

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no. 35 171-6-17
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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.

*# 76 W. & E. Palmer	**3209 sq. ft.
78 E. M. McNulty	2037 " "
80 J. Davila	2045
82 B. & M. Tayer	2053
84 A. & S. Campagna	2061
86 G. W. Shepard	2069
88 J. LaCroix	2077
90 J. S. Casey	2085
92 J. & E. Offenbach	2093
94 F. & C. Brink	2101
96 E. S. Goldman	2109

1. Town Brookline MRA
Address 76-96 Harvard Avenue
Name Applicable House
Present use Some houses altered to
apartments - see # 9

Present owner *

3. Description:

Date 1903

Source Building permit

Style Georgian Revival

Architect Stephen Brennan & Sidney
Vaughan

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features Classical cornice, smooth
entablature, limestone lintels &
sills, wrought iron balconies,
wood paneled vestibules.

Altered See #9 Date _____

Moved NO Date _____

5. Lot size: **

One acre or less X Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage Total - 220'

Approximate distance of building from street

15'

6. Recorded by Kapstein, Benka, Larkin

Organization Brookline Historical Comm.

Date Fall, 1978

Newton Quadrangle

UTM References: 19/324900/4689170

Map #:22

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Benjamin Whitney

Original use Attached houses

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Some converted to 3 apartments - see below

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	☐	Conservation	☐	Recreation	☐
Agricultural	☐	Education	☐	Religion	☐
Architectural	☒	Exploration/ settlement	☐	Science/ invention	☐
The Arts	☐	Industry	☐	Social/ humanitarian	☐
Commerce	☐	Military	☐	Transportation	☐
Communication	☐	Political	☐		
Community development	☒				

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

This was the first building on the street that was not a single family frame dwelling, and it opened the way for other, not so handsome, large buildings. Originally a row of attached houses, #s 76, 78, 80, 88 & 92 were converted to 3 apartments each in the 1940's and 50's. The regular facades and nice proportions of the houses ; decorated only by the iron balconies, have a pleasing effect on the street.

Benjamin Whitney, who lived in Wayland and is listed in the Boston Directory only as Treasurer, 8 Bosworth, Boston, is shown as owner of this block on the building permit, but he does not appear in the 1904 tax list. Probably he sold the buildings immediately after they were built. In 1907 five of the eleven houses were owned by Dr. Francis F. Whittier, who lived at #94. He also owned other houses and many lots in the town. None of the other owners of record lived here - all the houses were rented out. Tenants included 2 lawyers, a manager, an accountant, a pianist, 2 insurance salesmen, and a broker.

76-96 Harvard Avenue meets NR criteria A and C, being a fine example of Georgian Revival rowhouses with intact detailing and reflecting one solution to the increased demand for housing on limited land during a period of rapid development in the town at the beginning of the 20th century. It is also one of the few examples of the academic variation of the Georgian style with piano nobile, similar to those found in the designs of London and Beacon Hill townhouses.

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

Brookline Atlases, 1900, 1907, 1978
Brookline Tax Lists 1903, 1904
Brookline Building Dept. permit
Brookline Directory, 1907, 1910
Boston Directory, 1903

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

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Continuation sheet

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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

Delores Byers 10/17/85

Attest

52. Houses ^{at}
(76--96 Harvard Ave.)Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 10/17/85

Attest

53. Hotel Adelaide

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 10/17/85

Attest

54. Hotel Kempsford

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 10/17/85

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55. Jackson, Thaddeus, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

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56. Kilsyth Terrace

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

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57. Linden Park

Entered in the
National Register

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58. Linden Square

Entered in the
National Register

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59. Lynch--O'Gorman House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 10/17/85

Attest

60. Milestone
(Harvard St.)Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 10/17/85

Attest

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Houses (Brookline MRA) at 76-96 Harvard Ave.
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 _____

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
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ 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
- ☐ 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: _____



76-96 Harvard Ave
5/85

Brookline (MA) MRA



by Berkeley

Postage Print

OCT. 1978

76-78 Harvard Ave

by Berkeley

Postage Prints

OCT. 1978

Brookline (MA) MA

Postage Print

OCT. 1978

76-96 Harvard Ave. (35/
171-6)
Brookline (MA) MRA 17
Town of Brookline Jan 1981
scale 1/2" = 200 ft.

