

FORM B - BUILDING

PL - TOWN GREEN

NRDIS 1228

In Area no. C	Form no. 761324-4-5
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston



Town Brookline BKL.1228

Address 49 Warren Street

Name _____

Present use Residential

Present owner O.M. & L.E. Friedman

Description:

Date 1896

Source Brookline Building Permit

Style Shingle style

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

Architect F. Manton Wakefield

Exterior wall fabric natural shingle

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features 2-Story asymmetrical, w/ low hipped roof; dormers projecting port cochere at front; lg stone & brick chimneys at front & north side; lg north & south porches; rear 2-story bay; greenhouse; 1 1/2 story bay in front w/diamond pane windows*

Altered no Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size: 32,133 sq. feet

One acre or less X Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 125'

Approximate distance of building from street 125'

6. Recorded by P. Fox & C. Benka

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* Other Features (cont'd) near top, banded windows, some w/diamond panes.

7. Original owner (if known) Elias J. Bliss

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	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)

#49 Warren Street is a well maintained example of the shingle style exhibiting a uniform covering of shingles (except for the stone porte-cochere) as well as a low hip roof, triple window groupings, and overall horizontal orientation. F. Manton Wakefield, architect of 35 Chestnut Place and 15 Kennard Rd., designed this house in 1896. Wakefield was a Boston architect with offices at 16 State Street.*

Elias Bliss, the original owner, was a Boston flour merchant who worked in the Exchange Building on Milk Street.

Although there are other examples of this architectural style in the Town Green area (see forms on #446 Walnut Street, #45 Warren St., and 54 and 46 Dudley St.), #49 Warren is a purer example of the shingle style, although all five houses are similar in size, scale, and age.

* F. Manton Wakefield, who lived in Brookline, worked in the office of H.H. Richardson in 1886 (at which time Richardson was living on Cottage St.) Undoubtedly this training was, in part, responsible for Wakefield's fine understanding of shingle design as seen in this house.

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

Brookline Atlases-1900, 1897
 Brookline Building permits-1898
 Brookline Directory- 1898
 Boston Directory-1898