

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

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

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

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

Town Brookline MRA
Street Boylston Street, near
Name Milestone
Original Owner Town of Brookline
Present Owner Town of Brookline
Date Constructed 1810
Date Dedicated -
Source of Date Milestone
Designer or Sculptor Information not available
Individual or group responsible for monument if other than owner -

CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved* Altered Fair/moved
IMPORTANCE of monument to area: Great Moderate None Moderate
MONUMENT endangered by: Emissions from vehicular traffic on Route 9 (Boylston St.)

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

ENTIRE INSCRIPTION on monument: To Boston
Line 3 MS
1810

DESCRIPTION**

Foundation: Pedestal Base None Material none
Material: Bronze Stone Marble Granite Wood Other stone
Setting (surroundings) Near MBTA bus shelter on Route 9
Size (approximate) see photo

Indicate location of monument on map below Recorder Carla Benka

The 1810 milestone is located on a triangular shaped, grassy plot which is formed by the intersection of Warren St.; the sidewalk of Boylston Street (Route 9); and a paved, closed off road which passes in front of the inactive pumphouse of the Brookline Reservoir. It has been placed next to a wooden bus shelter; is approximately 12 feet from the base of a large deciduous tree; and is approximately 3 feet from the Boylston St. sidewalk. The milestone and the triangular land on which it is sited are included in the MR nomination.

For Brookline Historical Commission
(Name of Organization)

Photo 1983 Date Received 1985

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

** Describe the monument on the reverse side.

Newton Quadrangle
UTM References: 19/324240/4688260
Acreage: less than one acre
Map #: 6

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

This is one of two known milestones in Brookline, the other being located in front of the United Parish Church on Harvard Street and dating from 1729. The Boylston Street milestone has a slightly-damaged top and was moved to its present location, next to the MBTA bus shelter near Warren Street, for preservation purposes. According to a local historian, it is similar in size and design to the fifth line of milestones on the ancient road to Cambridge (now Harvard Street) and Watertown (now Washington Street). It is made of slate.

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 milestone was placed on Boylston Street in 1810, the year that this portion of the Boston/Worcester Turnpike was completed. Construction of the Turnpike began in 1806; its purpose was to provide a more direct route to the west (or east) for traffic coming and going from Boston. It replaced the Sherburne Road (now Walnut and Heath Streets in Brookline) which until the early 1800's had been the town's major highway and road west. The Turnpike not only by-passed the town's first civic center (intersection of Walnut and Warren Street) and left that area isolated and less prone to future intensive development; but it also represented an important initial step in the growth of Brookline Village as the Town's major commercial center during most of the nineteenth century.

This milestone meets NR criteria A as part of one of the 19th centuries earliest transportation routes leading west from Boston.

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

Brookline Historical Commission, "Historical Sketch of Brookline", 1981
Brookline Historical Society Proceedings, "Milestones In and Near Boston"
by Charles Read, p. 35. 1909

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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 Group

Name	State	Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
61. Milestone (Boylston St.)	MASSACHUSETTS	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 10/17/85 Attest _____
62. Murphy, William, House		Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 10/17/85 Attest _____
63. Orrock, Rev. John, House		Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 10/17/85 Attest _____
64. Paine Estate		Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 10/17/85 Attest _____
65. Perkins Estate		Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 10/17/85 Attest _____
66. Reservoir Park		Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 10/17/85 Attest _____
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68. Roughwood		Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 10/17/85 Attest _____
69. Saint Aidan's Church and Rectory		Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 10/17/85 Attest _____
70. Saint Mary of the Assumption Church, Rectory, School and Convent		Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 10/17/85 Attest _____

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Milestone (Brookline MRA) (Boylston St.)
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

Entered in the
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	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: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Milestone

Rt. 9 + ^{Warren}~~Summer~~

April, 1983

Brookline (MA)
MRA

ref # 85003300

ELIOT PLAYGROUND

1810 Milestone
Boylston St (Rte 9) and Warren St
Brookline (MA) MRA
TOWN of Brookline MAP - Jan. 1981
Scale - 1/2" = 200'

