

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	30/141-13

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)  
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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.

Recorded by Carla Benka

Organization Brookline Hist. Comm.

Date October 1980

Boston South Quadrangle

UTM Reference: 19/325520/4688840

Map #: 43

(Staple additional sheets here)

Town Brookline MRA

Address 19 Linden Street

Historic Name N/A

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1843-1844

Source Map, Historical Sketches of Brookline

Style Greek Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings barn

Major alterations (with dates) none

Moved no Date N/A

Approx. acreage Less than one acre

Setting The house is set on the east side of the lot, thus creating a large side yard a barn is set at the rear lot line, creating a spacious back yard.

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

Of the three Greek Revival-style houses on this street (see also #12 and #53 Linden Street), #19 remains in the finest and most pristine condition. Like #12, its pedimented gable end faces the street, but unlike #12, the porch of this house is in fine condition. Other evidence of the Greek Revival style can be seen in the porch columns and frieze, the main cornice and frieze, pilastered cornerboards, and front doorway.

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

Like the other two Greek Revival-style houses on Linden Street, this house was built by a merchant: John Turner was a partner in the firm of J. N. Turner, E. C. Wilson, and George Browne, which operated a drygoods concern on Federal Street in Boston. Like Charles Scudder, who lived at #12 Linden, Turner was active in the Harvard Congregational Society and audited its books for a number of years.

It is interesting to note that Turner and his neighbors at #12 and #53 commuted into Boston from the Village, even before the arrival of the railroad in the late 1840s. Access to Boston was provided by the Mill Dam Road, which, when opened in the 1820s, lessened the isolation of Brookline and began to create pressure for the development of the land nearby. The land on which Linden Street was laid out had been part of the Davis farm, part of which came into the hands of the widow of Ebenezer Davis in 1822. Lucy Davis, who later married James Holden, was the last owner of this farmland; when the property was sold, it was subdivided into residential lots in 1843. See #29 Linden Place for information on the subdivision. (Form 31-147-9; Map #39)

**CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION**

#19 Linden Street meets National Register Criteria A and C, being one of a small number of houses that remain from the 1843 Linden Place residential subdivision planned by Thomas Aspinwall Davis and a rare local example of the Greek Revival style. Because\*

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

Maps: 1830, 1844, 1855  
Tax lists: 1852-1870  
Atlas: 1874, 1884, 1893  
Land Ownership in Brookline  
Historical Sketches of Brookline  
Boston Directory, 1852

\*there is a substantial amount of modern infill in the area, the surviving components of the Linden Place development are being nominated individually.

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

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|---|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 31. <sup>also in Boston Suffolk Co</sup> Harris, John, House and Farm | Entered in the National Register | Keeper <i>for</i> | <u>Melvin Byers 10/17/85</u> |
|   |                                  | Attest            | _____                        |
| 32. Heath, Charles, House   | Entered in the National Register | Keeper <i>for</i> | <u>Melvin Byers 10/17/85</u> |
|   |                                  | Attest            | _____                        |
| 33. Heath, Ebenezer, House  | Entered in the National Register | Keeper <i>for</i> | <u>Melvin Byers 10/17/85</u> |
|   |                                  | Attest            | _____                        |
| 34. Holyhood Cemetery   | Entered in the National Register | Keeper <i>for</i> | <u>Melvin Byers 10/17/85</u> |
|   |                                  | Attest            | _____                        |
| 35. House at (4 Perry St.)  | Entered in the National Register | Keeper <i>for</i> | <u>Melvin Byers 10/17/85</u> |
|   |                                  | Attest            | _____                        |
| 36. House at (9 Linden St.)   | Entered in the National Register | Keeper <i>for</i> | <u>Melvin Byers 10/17/85</u> |
|   |                                  | Attest            | _____                        |
| 37. House at (12 Linden St.)  | Entered in the National Register | Keeper <i>for</i> | <u>Melvin Byers 10/17/85</u> |
|   |                                  | Attest            | _____                        |
| 38. House at (12 Vernon St.)  | Entered in the National Register | Keeper <i>for</i> | <u>Melvin Byers 10/17/85</u> |
|   |                                  | Attest            | _____                        |
| 39. House at (19 Linden St.)  | Entered in the National Register | Keeper <i>for</i> | <u>Melvin Byers 10/17/85</u> |
|   |                                  | Attest            | _____                        |
| 40. House at (53 Linden St.)  | Entered in the National Register | Keeper <i>for</i> | <u>Melvin Byers 10/17/85</u> |
|   |                                  | Attest            | _____                        |

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House (Brookline MRA) (19 Linden)  
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

- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_



19 Linden St.  
Brookline (Ma) USA

NOV 1980

Prestige Prints

by Berkey



19 Linden St

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Brookline (Ma) MA

19 Under St. (30/141-13)

Brookline (Ma) MRA  
Town of Brookline Map Jan 1981  
Scale 1/2" = 200ft.

