

Area	Form no. 39-199/5
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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

Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.

Town Brookline MRA
Address 50 Stanton Road
Historic Name Robert S. Davis House
Use: Original residential
Present residential
Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization
 Public
Original owner Robert S. Davis

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1859-1860
Source tax lists
Style Italianate
Architect information not available
Exterior wall fabric clapboard
Outbuildings brick garage (1917)
Major alterations (with dates) _____
remove front porch; add porches on rear of house
Moved no Date _____
Approx. acreage 5485 square feet
Setting Set on corner of Greenough and Stanton, front of house fully visible from Stanton Rd., low hedge, approx. 15 foot set back
Newton Quadrangle
UTM Reference:
19/3247704688860
Map #: 58

Recorded by Carla Benka
Organization Brookline Historical Com
Date Fall, 1980

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50 Stanton Road meets NR criteria C, being one of a small number of Italianate style homes in Brookline which fall into the category of centered gable plan and retains its original detailing such as double brackets underneath a deep cornice; bracketed windowheads and rectangular arched window crowns; paired doors with large pane glazing; quoins; two story bay windows; and paired windows.

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

Number 50 Stanton Road is one of four Italianate style houses on Stanton Road; (see also forms for #22 (5 Lincoln Rd.), 25, and 44.) Typical features of the style found in the design of this house include the rounded third floor windows, quoins, double brackets under the cornice, deep eaves, double doors at the front entrance, two light sashes, the central gable emphasizing the front entrance, and the framed windows on the third floor as well as the heavily capped windows on the first. Similar window capping is found at the second story of #44, 22 and 25 Stanton. The use of double brackets is also seen at the other houses

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

Older than #44 Stanton, but built after #s. 22 and 25, this house constructed on land which had belonged to Davis' father, Robert Sharp Davis. The latter Davis inherited the land from his maternal aunt, Susanna Sharp who had married Samuel Craft. Robert Sharp Davis descended from Ebenezer Davis who had purchased land in Brookline as early as 1746. The Davis family also owned land around what is now Linden Street; Thomas Aspinwall Davis, the great uncle of the owner of this house, was a mayor of Boston and lived at 29 Linden Place (See form)

Robert Sharp Davis was born in Brookline, the son of Robert Sharp and Lucy Stearns Davis, in 1811. In 1825, he entered the firm of Crocker and Brewster, publishers; several years later, he joined the firm of Lincoln, Edmands, and Company, and in 1835, he succeeded them and formed the firm of Robert S. Davis and Company. He published schoolbooks in Boston until the year of his death, 1875. Among his more prominent publications were the mathematical works of Benjamin Greenleaf.

Davis married Mary Shannon in 1837; one of their six children was L. Shannon Davis who built #36 Sumner Road.

† Examples of the Italianate style in Brookline include the common and self-contained front gable arrangement whose form is closely related to the Greek Revival style; the box shaped house with hipped roof and, in some cases, cupola; the rectangular or squarish centered gable plan; in many respects similar to the simple hipped roof variety; and the asymmetrical (in almost all cases L-shaped) configuration which breaks out of the restrained square or rectangular house form and reflects, along with the Gothic Revival style, the influence of the Picturesque mode.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES
History of Brookline, Massachusetts- 1906, pp 226, 227
Maps-1844, 1855, 1871
Atlas-1874, 1884, 1893
Tax lists-1856-1867

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

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Brookline MRA
State MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Cabot, Lewis, Estate

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 10/17/85

Attest

12. Candler Cottage

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National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 10/17/85

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13. Chestnut Hill Historic
District

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National Register

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14. Child, Isaac, House

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National Register

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15. Corey, Timothy, House #1

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16. Corey, Timothy, House #2

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17. Cypress-Emerson Historic
District

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18. Davis, Robert S., House

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19. Davis, Thomas Aspinwell,
House

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20. Douglass, Alfred, House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Davis, Robert S., House (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: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

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National Register

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

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: _____



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50 STANTON RD. (30/199-5)
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Davis, Robert S., house
Town of Brookline Map Jan '81
Scale 1/2" = 200 FT.

