

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	84/336
	-20,21

1. Town Brookline MRA

Address 12 Heath Hill

Name Charles Heath House

Present use Residential

Present owner Oliver & D. H. Rodman

3. Description:

Date 1855-1856

Source Brookline Tax Lists

Style Carpenter Gothic Influence

Architect Information not available

Exterior wall fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features 2½ stories; gable roof; irreg. massing; 2-story ell, 3 chimneys; entrance in corner w/portico; varied window types; cornerboards; ornate trim; drops & vergeboards.

Altered no Date _____

Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size: 21,004 sq. ft.

One acre or less Over one acre _____
185' on Heath Hill
Approximate frontage 230' on Lee Street

Approximate distance of building from street
25'

6. Recorded by Leslie Larkin

Organization BHC

Date February, 1980

Newton Quadrangle

UTM References: 19/323450/4087970

Map #: 26

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.

(over)

11 Heath Hill meets NR criteria B and C, having been built by Charles Heath, a descendant of one of the town's wealthiest families in the 19th century which distinguished itself in both military and civic affairs. It is also an unusual example of the Carpenter Gothic style.

7. Original owner (if known) Charles Heath

Original use Single family dwelling

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

See 30 Heath St. and 11 Heath Hill for information on the Heath family.

This house was built in the mid 1850's by Charles Heath, probably as a wedding present for his son Charles Henry, born in 1832, who married Lucy Wilson Ripley. In 1861 it was still owned by Charles Heath. Both father and son were brokers, with an office in Boston. The house later passed out of the Heath family, but was bought back for Mrs. Charles Cunningham, who had been married to Sidney Heath, Charles Henry's brother. *

The house is an interesting amalgam of styles and is unlike any other in Brookline. The low-pitched roof line is reminiscent of the Swiss Chalet style, as is the vertical boarding in the gable, while the clipped gable on the ell is a medieval touch. The floor plan is more Italianate than Gothic but the decorative trim of the bargeboards, belt and string courses, portico and window lintels is a vernacular interpretation of Carpenter Gothic, while the first floor window hoods and the portico railings are classic Gothic Revival. It is a pity that the architect is unknown, as he was able to combine elements of a number of styles in a manner entirely his own, giving the house a restrained, yet decorative appearance.

* The present owner, Mrs. Rodman, is the daughter of Reginald Cary Heath and the granddaughter of Sidney Heath.

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

Vital Records of Brookline, Mass. to 1849
Atlas, 1874
Maps, 1855, 1871
Tax lists, 1853, 1867
Obituary, Brookline Chronicle, 2/25/05, p. 12
Brookline Directory, 1868

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

31. ^{also in Boston Suffolk Co} Harris, John, House and Farm

~~Entered in the~~
National Register

Keeper Delores Byers 10/17/85

Attest

32. Heath, Charles, House

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National Register

Keeper Delores Byers 10/17/85

Attest

33. Heath, Ebenezer, House

~~Entered in the~~
National Register

Keeper Delores Byers 10/17/85

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34. Holyhood Cemetery

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National Register

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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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37. House at
(12 Linden St.)

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38. House at
(12 Vernon St.)

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39. House at
(19 Linden St.)

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40. House at
(53 Linden St.)

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Heath, Charles, House (Brookline MRA)
Norfolk County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. SEP 4 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87
Date Due: 10/3/85 - 10/19/85
Action: ACCEPT 10-12-85
 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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use

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		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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 2891 A 492
- 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: _____



12 Heath Hill

Brookline (MA) MRA

Heath, Charles, House

APR 1980

Prestige Prints

by Dunkey



Rodman

12 Heath Hill
Brookline

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Brookline (MA) MRA
Heath, Charles, House

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12 Heath Hill (84/336-20,21)
BROOKLINE (MA) MRA
Town of Brookline Map Jan '81
Scale 1/2" = 200ft.

