

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.

Form no.

28
130-12

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.

1. Town Brookline MRA
Address 54 Francis St
Name James H. Standish House
Present use Residential
Present owner A.T. Tambini
3. Description:
Date 1874-5
Source Brookline Tax list
Style Variation on Italianate style
Architect Information not available
Exterior wall fabric Clapboard
Outbuildings (describe) Barn with comple
menting features to main house
Other features Hip roof, polygonal bay,
topped by crested turret, slate roof
over entrance porch, brackets and
dentils under cornice, crossbucks
under 1st floor windows, bay window
on either side, heavy decorative
Altered work at entrance Date _____
Moved No Date N/A
5. Lot size: 12,513 sq. ft.
One acre or less X Over one acre _____
Approximate frontage 100 ft on Francis
100 ft on Toxteth
Approximate distance of building from street
30 from Francis; 15 from Toxteth
6. Recorded by C. Weatherbee, L. Larkin
Organization Brookline Historical Com.
Date December, 1978
Boston South Quadrangle
UIM Reference: 19/325700/4689320
Map #: 16

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) James H and Sarah Standish

Original use Private 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)

This house is especially noteworthy for its intricate detailing and decorative elements: cresting, crossbucks, dentils, brackets, paneled brick chimneys, polygonal slates on roof over entry, elaborate porch.

The land on which the house was built originally belonged to Thomas and Augustus Aspinwall; it was divided by 1874 at which time the tax lists shows James Standish as the owner of the land as well as a house and stable.

James Standish is listed in the Brookline Directory of 1875 as a carpenter and builder. Sarah Standish, who appears on the tax list for 1875 as owner of this property, is listed as a non-resident after 1876, moving to Allston in 1877 and Boston in 1879.

54 Francis Street meets NR criteria C, representing a rare ^{local} example of a Stick Style house retaining such important detailing as the cresting on the front and side bays as well as the tower; the polygonal, decorative slates on the roofs of the bays, front entrance, and tower; tower finial; stick work; and brackets. The original detailing of the barn/carriage house has also been preserved: cupola with finial, 2/2 windows, clapboard siding, and drip moldings over the windows and doors. 54 Francis Street also retains the original site arrangement of the property, with the barn/carriage house located behind the main house.

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

Brookline Directory- 1875

Brookline Atlas- 1872, 1874

Map of holdings of Augustus and Thomas Aspinwall - Brookline Library

Brookline Tax Lists- 1873, 1874

Boston Directory- 1877, 1878

Brookline Village Walking Tours (1977)

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

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received 9-4-85

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Brookline MRA
State MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

71. Saint Paul's Church, Chapel,
and Parish HouseEntered in the ^{for}
National Register Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 10/17/85

72. Saint Paul's Rectory

Entered in the
National Register^{for} Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 10/17/85

73. Sargent's Pond

Entered in the
National Register^{for} Keeper

Attest

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74. Second Unitarian Church

Entered in the
National Register^{for} Keeper

Attest

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75. Spurr, Eliphalet, House

Entered in the
National Register^{for} Keeper

Attest

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76. Standish, James H., House

Entered in the
National Register^{for} Keeper

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Delores Byers 10/17/8577. Strathmore Road Historic
DistrictEntered in the
National Register^{for} Keeper

Attest

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78. Toussaint, Winand, House

Entered in the
National Register^{for} Keeper

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79. Town Stable

Entered in the
National Register^{for} Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 10/17/8580. Tuckerman, William F.,
HouseEntered in the
National Register^{for} Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 10/17/85

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Standish, James H., 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 10-17-85
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Entered in the _____
National Register _____
Federal Agency: _____

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: _____



54 FRANCIS ST

BROOKLINE (MA) MRA

Standish, James H., House



TOWN: Brookline
NAME: Standish House
ADDRESS: 54 Francis St.
DATE OF PHOTO: 69-68
PHOTOGRAPHER: D.M. Bean
RESTRICTIONS:

