

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	30
	140/4

1. Town Brookline MRA

Address 30-34 Station Street

Name NA Building

Present use Shops, offices and apartments

Present owner 30-34 Station Street Condominium Association

3. Description:

Date 1892-93

Source Tax lists, 1892 permit

Style Georgian Revival/Commercial

Architect Winslow and Wetherell

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features 4 stories, flat roof, wide cornice with brackets, 4 3 story bays supported by brackets, belt course, decorative brickwork with dentils above 1st floor level, cast iron columns at store entrances

Altered store into tenements Date 1929

Moved NO Date _____

5. Lot size: 8631 sq. ft.

One acre or less Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 110'

Approximate distance of building from street

On street

6. Recorded by Leslie Larkin

Organization BHC

Date April, 1980

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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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
UIM Reference: 19/325520/4688760
Map #: 59

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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Albert A. Cobb

Original use 4 Stores, 12 Apartments

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

30-34 Station Street was built in 1892-93 by Albert A. Cobb, a prominent Boston merchant engaged in the East India Trade. He was a partner in the firm of Candler, Cobb and Co., 70 State St. He lived on Walnut St. in a house which was later moved to 22 Oakland Rd., and had built the nine attached stone townhouses at 234-258 Walnut St. a few years earlier. In 1897 he also owned a block of six stores on Station St., as well as this building.

Cobb hired the firm of Winslow and Wetherell to design this building. Some of their better-known designs are Steinert Hall and the Walker Building on Tremont St., the Hotel Touraine and the S. S. Pierce Co. building at Coolidge Corner, built in 1898-99, which Douglass Tucci calls "a splendid late nineteenth century half-timbered retail and business block". This four story block has a deep cornice, and decorative brickwork above the first floor that is reminiscent of the earlier panel brick buildings around the corner on Washington St. The 3 story bays supported by heavy brackets and cast iron columns are typical of the period.

Designed with stores and offices on the first floor and as two apartment hotels above, this building housed a good many people in 1895. On the first floor, establishments included Danforth & Co., an express office, Arthur C. Danforth and John E. Little, Robert S. Dana, real estate, and C. Knaf and Son, furniture and upholstery (Conrad and Alfred C. Knaf). Tenants of the Hotel Belknap were: G. J. Sloan, Charles M. Smith, L. Handy, Edwin R. Smith, no occupations listed, Mr. and Mrs. Wiburt E. Morton, driver, Mr. & Mrs. Zephaniah R. Forbes, registrar, Brookline Water Works, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Downer, engineer, Boston & Albany RR, Clarence A.

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

Atlases, 1888, 1893
Tax list, 1897
Boston Directory, 1877
Brookline Directory, 1895
Tucci, Douglass Shand, Built in Boston

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Brookline	Form No: .30 140/4
Property Name: 30-34 Station St.	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

9. Historical significance

Whitney, clerk. At the Hotel Fosdick were Miss Adeline L. Rooney, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Pierce, clerk, T. S. Brown & Co., provisions, 145 Washington St., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graves, knitter (Needham), and Mr. and Mrs. C. Frederick Libbey, salesman, 256 Washington St.

30-34 Station Street meets NR criteria C, being one of the earliest Brookline examples of a multi-use building, with shops and offices on the ground floor and apartments above and having been designed by the prominent architectural firm of Winslow and Wetherell.

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

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Continuation sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Brookline MRA
State Norfolk County, MASSACHUSETTS

Cover 10-17-85
Date/Signature

Nomination/Type of Review

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| 1. | Sevenels | Substantive Review Keeper
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION | Attest
Determined Eligible | <u>Cover</u> <u>10-17-85</u> |
| 2. | Stoddard, Bela, House | Substantive Review Keeper
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION | Attest
Determined Eligible | <u>Cover</u> <u>10-17-85</u> |
| 3. | United Parish-Marvard Church | Substantive Review Keeper
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION | Attest
Determined Eligible | <u>Cover</u> <u>10/17/85</u> |
| 4. | Anderson, Larz, Park Historic District | Substantive Review Keeper | Attest | <u>Cover</u> <u>10/17/85</u> |
| 5. | Arcade Building | Entered in the National Register
Keeper | Attest | <u>Melrose Byers</u> <u>10/17/85</u> |
| 6. | Beacon Street Historic District
(add. info. accepted 1-24-86) | Substantive Review Keeper | Attest | <u>Cover</u> <u>10/17/85</u> |
| 7. | Beaconsfield Terraces Historic District | Entered in the National Register
Keeper | Attest | <u>Melrose Byers</u> <u>10/17/85</u> |
| 8. | Bowditch, William Ingersoll, House | Entered in the National Register
Keeper | Attest | <u>Melrose Byers</u> <u>10/17/85</u> |
| 9. | Brandegge Estate | Substantive Review Keeper | Attest | <u>Cover</u> <u>10/17/85</u> |
| 10. | Building (30--34 Station St.) | Entered in the National Register
Keeper | Attest | <u>Melrose Byers</u> <u>10/17/85</u> |

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Building (Brookline MRA) at 30-34 Station 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: _____

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	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
 - 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

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: _____



puppet show place

new age

Dr. J. H. [unclear]

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30-34 STATION ST. (30/140-4)
Brookline (Ma) MRA

Town of Brookline Map Jan 1981
Scale: 1/2" = 200ft

