

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA

FORM NO.

127/437-12
12APHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Photo number _____

Town Brookline MRAAddress 61 Heath StreetHistoric Name General Simon Elliot
HouseUse: Present residentialOriginal residential

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1824Source Historical Sketches ofStyle Brookline Orig. Greek ReviveArchitect Information Not availableExterior wall fabric clapboardOutbuildings attached carriage house

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation
to nearest cross streets and/or
geographical features. Indicate
all buildings between inventoried
property and nearest intersection.
Indicate north.Major alterations (with dates) 1910- 2
dormers added (3'x10' & 3'x16'); 1932
extend attached garage by 30½'x5';
1949-extend 1 dormer 10'; 1955-ex-
tend dormer to roof/
Moved no Date _____Approx. acreage 2 2/3 acreSetting In residential neighborhood
of much newer single family homes;
set back on large wooded lotRecorded by Larkin and BenkaOrganization Brookline Historical Com.Date Jan. 1980Newton Quadrangle Map #: 29
UTM Reference: 19/323260/4687840

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

Essentially a one and one half story Greek Revival style cottage, this house has undergone a number of alterations while still retaining such original elements as its Greek Revival doorway with transom and sidelights; pilastered cornerboards; returns; and siting (gable end facing the street). Later additions include Gothic Revival (Tudor) arches and steeply pitched gable dormers and Colonial Revival pediments, dentils, and modillions. A three stall carriage house/barn is attached to the main structure. Smaller than many of the other Greek Revival houses in Brookline, this house is older with alterations which are in and of themselves architecturally significant.

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

This house was built in 1824 by General Simon Elliot who had come from Scotland to America at the age of 17. He lived on Federal Street in Boston and had several shops on State Street; he also owned a snuff mill, grist mill, and nail factory in Newton. Elliot's rank was earned in service in the Continental Army. In 1788 his daughter Sarah, born in 1763, married Thomas Handasyd Perkins (see 450 Warren Street), one of Boston's most illustrious and wealthy merchant princes. They had ten children, the eldest of whom married Samuel Cabot, a member of another large mercantile family.

Simon Elliot Greene, nephew of General Elliot, inherited this house from his uncle. Greene married Elizabeth Tilden Linzee of Boston who, after Greene's death, married John Sullivan Warren. They lived at 61 Heath Street. Warren was held in high esteem in Boston and Brookline "for his many acts of liberality and his general benevolence of character." He eventually left a sum of money to be expended "in beautifying the streets of Brookline with shade trees."

This house meets NR criteria C, being one of the oldest Greek Revival style homes in Brookline; holding in common with them such features as pilastered cornerboards; returns, doorway with sidelights and transom; and gable-end-facing-the-street siting; and retaining such later alterations as Gothic Revival and Colonial Revival decorative details.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

Permits-1910, 1932, 1949

Woods, Harriet, Historical Sketches of Brookline, p. 326

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 MRAState MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Elliot, General Simon,
HouseEntered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

Melvyn Byers 10/17/85

22. Emmett Cottage

Entered in the
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23. Fernwood

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24. Fire Station #7

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25. Fisher Hill Historic District

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26. Francis, Dr. Tappan Eustis,
HouseEntered in the
National Register

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27. Fuller, Peter, Building

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28. Goddard, John, House

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29. Graffam Development
Historic DistrictEntered in the
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30. Green Hill Historic District

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Elliot, General Simon, House (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

Entered in the 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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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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

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



61 Heath st
5/85

Brookline (MA) MRA

Elliot, Gen. Simon, House

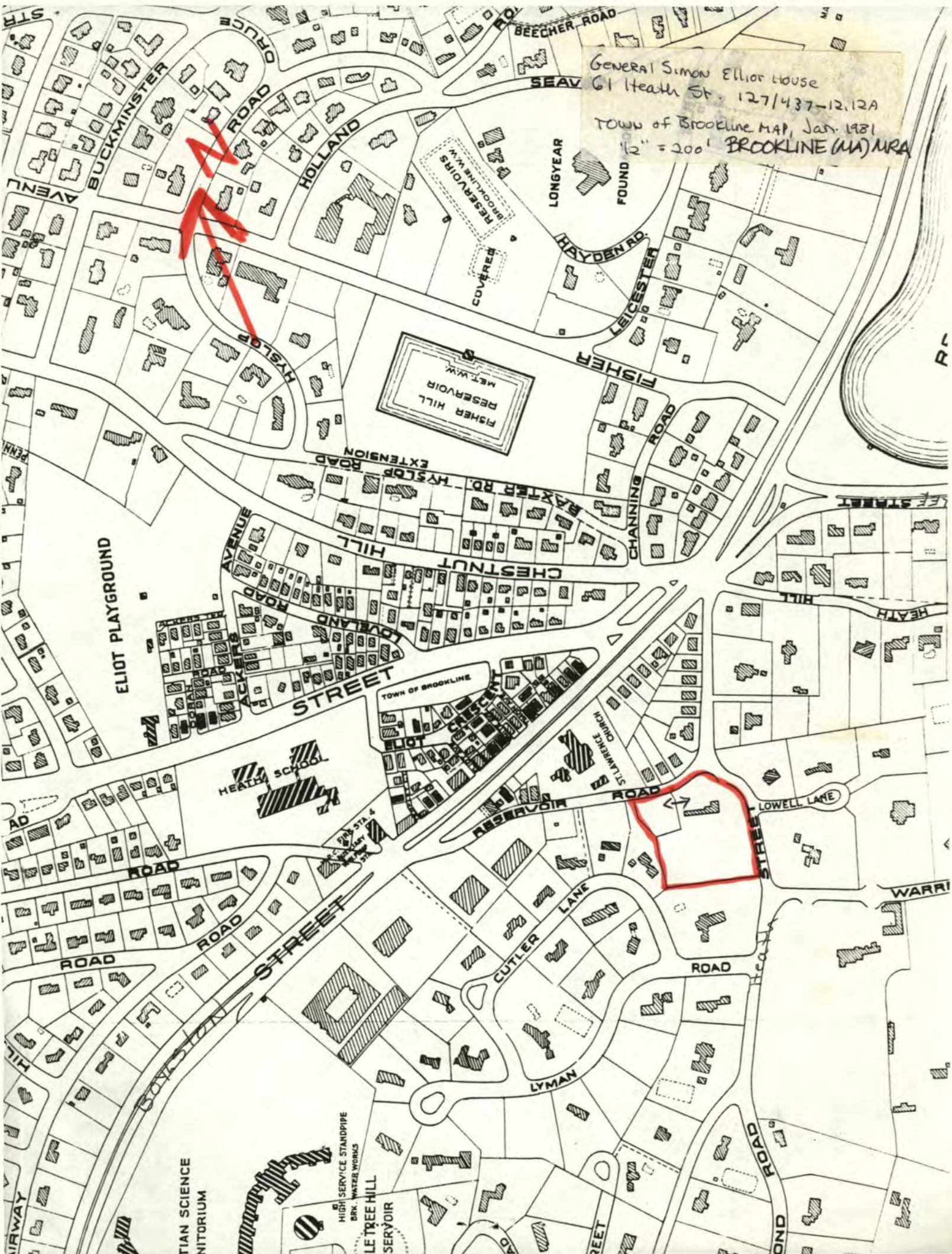


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GENERAL SIMON ELLIOT HOUSE
61 Heath St. 127/437-12,12A
TOWN OF BROOKLINE MAP, Jan. 1981
1/2" = 200' BROOKLINE (MA) MRA