Brookline (Ma) MRA

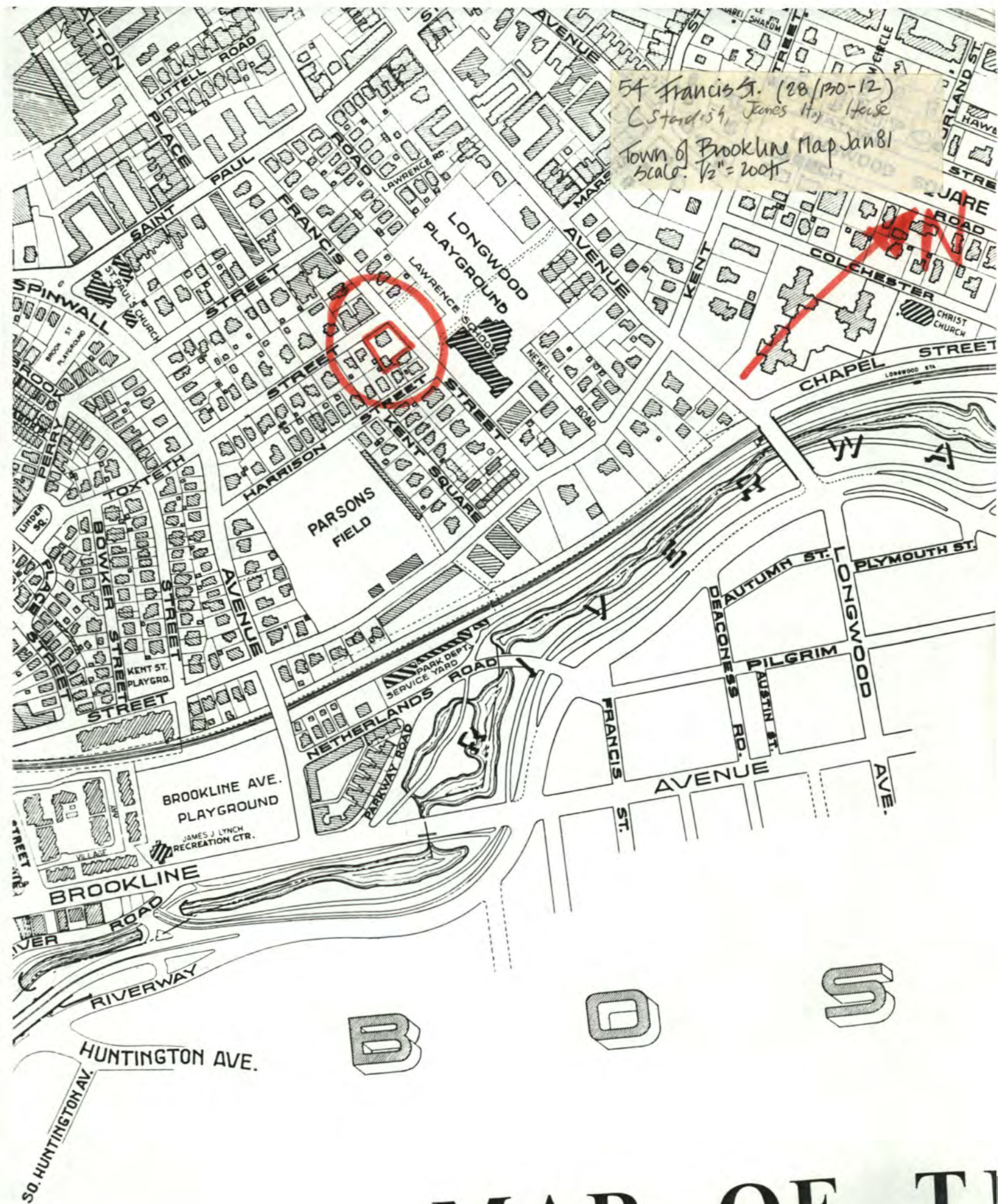


BEN-SY FRANCIS

Brookline (Ma) MA

Standish, Jones H., Hug

54 Francis St. (28/130-12)
C. Stordish, Jones H. House
Town of Brookline Map Jan 81
Scale: 1/2" = 200ft



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