

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.

Town Brookline MRAAddress 53 Linden StreetHistoric Name NA HouseUse: Original residentialPresent residentialOwnership:  Private individual  
Private organization \_\_\_\_\_

Public \_\_\_\_\_

Original owner probably J.G. Faxon

## DESCRIPTION:

Date 1843-44Source Map, Historical Sketches of  
BrooklineStyle Greek RevivalArchitect information not availableExterior wall fabric clapboardOutbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) 1924-add 2  
bathroom windows on 1st fl.; 1949-con-  
vert to 3 families; 1957-take down  
barn; 1961-remove 2 large windows on  
1st floor, replace w/smaller windows

Moved NODate NAApprox. acreage 11,900 sq.ft.Setting Set towards the front of alarge lot (for this area), attractivelow stone wall along front of property

Boston South Quadrangle

UIM Reference: 19/325590/46-8830Map #: 45

(Staple additional sheets here)

Recorded by Carla BenkaOrganization Brookline Historical Com.Date Fall, 19801980 Atlas page 30/141-19D

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

There are three buildings in Linden Street whose designs clearly show the influence of the Greek Revival style. One of them, #53 Linden Street, also displays characteristics of the Italianate style as seen in the triple front windows, round arch window in the gable, and brackets as well as in the general proportions of the house.

The Greek Revival style is evidenced by the pedimented gable front, ionic columns, paired pilasters, and front and side flushboarding.

The original granite walls and posts are still extant.

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

According to the 1844 map, John G. Faxon owned this house, but according to the tax lists, by 1851 he had sold it to Thomas Howe. Faxon, like several of the people who built homes in this area in the 1840's and 1850's, was a merchant. He worked for J. Whiting and Company, lumber merchants with offices at 86 State Street. Thomas Howe was also a Boston merchant; by 1884 his estate owned the house and retained ownership through 1913.

Number 53 Linden Street was built in 1843-44 at which time the land, once part of a farm, was subdivided and developed. For more information on that subdivision, see form for #29 Linden Place. (Map #39; form 31-147-9)

This house and three others in the area: 12 Linden Street, 19 Linden Street, and 4 Perry Street, are the only Greek Revival-type homes which remain in a neighborhood which began to develop during the 1840's. Their presence helps to recreate a 19th century sense of scale which was challenged by later development.

53 Linden Street meets NR criteria A and C, being one of a handful of houses remaining from the 1843 Linden Place residential subdivision and a fine, intact example of the Greek Revival style. A high proportion of 20th century construction in the area meant that the surviving components of Thomas Aspinwall Davis' subdivision must be nominated individually.

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Tax list-1851

Maps-1844, 1855

Atlases-1874, 1884, 1888, 1893

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

31. <sup>also in Boston Suffolk Co</sup> Harris, John, House and Farm

Entered in the National Register

Keeper Alvina Byers 10/17/85  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_

32. Heath, Charles, House

Entered in the National Register

Keeper Alvina Byers 10/17/85  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_

33. Heath, Ebenezer, House

Entered in the National Register

Keeper Alvina Byers 10/17/85  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_

34. Holyhood Cemetery

Entered in the National Register

Keeper Alvina Byers 10/17/85  
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35. House at (4 Perry St.)

Entered in the National Register

Keeper Alvina Byers 10/17/85  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_

36. House at (9 Linden St.)

Entered in the National Register

Keeper Alvina Byers 10/17/85  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_

37. House at (12 Linden St.)

Entered in the National Register

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Attest \_\_\_\_\_

38. House at (12 Vernon St.)

Entered in the National Register

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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

House (Brookline MRA) (53 Linn St.)  
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	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	
	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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**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

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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Prestige Prints

by Berkey

53 Linden St.  
Brookline (Ma) MA

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Brookline (Ma) MRA

53 Linden St. (30/41-110)

Brookline (Ma) MRA  
Town of Brookline map, Jan '81  
Scale 1/2" = 200 FT.

