

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	21
	96-10

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.

See attached map.

Newton Quadrangle
UTM Reference: 19/323790/4689680
Map #: 70

1. Town Brookline MRA
Address 786-788 Washington Street (corner
of Washington and Downing
Name Timothy Corey House (II)
Present use residential and doctor's office
Present owner O. Karpati
3. Description:
Date 1843
Source Brookline Historical Society
Proceedings-1963-66, p.12
Style stone vernacular interpretation
of Greek Revival
Architect Information not available
Exterior wall fabric fieldstone
Outbuildings (describe) garage
Other features 2 1/2 stories with gable roof,
exterior chimneys, lintel type window heads
simple front entrance with altered covered
porch, closed pediment on side
Altered front porch Date ca. 1960
Moved no Date _____
5. Lot size: 6263 sq.ft.
One acre or less x Over one acre _____
Approximate frontage 130 feet (corner lot)
Approximate distance of building from street
25 feet from Washington; 12 feet
from Downing Road
6. Recorded by Susan Leff and Carla Benka
Organization Brookline Historical Com.
Date September 1978

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786-88 Washington Street meets NR criteria B and C, having been built by a member of one of Brookline's most prominent families during the 18th century and being a rare example of a stone Greek Revival-style homestead, one of less than a half dozen pre-1850 stone houses in Brookline.

7. Original owner (if known) Timothy Corey (Deacon Timothy Corey)

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	<u>x</u>	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	<u>x</u>	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>x</u>				

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

#786-788 is one of two houses built by the Corey family (see also #808) which owned much farmland in this area and for which Corey Hill was named.* The house was built by Deacon Timothy Corey, son of Timothy Corey who had moved from Weston to Brookline during the 1770's and purchased much land in this area; it replaced a much older house which had stood in this same location, according to an article in the Proceedings of the Brookline Historical Commission (1963-66, p.12).

The house is unusual for Washington Street, first because of its age and second because of its building fabric. Local lore recalls that Corey decided to build a stone house in spite of the protestations of his neighbors who believed that the world was coming to an end and that it was not worthwhile to build any houses. Corey replied that he would prefer to face the end of the world from a stone house. The house, because of its fieldstone exterior looks as if it belongs in Pennsylvania, rather than Massachusetts, but its massing and features indicate the influence of the Greek Revival style.

*The Corey family was one of the oldest and most prominent families to help settle the town of Brookline.

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

Brookline Atlas-1900, 1897, 1893, 1888, 1884, 1874

Brookline Maps-1858, 1844, 1830

Brookline Historical Society Proceedings, 1963-66, p. 12

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

11. Cabot, Lewis, Estate

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

Helena Byers 10/17/85

12. Candler Cottage

Entered in the
National Register

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

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Helena Byers 10/17/85

14. Child, Isaac, House

Entered in the
National Register

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Helena Byers 10/17/85

15. Corey, Timothy, House #1

Entered in the
National Register

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Helena Byers 10/17/85

16. Corey, Timothy, House #2

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National Register

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

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18. Davis, Robert S., House

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

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20. Douglass, Alfred, House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Corey, Timothy, House #2 (Brookline MRA)
Norfolk County
MASSACHUSETTS

SEP 4 1985

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: 5/3/87

Date Due: 10/3/85 - 10/19/85

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 10-17-85

Entered in ~~the~~ 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



Washington + Downing
1843

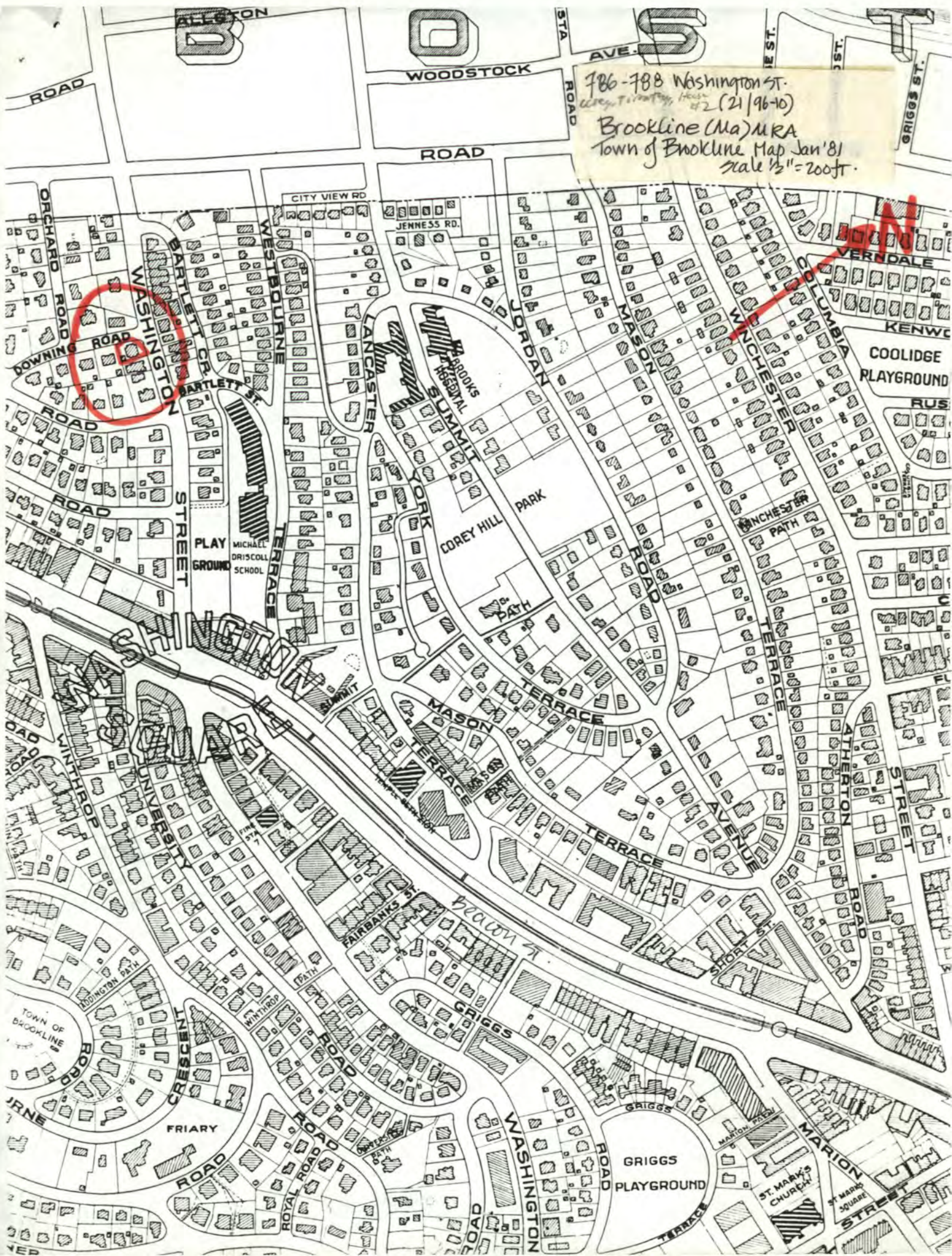
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Brookline (Ma) MRA

Carey, Timothy, House #2





786-788 Washington St.
Gregory T. Martyn, House #42 (21/96-10)

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