawson

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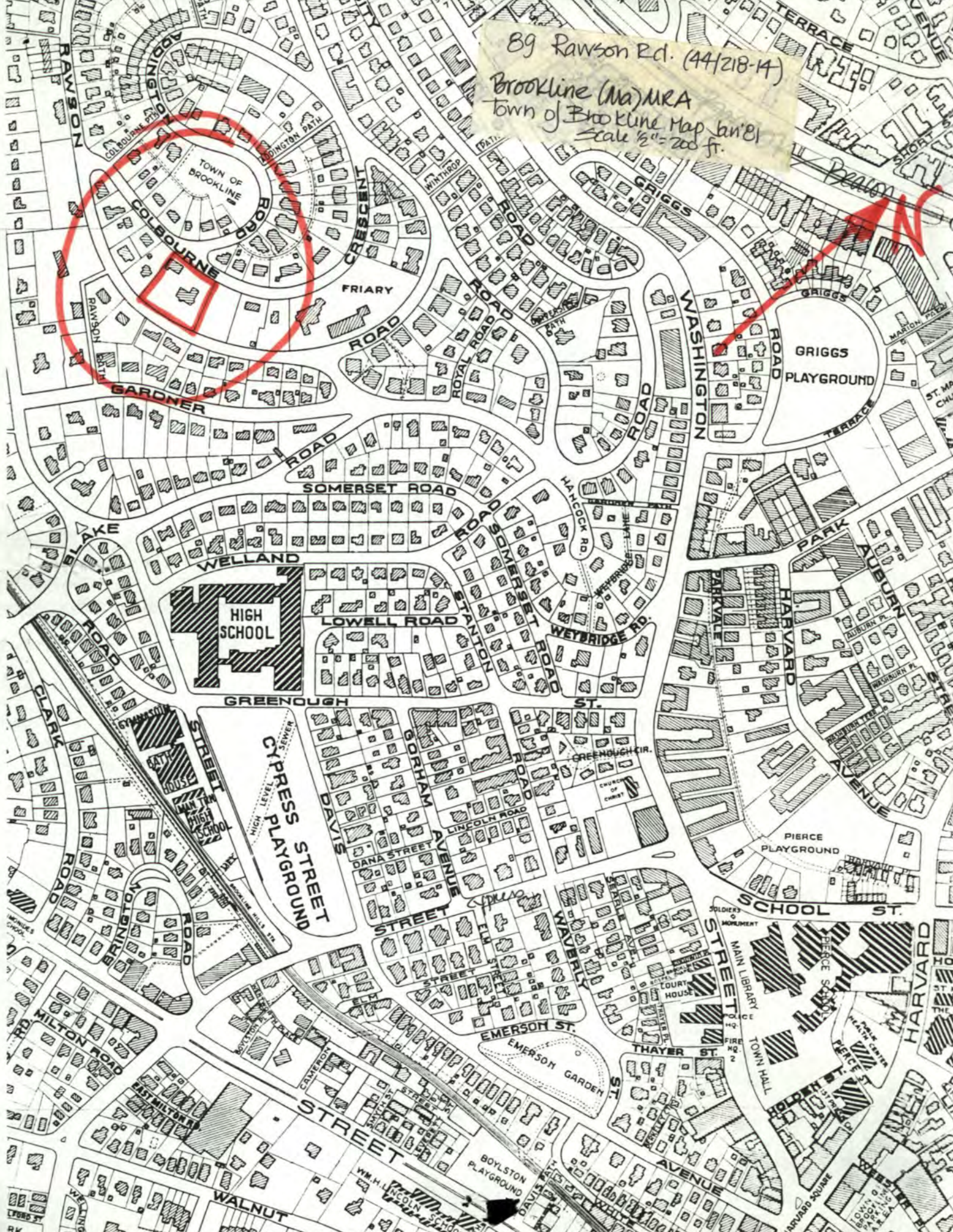
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Brookline (Ma) MRA

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89 Rawson Rd. (44/218-14)  
Brookline (Ma) MRA  
Town of Brookline Map 6/1/81  
Scale 1/2" = 200 ft.



TOWN OF BROOKLINE  
COLEBOURNE ROAD

GRIGGS PLAYGROUND

HIGH SCHOOL

CYPRESS PLAYGROUND

PIERCE PLAYGROUND

BOYLSTON PLAYGROUND

PIERCE SCHOOL