

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.

Form no.

128/439

-85-86

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 Referenc: 19/322960/4687240

Map #: 9

Acreage: approximately 2 acres

1. Town Brookline MRA

Address 157 Clyde Street

Name Alfred Douglass House

Present use Residential

Present owner J. S. Hall

3. Description:

Date 1910

Source Brookline Building Permit

Style Medieval Revival

Architect Charles Patch

Landscape: Olmsted Brothers

Exterior wall fabric Stucco & shingle

Outbuildings (describe) Garage (1911)

Other features 2½ stories; gable roof;
gabled wall dormers w/bargeboards,
finials & drops; hip dormers, band-
ed windows; Palladian window; hood-
ed entrance w/ brackets.

Altered Yes* Date _____

Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size: 106,630 sq. ft.

One acre or less _____ Over one acre X

Approximate frontage 20' (access road)

Approximate distance of building from street

365'

6. Recorded by Carla Benka

Organization BHC

Date 1984

- * 1930 - Altered from two-family house
into a one-family house: five
baths, chambers, 4 new dormer
windows, new layout, 14' X 8'
3-story extension for (over)
stair hall.

7. Original owner (if known) Alfred Douglass

Original use Two family house, servants quarters for 155 Fernwood

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates A single family house after alterations in 1930.

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)

157 Fernwood Road (#157 Clyde Street in 1909) is a substantial shingled and stucco home, designed by Charles Patch and constructed in 1909. Its Medieval Revival Style characteristics include the gable roof, three gable front facade, wedge-end bargeboards with finials and drops, a hooded entrance with large carved brackets and banded windows. The house is handsomely sited on approximately 2 1/3 acres of land in a heavily wooded area at the end of an access road used almost exclusively by its residents.

In the second half of the 18th century, the land on which the house was built belonged to Moses White. White sold the land to Thomas Handasyd Perkins, a Boston merchant. Perkins gave part of his holdings to his daughter, Caroline who married William H. Gardiner. Their son, Charles, inherited the property and lived in his family's house until 1909, at which time Alfred Douglass purchased the house and land, demolished the house and built this house and the house next to it which he called "Fernwood." #157 was built for the domestic staff of the property, but in 1930, Sidney Winslow, a vice president of the United Shoe Machinery Corp., who purchased the estate in 1924, hired Putnam and Cox, and added a top floor, 5 baths, chambers, new dormers, and a 3-story extension for the stairhall. Winslow's son, a banker, lived here for a few years, after which time the house was rented to Casker Ranger II, a clerk, and his wife.

**Alfred Douglass, a retired New York merchant, bought the Gardiner estate and "beautified the land." Due to business reversals, however, he was forced to sell the property and died shortly thereafter.

157 Clyde Street meets NR criteria A and C, being a fine example of the Medieval

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.) **Revival style and being a significant structure on an early 20th century Brookline country estate.**

Proceedings- Brookline Historical Society- 1926, p. 6.

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

for Keeper

Attest

Melvin Byers 10/17/85

12. Candler Cottage

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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

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14. Child, Isaac, House

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National Register

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15. Corey, Timothy, House #1

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16. Corey, Timothy, House #2

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DistrictEntered in the
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18. Davis, Robert S., House

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Melvin Byers 10/17/8519. Davis, Thomas Aspinwell,
HouseEntered in the
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20. Douglass, Alfred, House

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Douglass, Alfred, House (Brookline MRA)
Norfolk County
MASSACHUSETTS

SEP 4 1985

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87

Date Due: 10/3/85 - 10/29/85

Action: ACCEPT 10-17-85

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Entered in the
National Register

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	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

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



Douglas, Alfred, House
Clyde ST

157 ~~Furnwood~~

Brookline (Ma) MRA

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
SANITORIUM

157 Clyde St. (128/499-85-86)
Douglas, Alfred. House
Town of Brookline Map Jan '81
scale 1/2" = 200 ft.

HIGH SERVICE STANDPIPE
DRK. WATER WORKS
SINGLE TREE HILL
RESERVOIR

HEATH SCHOOL

HEATH

CABOT

SINGLE TREE

STREET

ROAD

LAPLAND ST.

CRAMOND ROAD

CUTLER

LANE

RESERVOIR

ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH

STREET

LOWELL LANE

WARREN

STREET

STREET

FERNWOOD

ROAD

Country Club

WATER WORKS