

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

SKETCH MAP

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

See attached map.

Newton Quadrangle
UTM Reference: 19/322990/4688610
Map #: 53

* 28'X34', with ell, 16'X48'; small
enclosure on north facade.

Recorded by Leslie Larkin

Organization BHC

Date April, 1980

Town Brookline MRA

Address 83 Penniman Place

Historic Name NA HOUSE

Use: Original Single family dwelling

Present Same

Ownership: ☒ Private individual
Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner Daniel Sanderson

DESCRIPTION:

Date Probably between 1830 and 1837

Source Brookline Tax Lists & Maps

Style Greek Revival

Architect Information not available

Exterior wall fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings Garage and shed

Major alterations (with dates)
1912 - Alterations by Fox and Gale.
Extension on rear added, 2½-story
pitch roof, 12'X16'; laundry on
1st floor, bedroom & bath on 2nd.
At that time, main building was
Moved Yes Date 1912

Approx. acreage 12,989 sq. ft.

Setting Set back about 25 feet from
the street, at the end of Penniman
Place, although on a rather small
lot, does not appear hemmed in, as
it is bordered on the left by Eliot
Playground, a large open space.

entrance, and that this plan enjoyed great popularity during the middle third of the century. Although at one time there must have been a number of Greek Revival houses in this area, only one other has survived - the house at 155 Reservoir Road, and that one was also moved - otherwise it would have been demolished like many others. The building type has survived better in the Village see #s 12 and 19 Linden St. for side-hall plans, the latter house also having a similar side porch with tall windows.

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

This is a handsome, rather plain Greek Revival vernacular design, with heavy classical proportions and strong three-dimensional forms. The house is positioned with its gable end to the street, and, with the exception of the one story bay on the north side, appears much as it was built, since the addition at the rear of the building was simply an extension of the original ell. Elements of the Greek Revival style seen here include the enclosed pediment, raking cornice, pilaster corner boards, wide entablature with returns, the simple strongly framed side-hall entranceway with pilasters and sidelights, and the shallow side porch with Doric columns and tall first floor windows. See p. 94 in Old Cambridge for a similar house - this book states that the side-hall entrance plan in this style was more common than the center-hall (Cont. above)*

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

This house is shown on the 1844 map, but is not on the 1830 map. According to available tax lists, Daniel Sanderson had built this house by 1837. He had bought the old Isaac Sparhawk Gardner place, on the other side of what was then known as Brighton St., from Elisha Penniman (house since demolished). In 1826 Penniman's total assessment was \$18.00. In 1837, Sanderson, owning the same property as Penniman had, was assessed \$26.69 - obviously he had bought more land and built **another** house. Harriet Woods wrote "Mr. Sanderson, though not a native of Brookline, lived here many years, held various town offices, and was a prominent member of the Baptist Church. [He was also a deacon in the church.] He built two houses on the west side of Brighton St." By 1849 Sanderson had sold the old Gardner property and was living in this house or another one he owned close by (since demolished), and in 1851 he was one of a number of prominent citizens who subscribed \$50 toward building a road from the Mill Dam to Washington St. (present Brookline Ave.) The 1861 tax list shows he had increased his land holdings greatly - that year he owned 2 houses, 2 barns and 33 acres on the west side of Brighton St.

In 1912 this house belonged to Jessie Taylor Phillips. (See 41 Taylor Crossway for information on her property and her parents'.) After 1907 the estate was subdivided (see 44 Penniman Rd.) and in 1912 this house was moved from its location at the intersection of Dean Rd. extension and Chestnut Hill Ave. to its present site. # 72 Penniman Pl., across the street, was also moved from another location on the Phillips estate at about this time.

83 Penniman Place meets NR criteria C, being an early and rare local example of the Greek Revival style, particularly unusual for this neighborhood composed of mostly 20th century Georgian and Tudor Revival single family homes.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Maps, 1830, 1844

Tax lists, 1826, 1837, 1861

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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

Item number

Page

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Brookline MRA
State MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

41. House at
(5 Lincoln Rd.)

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 10/17/85

42. House at
(12--16 Corey Rd.)

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 10/17/85

43. House at
(25 Stanton Rd.)

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 10/17/85

44. House at
(38--40 Webster Pl.)

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 10/17/85

45. House at
(44 Linden St.)

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National Register

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Delores Byers 10/17/85

46. House at
(44 Stanton Rd.)

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National Register

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Delores Byers 10/17/85

47. House at
(83 Penniman Pl.)

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National Register

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Delores Byers 10/17/85

48. House at
(89 Rawson Rd. &
86 Colburne Crescent)

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National Register

Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 10/17/85

49. House at
(105 Marion St.)

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National Register

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Attest

Delores Byers 10/17/85

50. House at
(155 Reservoir Rd.)

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National Register

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Delores Byers 10/17/85

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House (Brookline MRA) (83 Penniman Pl.)
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
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	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: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Brookline (Ma) MEA 83 PENNIMAN

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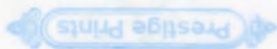
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STREET

BEACON

METROPOLITAN PUMPING

STATIONS

TRANSPORTATION

CLEVELAND
CIRCLE

ORKNEY

ROAD

STRATHMORE

BEAR

CLINTON

WILLARD

DEAN

ELIOT PLAYGROUND

PACKERS

AVENUE

BUCKMINSTER

RO ✓ C

PRUCE

SACHUSETTS

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