

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no. 35 171-55A
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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.

* on both sides of house,
hip roofed entrance portico
w/ columns, brackets and
Chinese Chippendale type
screen btw. the columns.
* *1923 - Kitchen moved from
basement to 1st floor, fire-
place removed and French win-
dows installed.

See attached map.

Newton Quadrangle
UTM Reference: 19/324900/4689020
Map #: 68

1. Town Brookline MRA
Address 447 Washington Street
Name The Candler Cottage
Present use Single family residence
Present owner J.J. & G. Phillips

3. Description:

Date c.1850
Source See Bibliography
Style Gothic Revival
Architect Information not available
Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) Barn
Other features full lengthed sidelights
Gable roof, off center
chimney, finials on roof and gable
peaks, 2 projecting pavilions w/
pierced bargeboards and tracery
windows, drop pendants, bay windows
Rear ell and part of next ell re-
Altered moved ** Date 1884-88
Porch probably later add.- unknown
Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size: 14882 sq. ft.
One acre or less x Over one acre _____
Approximate frontage 105'
Approximate distance of building from street
55'
6. Recorded by Leslie Larkin
Organization Brookline Historical Comm
Date March 1979

(over)

447 Washington Street meets NR criteria C, being a fine and rare example of the Gothic Revival style in Brookline.

7. Original owner (if known) Mrs. J. W. Candler

Original use Single family residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Converted to three-family - 1953

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)

Rufus G. W. Candage, President of the Brookline Historical Society, mentions in his account of the houses along Washington Street, given at the 1905 annual meeting of the Society, that this house was known as the Candler Cottage and was built by Mrs. Candler when she came to Brookline "about fifty years ago". Also, a biographical sketch of her son, John W. Candler, mentions that the family moved to Brookline after the death of her husband, Captain John Candler, in 1849. Mrs. Candler's two sons, John W. and William L., both became Boston merchants - William had offices at 13 Exchange Place in the 1870's, and John had a firm of the same name, John W. Candler & Co., at 225 State St. The firm did business chiefly with the East and West Indies and at the Cape of Good Hope. In 1866 Candler served as a Representative to the Great and General Court and in 1880 and 1888 he was elected to the U. S. House of Representatives. (See 99 High Street for the house he built).

The rear of the house has been altered, probably as the result of a fire, but other than the fact that the roof is now asphalt shingled, it appears to retain all its original features. The porch is probably a later addition, but it has fine details.

See 817 Washington Street for another Gothic Revival cottage, also 85 and 126 Cottage Street, 217 Freeman St., and 1 and 9 Toxteth St. These are all fairly small wooden cottages - there is a large wooden Gothic Revival house, now somewhat altered, at 74 Davis Ave., and the Longwood and Cottage farm areas have handsome stone versions.

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

A History of the Town of Brookline, Mass., 1630-1906, The Brookline Press Co., Brookline, 1906.

Boston of Today, Richard Herndon, compiler, Edwin M. Bacon, editor, Post Publishing Co., Boston, 1892.

Brookline Historical Society Proceedings, 1905, p. 14.

Atlases, 1874, 1884, 1888, Tax lists 1851-55, Maps 1844, 1855, 1858

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

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Brookline MRA
State MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Cabot, Lewis, Estate

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Helene Byers 10/17/85

12. Candler Cottage

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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Helene Byers 10/17/8513. Chestnut Hill Historic
DistrictEntered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Helene Byers 10/17/85

14. Child, Isaac, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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Helene Byers 10/17/85

15. Corey, Timothy, House #1

Entered in the
National Register

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16. Corey, Timothy, House #2

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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Helene Byers 10/17/8517. Cypress-Emerson Historic
DistrictEntered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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Helene Byers 10/17/85

18. Davis, Robert S., House

Entered in the
National Register

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Helene Byers 10/17/8519. Davis, Thomas Aspinwell,
HouseEntered in the
National Register

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Helene Byers 10/17/85

20. Douglass, Alfred, House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Candler Cottage (Brookline MRA)
Norfolk County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 929 / 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 _____
Federal Agency: _____

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



MAR. 1979

Prestige Prints

by Berkey

447 Washington St.
Brookline (Ma) MA
Candler Cottage

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447 Washington St. (35/171-
"The Candler Cottage"
Brookline (Ma) MRA
Town of Brookline Jan 1981
scale 1/2" = 200 ft.

