

FORM B - BUILDING

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In Area no.	Form no.
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Town Brookline

Address 39 Clyde Street

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Present use Residential

Present owner H.W., Jr. & P.L. Plimpton

Description:

Date 1910

Source Brookline Building Permit

Style Not applicable

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

Architect Frank Chouteau Brown

Exterior wall fabric "Terra cotta tile plastered."

Outbuildings (describe) Garage w/chauf-feur's quarters; tennis court; pool.

Other features 2 stories, low hip roof, center entrance, blind arcades over lower floor windows.

Altered \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size: 81,358 sq. ft.

One acre or less \_\_\_\_\_ Over one acre X

Approximate frontage 125'

Approximate distance of building from street

75'

6. Recorded by Leslie Larkin

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Date March, 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Mrs. Gardner Washburn

Original use Single family dwelling

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)

Gardner Washburn, president of Platt and Washburn Refining Co., 190 State St., Boston in 1894 and by 1912 an executive at Standard Oil, built a house at 64 Dudley Street in 1902, having moved to Brookline from Jamaica Plain (see also 68 Dudley, built for his father). In 1910 he built this house and moved here with his family, including his son Andrew, also employed by Standard Oil. It was built on a lot that was formerly part of the Shattuck (Cabot) estate.

The architect, Frank Chouteau Brown, specialized in suburban architecture, theater design and the restoration of early buildings. He taught at Boston University and was the editor of the Architectural Review from 1907 to 1919. He was the author of a number of books and articles on domestic and church architecture. Other houses designed by Brown in Brookline include 74 Amory St. and 219 Buckminster, both stucco, like this house, 50 Spooner Road, **also** built in 1910, and 106 Crafts Road, built the following year, and #s 6 and 12 Elba Rd, designed in 1922. Because of the planting around the house, it is not possible to get a good photograph of it.

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

Withey, Biographical Dictionary of American Architects  
Who's Who in Massachusetts, 1940-41, p. 113-114  
Brookline Directory, 1894, 1910-11