

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
	128/439-52
	56-71

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Photo number _____

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.

See attached map.

Newton Quadrangle
UTM Reference: 19/323050/4687380
Map #: 8

Recorded by Carla Benka
Organization Brookline Historical Com.
Date June 1980

Town Brookline MRA
Address 155 Clyde Street
Historic Name Fernwood
Use: Present Institutional
Original Residential
DESCRIPTION:
Date 1909
Source building permit
Style Jacobethan
Landscape: Olmsted Brothers
Architect Charles Patch
Exterior wall fabric limestone, granite and brick
Outbuildings garage (1911)
Major alterations (with dates) NA
Moved no Date -
Approx. acreage 2.7 acres (126,722 s.
Setting Set back from street, at to of drive winding through newly de-veloped subdivision

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

"Fernwood", located at 155 Clyde Street, was built in 1909 by Alfred Douglass who had moved to Brookline from New York. It was designed by Charles Patch in a textbook example of the Jacobethan style, popular at the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th century. Windows are rectangular and divided into rectangular lights by stone mullions. Gables, which rise above the roof, are of a steep-sided triangular form. The roof is ridged, while the chimneys are tall with a separate shaft for each flue. The round arched doorways are enclosed with larger frames, and brick is used for the walls with limestone for windows, parapets, and quoins. The interior framing of the house contains no wood; it is constructed of steel beams and terra cotta arches.

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

Alfred Douglass, a New York merchant, had retired by the time he purchased the land on which he laid out "Fernwood" according to plans by Olmsted Brothers. Due to business reversals, he was forced to sell this estate and tried for a number of years to subdivide the property. All attempts failed, consequently he sold it as one parcel to Sidney Winslow, Jr., vice president of the United Machinery Corporation.

The land on which Douglass built this house belonged to Moses White during the second half of the 19th century. White sold the property to Thomas H. Perkins, a Boston merchant, who eventually gave it to his daughter, Caroline. She married William Gardiner and their son Charles inherited the land and the house on it. In 1909 Douglass tore down the Gardiner's house and built this one and #157, also designed by Patch.

In the late 1970's, the property was subdivided and single family homes constructed on large, well landscaped lots. The house is now owned by a religious sect.

"Fernwood" meets NR criteria C, being a fine example of a Jacobethan manor house with original grounds landscaped by Olmsted Brothers.

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

Proceedings of the Brookline Historical Society-1926, p.6
Land Ownership in Brookline
Building permits-1909
Engineering subdivision plan- L 41 D 24,33

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

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9-4-85

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
National Register

Keeper

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Melvyn Byers 10/17/85

23. Fernwood

Entered in the
National Register

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Melvyn Byers 10/17/85

24. Fire Station #7

Entered in the
National Register

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Melvyn Byers 10/17/85

25. Fisher Hill Historic District

Entered in the
National Register

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Melvyn Byers 10/17/85

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

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27. Fuller, Peter, Building

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National Register

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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

Fernwood (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
☐ 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 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 | ☐ deteriorated |
| ☐ good | ☐ ruins |
| ☐ fair | ☐ 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



155 Clyde St

~~155~~ Fenwood

Brookline (Ma) MRA

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
SANITARIUM

155 Clyde St. (128/431-52;
56-71)
FERNWOOD
Brookline (Ma) MRA
TOWN OF BROOKLINE MAP JAN '81
Scale 1/2" = 200'

HIGH SERVICE STANDPIPE
BRK. WATER WORKS

SINGLE TREE HILL
RESERVOIR

CABOT
ROAD

SINGLE TREE
STREET

STREET

LAPLAND ST.

CRAMOND ROAD

LYMAN
ROAD

CUTLER
LANE

RESERVOIR
ROAD

ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH

STREET

LOWELL LAKE

WARREN
ROAD

STREET

STREET

FERNWOOD
ROAD

ROAD

CLYDE

RIGHT OF WAY METROPOLITAN WATER WORKS

STREET

HILLSIDE
ROAD

ACKERS
STREET

TOWN OF BROOKLINE

RESERVOIR
ROAD

RESERVOIR
ROAD

HEATH
ROAD