

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	34
	165-10

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.

Newton Quadrangle

UTM Reference: 19/324930/4688480

Map #: 46

1. Town Brookline MRA

Address 105 Marion Street

Name NA HOUSE

Present use Residential

Present owner N. Femia

3. Description:

Date 1861-2

Source Tax List

Style Second Empire

Architect Information not available

Exterior wall fabric Asbestos shingle

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features 2 1/2 stories, Mansard roof
w/ bell-cast pedi, heavy cornice
w/ double brackets, imbricated sla
roof, 2/2 windows, central Palla-
dian window, entrance portico &
arched double front door.

Altered 1 story room added Date 1906

Moved Twice Date 1885, 1921

5. Lot size: 3578'

One acre or less X Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 50'

Approximate distance of building from street

7'

6. Recorded by Carla Rose, Leslie Larkin

Organization Brookline Historical Comm

Date Summer, 1978

(over)

105 Marion Street meets NR criteria C and is a rare example of a Mansard style house with bell cast gable. Although the property has been moved twice, it is nominated for its architectural significance and integrity.

7. Original owner (if known) Austin W. Benton

Original use Single Family Residence

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	<u>x</u>	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	<u>X</u>		
Community development	<u>x</u>				

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

When this house was built in the early 1860's it sat approximately on the site it now occupies, facing Marion St., with a large barn behind it near Beacon St. A careful study of the town atlases shows that the house was moved into the point of the triangle formed by the meeting of Beacon & Marion Sts. between 1884 & 1888, and that another house was built at the same time, closer to Beacon St. The second house is first listed on Benton's taxes in 1885, and it is likely that #105 was moved in order to make room for it. In 1921, when the house was numbered 1437 Beacon St., it was again moved back to Marion Street, and in 1923 a block of stores was built on its last site on Beacon St.

Austin W. Benton, who built the house, was an assessor for the town of Brookline, and Curtis, in History of Brookline, says of him, "Other citizens who played exceptional parts in putting forward the town's affairs included: ... Austin W. Benton, for many years a selectman...". He also owned property on Vernon St. The Benton family still owned this house as late as 1919.

It is interesting to compare #105 to 71 Harvard Avenue, a house in the same style, with the same roofline and of the same size. The Harvard Avenue house has dormers in the front, a single window with segmental arch in the pediment, more brackets, a bay window rather than a Palladian one, and a porch all the way across the front of the house. An outstanding feature of this house is the very graceful arched doorway and surround.

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

Curtis, John G., History of the Town of Brookline, Mass., Boston, Houghton Mifflin Co., 1933, p. 309

Brookline Maps, 1858, 1876, Atlases, 1874, 1884, 1888
Brookline Building Dept. permit - moving
Brookline Tax Lists

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

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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

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Delores Byers 10/17/85

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

Entered in the
National Register

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

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National Register

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49. House at
(105 Marion St.)

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National Register

Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 10/17/85

50. House at
(155 Reservoir Rd.)

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National Register

Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 10/17/85

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House (Brookline MRA) (105 Marin St.)
Norfolk County
MASSACHUSETTS

SEP 4 1985

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/82

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
☐ 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



SEPT. 1978

105 Marion St (front)
Brookline (Ma) MRA

105 MARION ST. (34165-10)
Brookline (MA) MRA scale:
Town of Brookline Map 1/2" = 200ft.
Jan 1981

