

FORM B - BUILDING

Area

Form no.
23
107-10-16MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108PHOTO (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.

SIDEWALK ↓

Town Brookline MRAAddress 15-27 Kilsyth Rd.Historic Name Kilsyth TerraceUse: Original attached townhousesPresent sameOwnership: ☒ Private individual
Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner National Home Building
Company.

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1892Source permitStyle ChateausqueArchitect J. Williams BealExterior wall fabric Brick and Roxbury stoneOutbuildings garage

Major alterations (with dates) _____

1972-install connecting balcony-#19 and #21

1913-alter #21 from 1 to 2 family

1932- alter #23 from 1 to 2 family
Moved no Date _____Approx. acreage 23.187 sq.ft.Setting located on the corner of Kilsyth and
Salisbury Rds, one block north of Beacon St.Handsome tile sidewalk in front of the houseNewton QuadrangleUTM Reference: 19/323330/4688330Map #: 36

(Staple additional sheets here)

Recorded by C. BenkaOrganization BHCDate May 1980

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

Kilsyth Terrace, #s 15-27 Kilsyth Rd., was built in 1892 as a series of attached townhouses. Designed by J. Williams Beal, a well known Boston architect of the period, Kilsyth Terrace, constructed of yellow brick and Roxbury stone, is one of a number of $3\frac{1}{2}$ story, brick, turreted, Chateau-inspired complexes found on Beacon Street and its nearby streets. See, for example, 350-366 Tappan Street (Francis Terrace), designed by Fehmer and Page in 1889. It would appear that Beal's designs for these townhouses were influenced by Fehmer and Page's concepts. Note the turrets, brick corbelling, brick exterior, and arched entrances.

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

In 1893, the local newspaper described Kilsyth Terrace as "a block of seven houses, located 115 feet from Beacon Boulevard on the edge of the beautiful Aberdeen section." First floors consisted of a parlor, open hall and dining room, all with open fireplaces, as well as pantries and a kitchen with an ell. On the second floor, each front was divided into a large sitting room with a fireplace and a small chamber. A large chamber with bath was located in the rear and servants' quarters were situated in the ell. Finally, the third floor had one large room in the front "suitable for a chamber or billiards room", while the rear space was divided into two chambers.

"Broad terraces or open piazzas extend the entire length of the block, forming a unique feature in this class of houses. Especial attention has been paid to combining convenient arrangement and artistic effect."

These houses were owner occupied in some cases and rented out in others. Among those people residing there during the 1890's were: the Rev. Daniel Addison, pastor at All Saints' Church, located almost directly across Beacon Street (in #21); William Bradley, a commission merchant (in #15); K.N. Whitcomb of Whitcomb, Wead and Co., a real estate firm; and the Rev. Albert Dunning (#19), an editor at Congregational House in Boston.

15-27 Kilsyth Road meets NR criteria A and C, being one of a few remaining "Terraces" in Brookline, i.e. attached single family houses constructed to meet the increased demand for housing in this part of Brookline (near Beacon Street), after the arrival of the street-car in the late 1880s. Although the terraces were constructed on far smaller lots, each house was designed with the amenities of comparable single family detached houses and with consideration of the need for open space and landscape features. Of particular distinction are the decorative tiles of the sidewalk which extend the length of the attached buildings.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Brookline MRA
State MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

51. House ^{at}
(156 Mason Terr.)Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 10/17/8552. Houses ^{at}
(76--96 Harvard Ave.)Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 10/17/85

53. Hotel Adelaide

Entered in the
National Register

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Delores Byers 10/17/85

54. Hotel Kempsford

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Delores Byers 10/17/85

55. Jackson, Thaddeus, House

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Delores Byers 10/17/85

56. Kilsyth Terrace

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Delores Byers 10/17/85

57. Linden Park

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58. Linden Square

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59. Lynch--O'Gorman House

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Delores Byers 10/17/8560. Milestone
(Harvard St.)Entered in the
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Kilsyth Terrace (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: _____

