

FORM C - MONUMENTS
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

STATUE
BUST
MARKER
RELIGIOUS SHRINE
MONUMENT
FOUNTAIN
MILESTONE
BOUNDARY MARKER
GROUP COMPOSITION

Monument has historical connection with the following themes: (See also reverse side)

Agriculture
Architecture
Art/Sculpture
Education
Literature
Music
Government
Commerce/Industry
Science/Invention
Travel/Communication
Military Affairs
Indians
Development of Town/City
Religion/Philosophy

Town Brookline MRA
Street Harvard Street, near 210 Harvard St
Name Milestone
Original Owner Town of Brookline
Present Owner Town of Brookline
Date Constructed 1729
Date Dedicated -
Source of Date milestone
Designer or Sculptor -
Individual or group responsible for monument if other than owner -

CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved* Altered Fair; moved, ca. 1825, ca. 1889
IMPORTANCE of monument to area: Great Moderate None Moderate
MONUMENT endangered by: possibly theft; vandalism; emissions from traffic on

LOCATION OF INSCRIPTION: Harvard Street.
Plaque on wall, house, post; base of monument; other
on front of milestone

ENTIRE INSCRIPTION on monument: Boston/5 Miles/1729/P.D.

DESCRIPTION**

Foundation: Pedestal Base None Material NONE
Material: Bronze Stone Marble Granite Wood Other Stone
Setting (surroundings) In front of United Parish Church, a Victorian Gothic structure
Size (approximate) see photo

Indicate location of monument on map below

Recorder Carla Benka

The milestone is located on a semi-circular landscaped plot approximately 32 feet in length and 10 feet in depth. It abuts Harvard Street's sidewalk on the southeast side and the driveway and parking lot of the United Parish Church, a Victorian Gothic structure, on the other sides. The milestone is approximately 150 feet from the intersection of Harvard and Marion Streets. It and the landscaped plot on which it is sited are included in the Multiple Resource nomination.

For Brookline Historical Commission
(Name of Organization)

Photo 1967 Date Received 1985

Boston South Quadrangle
UTM Reference: 19/325240/4689480
Map #23

* If the monument has been moved, indicate the original location on the reverse side.
** Describe the monument on the reverse side.

Acreage: less than one acre.

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER AND/OR DESIGN OF MONUMENT

One of a series of milestones marking the route from Boston to Cambridge.

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF MONUMENT. (Refer to the theme circled on front of form. What happened? Who was important? Comment)

This 1729 milestone is one of two known milestones in the town; the other dates from 1810 and is found on Boylston Street, near Warren, next to an MBTA bus shelter.

This milestone shows a distance of 5 miles to Boston; at that time the route would have been through Brookline Village and over Roxbury Neck since the milldam and its road did not yet exist. The milestone was placed by Paul Dudley, a naturalist and justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Court. It has been moved several times; at one point it was a doorstep at the second Charles Stearns house which was built c. 1825 near the corner of Sewall Avenue and Stearns Road. When it was discovered, it was set at the corner of those two streets, but later moved to its present location on the property of the United Parish (formerly Harvard) Church. It was stolen from this location once but returned.

The Harvard Street milestone meets NR criteria A and marks an early transportation land route from Cambridge to Boston before the filling in of the Back Bay.

REFERENCE: (Where was this information obtained? What book, records, etc.)

Brookline Historical Commission, A Guide to North Brookline: Five Walking Tours, 1982.

1909 Proceedings of the Brookline Historical Society, "Milestones In and Near Boston" by Charles Read

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Brookline MRA
State MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

51. House ^{at}
(156 Mason Terr.)Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Delores Byers 10/17/85

Attest _____

52. Houses ^{at}
(76--96 Harvard Ave.)Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Delores Byers 10/17/85

Attest _____

53. Hotel Adelaide

Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Delores Byers 10/17/85

Attest _____

54. Hotel Kempsford

Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Delores Byers 10/17/85

Attest _____

55. Jackson, Thaddeus, House

Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Delores Byers 10/17/85

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56. Kilsyth Terrace

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57. Linden Park

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National RegisterKeeper Delores Byers 10/17/85

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58. Linden Square

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National RegisterKeeper Delores Byers 10/17/85

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59. Lynch--O'Gorman House

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60. Milestone
(Harvard St.)Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Delores Byers 10/17/85

Attest _____

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEETMilestone (Brookline MRA)
Norfolk County
MASSACHUSETTSWorking 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

Entered in the
National RegisterSubstantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheetNomination 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 | ☐ deteriorated |
| ☐ good | ☐ ruins |
| ☐ fair | ☐ 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

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: _____



the same

on Harvard Church property

21 MHC

10/67

68, 1970

Milestone ref# 85003301
Vicinity of 210 Harvard St
Brookline (MA) MRA

MILESTONE - 1729
HARVARD ST.
BROOKLINE (MA) MRA
SCALE 1/2" = 200 FT.

TOWN OF BROOKLINE MAP JAN 81

