

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 9 Linden StreetHistoric Name NA HouseUse: Original residentialPresent residentialOwnership: ☒ Private individual
Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner Isaac Rich

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1844-1855Source mapsGreek Revival/Style Italianate with mansard roofArchitect Information not availableExterior wall fabric clapboardOutbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Porch restored, 1980roof altered - probably late 1860'sside porch removed - date unknown3rd floor added to ell - 1980, alsotriple dormer added in frontMoved From corner of _____ Date 1885Harvard and LindenApprox. acreage 10,398 sq.ft.Recorded by Leslie LarkinOrganization Brookline Historical Com.Date Fall, 1980

Setting This house is set close to
the lot line on the right side, but
has a wider side yard on the left,
now used as a driveway.

Boston South Quadrangle

UTM Reference: 19/ 325430/4688880

Map #: 41

(Staple additional sheets here)

9 Linden Place meets NR criteria A,B,and C and is one of a small number of houses still standing which were once part of the original 1843 Linden Place residential subdivision. This house is an unusual combination of the Greek Revival/Italianate style and was built by one of the incorporators and benefactors of the Boston Theological Seminary (now Boston University). Due to extensive later construction in the area, this house and other survivors of the Linden Place subdivision are being nominated individually.

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

Number 9 Linden St. is an unusual mansard house. It has a high curved slate roof with pedimented dormers, modillions under wide eaves, a distinctive Greek Key motif on the frieze, and a string course and corner boards. A double window at the first floor front has a single lintel over it, and the band of three narrow windows on the second floor is topped by three arches. In renovations made in 1980, a triple dormer window was put in over these, a ~~third~~ floor added to the rear ell, and the side porch was restored. The mansard roof was probably added in the late 1860's; a very similar house, built in 1852 and with a mansard roof added in 1869, can be seen at 20 Sacramento St. in Cambridge.

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

Linden Street and Place were laid out, with house lots, in 1843 by Thomas Aspinwall Davis, who bought up shares in the family land from his brothers and established one of the early developments in Brookline. Linden Park, opposite this house, was held in common by the householders surrounding it. (See inventory form for 29 Linden Place for more information on the development).

Isaac Rich bought a large lot at the corner of Linden and Harvard Streets and built this house sometime between 1844 and 1855. Rich, who was born in Wellfleet in 1801, became involved in the shipping business with Edward Snow and owned a packet line which ran to New Orleans. He also established Isaac Rich & Co., dealers in cured, salted, and pickled fish at #35 Commercial St. The firm, in which Rich was a partner with a relative, Thomas A. Rich, who lived at 38 Babcock St., Edward S. Dane, and William H. West, prospered and exported dried fish to the West Indies and Europe. Rich became one of the wealthiest men of his time and left the greater part of his fortune to Boston University (then known as Boston Theological Seminary) of which he was one of the incorporators and a trustee from 1869 until his death. He bought 29 acres of Aspinwall land on the hill of that name and gave it to B. U., which eventually developed the land and sold off house lots. University Road is named for B. U.

By 1871 this house belonged to Edward E. Floyd, of Floyd Bros & Co., a dry goods concern at 93 Summer St. in Boston. Between 1884 and 1888 Floyd moved the house to its present location in order to allow commercial development along Harvard Street on its former site. The house still stands within the boundaries of its lot in the original Linden Place subdivision.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only

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Continuation sheet

Item number

Page

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Brookline MRA
State MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 10/17/85
Attest _____

32. Heath, Charles, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 10/17/85
Attest _____

33. Heath, Ebenezer, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 10/17/85
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34. Holyhood Cemetery

Entered in the
National Register

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

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for Keeper Delores Byers 10/17/85
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36. House at
(9 Linden St.)

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National Register

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37. House at
(12 Linden St.)

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38. House at
(12 Vernon St.)

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39. House at
(19 Linden St.)

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40. House at
(53 Linden St.)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House (Brookline MRA) (9 Linden St.)
Norfolk County
MASSACHUSETTS

SEP 4 1985

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87
Date Due: 10/3/85 - 10/19/85
Action: ACCEPT 10-17-85
Entered in this _____ RETURN
National Register _____ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



9 Linden

6/85

Brookline (Ma) MRA



9 Linden

6/25

Brookline (Ug) MRA

9 Linden St. (30/141-10)
Brookline (Ma) MRA

Town of Brookline Map Jan '81
Scale 1/2" = 200 ft.