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

- ☐ 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

Acres 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



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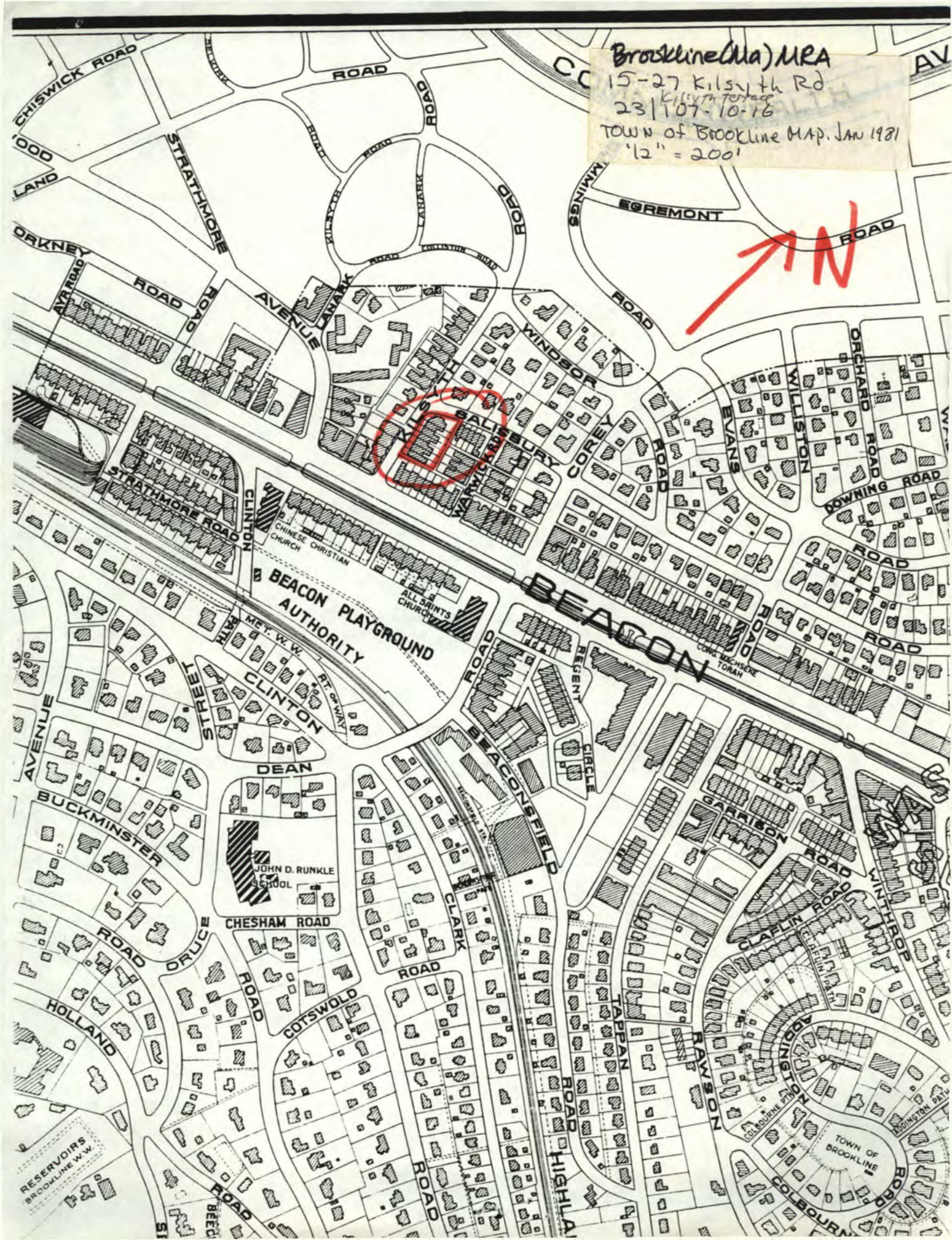
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TOWN of Brookline MAP, JAN 1981

'12" = 200'



Kilsyth Rd HD

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17 Kilsyth Road
Brookline, MA. 02146
June 19, 1985

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Massachusetts Historical Commission
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MASS. HIST. COMM.

Dear Ms. Talmage:

I was sorry that we, as homeowners, in the proposed Multiple Resources Area National Register nomination, were unable to attend last night's meeting in Brookline. We, however, gained a significant amount of information from your letter. Thank you.

I am writing to tell you that we are enthusiastic about the National Register designation for our property and neighborhood. We have often felt that our row of 1893 townhouses was unique and should be designated as such in some way.

Please record us as in approval of the designation. If there is any further step that we should take to ensure that the designation goes through, please let us know how we can be supportive. Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary Kassler

Mary Kelligrew Kassler

Haskell Kassler

Haskell A. Kassler