

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)  
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Photo number \_\_\_\_\_

SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.

Recorded by Carla Benka  
Organization Brookline Historical Com.  
Date Fall, 1980

Town Brookline MRA  
Address 12 Linden Street  
Historic Name NA  
Use: Original residential  
Present residential (multi-family)  
Ownership:  Private individual  
Private organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Public \_\_\_\_\_  
Original owner Charles W. Scudder

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1843-44  
Source Map, Historical Sketches of Brookline  
Style Greek Revival  
Architect information not available  
Exterior wall fabric clapboard  
Outbuildings none  
Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_  
1978-rear porch repaired, dormers added  
Moved NO Date NA  
Approx. acreage 5308 sq.ft.  
Setting Set in center of small lot, abutment apartment house at south end of property; across the street from Linden Park

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community):

There are three houses on Linden Street whose designs show the influence of the Greek Revival style: #s 12, 19, and 53. (Although #9 Linden Street has a few Greek Revival elements, its overall appearance has been substantially altered.) Evidence of this style is clear in the design of #12 Linden Street, particularly in the pedimented gable, heavy cornice with simple frieze, and pilastered cornerboards.

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

According to the Harriet Woods in her book, Historical Sketches of Brookline, and an 1844 map of the town, this house was built between 1843 and 1844 as part of the subdivision and development plan for this neighborhood. (For more information on the subdivision, see #29 Linden Place.)

Like #s 19 and 53 Linden Street, this house was built and first owned by a merchant. Charles W. Scudder worked on Federal Street on Boston; he was a hardware merchant, according to the city directory. Scudder was also active in the Harvard Congregational Society and acted as its treasurer and auditor for a number of years. The Scudder family owned this house through 1893.

It is interesting to note that even prior to the arrival of the railroad, parts of the neighborhood of Brookline Village were developed, and houses were built by men who commuted to Boston to work. Land which was once used for farming, both in the Linden and Perry Street areas, was transformed for residential purposes before the growth of the commercial area. See also 29 Linden Place (form 31-147-9; Map #39).

12 Linden Street meets NR criteria A and C, being one of a small number of houses which remain from the 1843 Linden Place residential subdivision and a rare <sup>local</sup> example of the Greek Revival style. Due to the presence of modern infill, the remaining components of the Linden Place development are being nominated individually.

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Maps-1844, 1855  
Atlases-1874, 1884, 1888, 1893, 1897, 1900  
Boston Directory-1850

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

Page

Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Brookline MRA  
State MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

*also in  
Boston  
Suffolk Co*

31. Harris, John, House  
and Farm

Entered in the  
National Register

*fr* Keeper

*Melvin Byers 10/17/85*

Attest

32. Heath, Charles, House

Entered in the  
National Register

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33. Heath, Ebenezer, House

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National Register

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34. Holyhood Cemetery

Entered in the  
National Register

*fr* Keeper

*Melvin Byers 10/17/85*

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35. House at  
(4 Perry St.)

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National Register

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36. House at  
(9 Linden St.)

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National Register

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37. House at  
(12 Linden St.)

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National Register

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38. House at  
(12 Vernon St.)

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National Register

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39. House at  
(19 Linden St.)

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National Register

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40. House at  
(53 Linden St.)

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House (Brookline MRA) (12 Linden 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

- |                                    |                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_



12 Linden

6185

Brookline (Ma) MRA



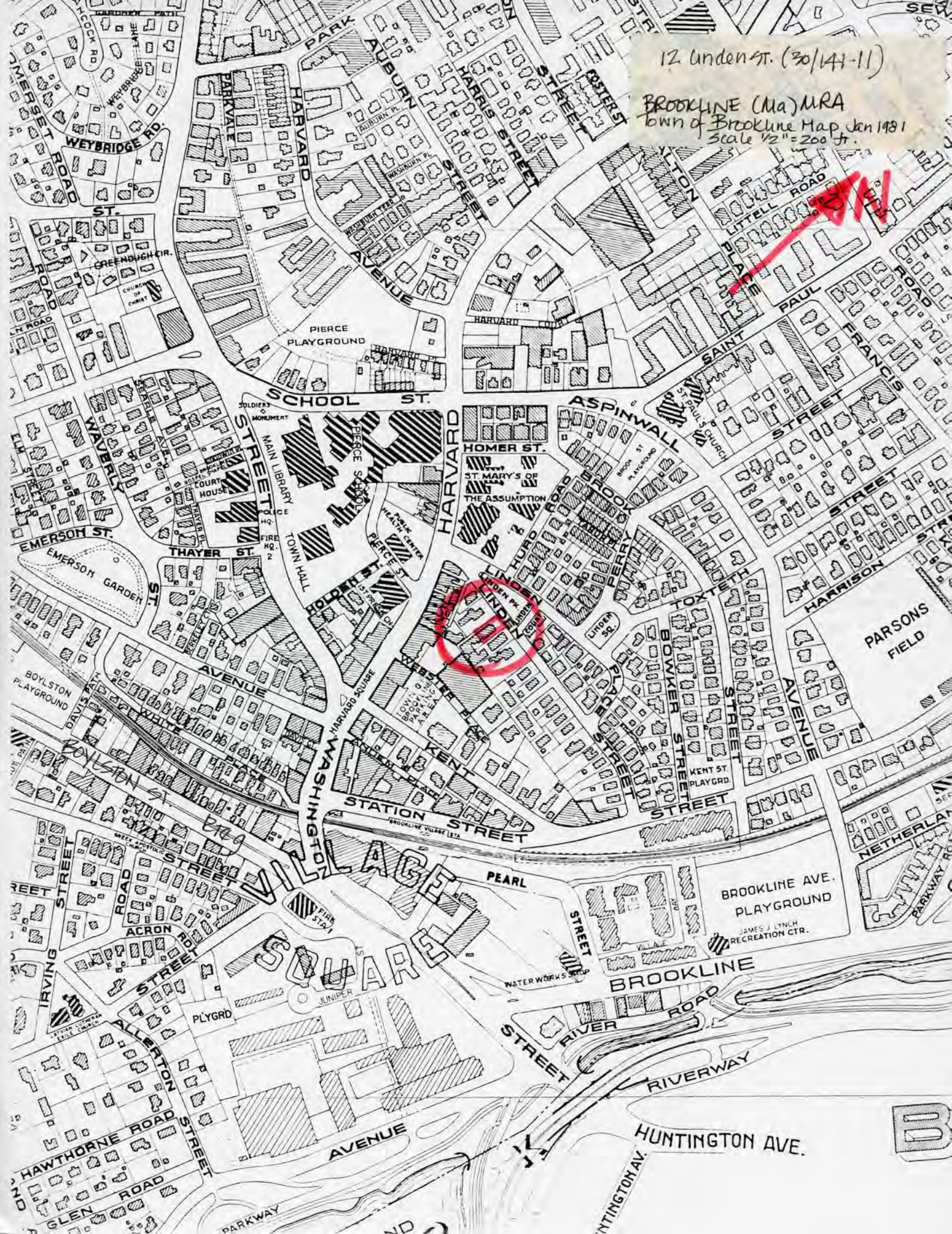
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Brookline (Ma) MRA

12 Linden St. (30/141-11)

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



12 LINDEN ST.

BROOKLINE AVE. PLAYGROUND

JAMES J. LYNCH RECREATION CTR.

HUNTINGTON AVE.

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