

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.

Form no.

85/337

-9-10

1. Town Brookline MRA

Address 30 Heath Street

Name Ebenezer Heath House

Present use Residential

Present owner R. L. Atkinson

3. Description: 1791 (kitchen seems to be older, moved from an 18th century house).

SOME OLD BROOKLINE HOUSES
Source by Nina Fletcher Little

Style Georgian - Federal

Architect Information not available

Exterior wall fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) Garage

Other features 2 stories; square; hippe roof; 2 chimneys; pedimented entrance w/ pilasters; dentilled cornice; transom; 1-story bay on left facade; 6/6 windows.

Altered Yes* Date _____

Moved Yes** Date _____

5. Lot size: 41,586 sq. ft.

One acre or less X Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 210'

Approximate distance of building from street

90'

6. Recorded by Carla Benka

Organization BHC

Date Jan. 1980

Newton Quadrangle

UTM References: 19/323390/4687920

Map #: 26

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.

* 1950 - 3' X 1' 4", 2-story extension porch removed; shed moved.

** 1838 - Kitchen portion of house moved from White house inherited by Samuel White in 1725. (over)

30 Heath Street meets NR criteria A,B and C and is a rare example of a Georgian/Federal homestead dating from the late 18th century, a period during which the town's economy was dominated by agricultural activity. It was built by the Heath family, identified with Brookline's social and

7. Original owner (if known) John Heath civic life after the Revolution.

Original use Single family dwelling

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates N/A

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	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	_____				

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

The Ebenezer Heath House, located at 30 Heath Street, was built circa 1791 by John Heath for his son, Ebenezer, and daughter-in-law, Hannah Williams Heath. The property on which the house was built belonged to Joseph White at the end of the 17th century. Joseph and his brother Benjamin and their descendants owned much land in Brookline during the 17th and 18th centuries. Samuel Sewall, Joseph White's great-grandson, owned this land at the time of the American Revolution. However, Samuel, whose father Henry was the grandson of Chief Justice Sewall of the Witch Trial fame, and whose mother, Ann, was the granddaughter of Joseph White, was a Loyalist. As a result, he was forced to flee to England in the 1770's, and his land was confiscated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In 1782, the property was purchased by John Heath, Samuel Sewall's cousin, who lived in Brookline as early as 1762 at which time he was a fence viewer.

John Heath and his wife, Suzannah Crafts, whose maternal grandfather was Samuel White, had three children; their son, Ebenezer, was the first Heath to live in this house which has continued to remain in the hands of the Heath family to the present day. Other Heath family houses are nearby on Heath Hill. (See #12 Heath Hill, built in 1855-56 by Charles Heath, a broker, for his son, Charles Henry Heath, also a broker; #21 built by Charles's sister, Abigail Barnett, c.1849; #40, built in 1907 by Edith deC. Heath. Charles Heath also built a house on Chestnut Hill Avenue which was occupied by Caroline and Edward Atkinson, Heath's daughter and son-in-law.

(#685)

This house is a two story, square, hipped roof structure with two large

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.) chimneys. With the possible exception of the front portico, the original of which might have been replaced in 1845 after Ebenezer's death, little appears to have been changed. It is possible that part of the present kitchen was moved in 1838 from the old White House, inherited in 1725 by Samuel White and demolished in 1838 by Ebenezer Heath. In addition to its age and historical associations, this house is an architecturally distinguished structure, documenting the transition from mid to late 18th century architectural styles.

Nina Fletcher Little- Some Old Brookline Houses- pp.107-113.

Leslie Larkin, research on the Heath family-Heath Hill inventory forms

Mrs. Thomas Doliber- Two Old Brookline Homesteads. Proceedings of the
Brookline Historical Society- 1905

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Brookline MRA
State MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 10/17/85

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32. Heath, Charles, House

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33. Heath, Ebenezer, House

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34. Holyhood Cemetery

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35. House at
(4 Perry St.)

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36. House at
(9 Linden St.)

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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

Heath, Ebenezer, 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
☐ RETURN
Entered in the 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



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30 Heath St.
Brookline (MA) MRA

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30 Heath
Ebenezer Heath House

Brookline (MA) MRA

30 Heath St. (05) 337-9-10
Ebenezer Heath House
BROOKLINE (MA) MRA
Town of Brookline Map Jan '81
scale 1/2" = 200ft.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
SANITORIUM

SINGLE TREE HILL
RESERVOIR

HIGH SERVICE STANDPIPE
BRK. WATER WORKS

HEATH SCHOOL

ACKERS STREET

LOVELAND ROAD

AVENUE

CHESTNUT HILL

CHANNING

Heath St.

HEATH ROAD

HILLSIDE ROAD

STREET

STREET

WARREN

CRAMOND ROAD

ROAD

ERNWOOD

SINGLE TREE ROAD

STREET

CUTLER LANE

ROAD

LYMAN

CABOT

FAIRWAY

HILLTOP ROAD

ROAD

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REBECCA ROAD

ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH

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