

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.

Form no.

28

132-1

1. Town Brookline MRA

Address 130 Aspinwall Avenue

Name St Paul's Rectory

Present use Home for Rector of St Paul's Church

Present owner St Paul's Episcopal Church

3. Description:

Date 1886

Source A Sketch of the History of St Paul's Church in Bklyn

Style Jacobethan

Architect Peabody and Stearns

Exterior wall fabric Brighton pudding-stone and Nova Scotia freestone
Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features Gable roof, gabled dormers with scalloped bargeboard, hooded dormers, diamond paned windows, parapet wall with elbows, pointed arched window in front gable

Altered Raise floor in house Date 1927

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size: 16,917 sq. ft

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 150 ft on Aspinwall

Approximate distance of building from street 100 on Perry
50 on Aspinwall; 85 on Perry

6. Recorded by Wetherbee and Benka

Organization Brookline Historical Com.

Date December, 1978

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

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

See attached map.

Boston South Quadrangle
UTM Reference: 19/325510/4690170
Map #: 3

(over)

St. Paul's Rectory meets NR criteria A and C because of its associations with Brookline's ecclesiastical history and because it is a fine example of the Jacobethan style.

7. Original owner (if known) St Paul's Episcopal Church

Original use Rectory

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	<u>x</u>
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>x</u>				

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

The Rectory was built in 1886 in memory of Henry Chase who lived on Alton Place and was a very active member of St Paul's congregation. The architecture was described in an article in the Chronicle (vol. 13 pp. 181, 189) as "in harmony with the architecture of the Church, masonry walls of Brighton puddingstone with Nova Scotia freestone trimmings. The interior fireplace is Richardsonian in character. Peabody and Stearns, the architects, were conscious of comfort and utility, not pretentious display."

The Rectory's architectural style, which can be called Jacobethan because of the pitch of the roof, elbows on the parapet wall, diamond panes in the upper sashes of the windows, and projecting bay window on the second floor, was conceived to complement the Gothic style of the Church next store. The architects' concept of an English countryside scene with a parish church and modest home for the pastor was successfully communicated to to neighborhood and townspeople for in 1900, one viewer writes: "The Church and rectory form an imposing group of buildings in one of the most charming and picturesque places in Brookline. The architecture is the early English type. In 1902, Kingman's article in the History of Norfolk County, edited by Hurd (see bibliographical information) states: The buildings and surroundings (of St. Paul's) form the most pleasing and picturesque bits of scenery to be found in this region, reminding the beholder of many fine landscape views of the English seats and rural scenery of England. (among others)

The Rectory was the home of Dr. Leonard Storrs, under whose direction St Paul's "flourished" and Rev. Frederick Lawrence who was a great supporter of parish house activities and church organizations

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

Robert Payne Bigelow- A Sketch of the History of St Paul's Church in Brookline, A Centennial Publication (1949)

Hurd, A History of Norfolk County- 1902, pp. 821-822

Brookline Chronicle Citizen- vol.13, pp.181, 189. June 5, 1886; June 13, 188

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

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Continuation sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Brookline MRA
State MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

71. Saint Paul's Church, Chapel,
and Parish HouseEntered in the ^{for}
National Register Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 10/17/85

72. Saint Paul's Rectory

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73. Sargent's Pond

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National Register^{for} Keeper

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74. Second Unitarian Church

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75. Spurr, Eliphalet, House

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76. Standish, James H., House

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Delores Byers 10/17/8577. Strathmore Road Historic
DistrictEntered in the
National Register^{for} Keeper

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Delores Byers 10/17/85

78. Toussaint, Winand, House

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79. Town Stable

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National Register^{for} Keeper

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Delores Byers 10/17/8580. Tuckerman, William F.,
HouseEntered in the
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Saint Paul's Rectory (Brookline MRA)
Norfolk County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. SEP 4 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87
Date Due: 10/13/85 - 10/19/85
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 10-17-85
☐ 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 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 | ☐ 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: _____



Brookline

St. Paul's Rectory

Rectory for St. Paul's Church
130 Aspinwall Ave.

Brookline (Ma) MRA

#53-I

68.1872

St. Paul's Church & Rectory
104 Aspinwall / 130 Aspinwall
Brookline MRA (20/132-1E2)
Town of Brookline Map Jan '81
Scale 1/2" = 200 ft.

