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The National Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings:

John F. Kennedy Home in Brookline, Massachusetts

The home in which John F. Kennedy, thirty-fifth President of the United States, was born, May 29, 1917, is located at 83 Beals Street, Brookline, Massachusetts.

This nine-room frame house, privately owned, was built between October 1, 1908, and April 1, 1909. Howard S. Kline and Laura Kline of New York City sold the house and lot to Joseph P. Kennedy, father of the late President on August 20, 1914. Mr. Kennedy married Rose Fitzgerald on October 7 of that year and soon began housekeeping in the Beals Street home where they lived until 1920. The house was conveyed September 13, 1920, to Mary H. Moore, the wife of Edward E. Moore of Boston.

The Town of Brookline erected a bronze commemorative plaque, bearing a relief portrait of John F. Kennedy, in the yard of the house September 12, 1961.

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT, JOHN F. KENNEDY BIRTHPLACE
BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS

John F. Kennedy, Thirty-fifth President of the United States, was born May 29, 1917 at 83 Beals Street, Brookline, Massachusetts. The home where he was born was probably built between October 1, 1908, and April 1, 1909. Records indicate that the house was not standing on the lot when a conveyance took place November 19, 1907. The lot on which the house, 83 Beals Street, was erected, was part of a sub-division surveyed in April 1908 and is shown on a plan dated October 1897 as a part of the Beals Estate under scrutiny for sub-division. The house and lot comprising 83 Beals Street were conveyed by Howard S. Kline and Laura S. Kline of New York City to Joseph P. Kennedy, father of the late President, on August 20, 1914. On October 7, 1914, Joseph P. Kennedy and Rose Fitzgerald, daughter of the Mayor of Boston, were married. The couple set up housekeeping shortly after their marriage at the Beals Street residence. John F. Kennedy was the second son and second child who continued to reside in this house not later than 1920. The deed of September 13, 1920, 83 Beals Street, was conveyed by Joseph P. Kennedy to Mary H. Moore, the wife of Edward E. Moore of Boston and as far as the records indicate, the association of the Kennedy family with this property was ended at about this time.