

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.

Form no.

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Town Brookline ¹⁴⁸⁶ BKL-1486

Address 161 Hyslop Road

Name NA

Present use Residential

Present owner H.M. & W.L. Ecker

Description:

Date 1926

Source Brookline Building Permit

Style English Tudor type



4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north. (Nov. 1979)

Architect John Banard

Exterior wall fabric Brick and half-timber

Outbuildings (describe) Garage & pool

Other features 2½ stories; gable roof; assym. facade & massing; sm. casement windows & banded windows; half-timber on two gables w/overhanging pediment w/brackets; decorative chimney on front facade.

Altered NO Date —

Moved NO Date —

5. Lot size: 26,825 sq. ft.

One acre or less X Over one acre 235' on Hyslop Rd.

Approximate frontage 135' on Hyslop Ext.

Approximate distance of building from street 45'

6. Recorded by Carla Benka

Organization BHC

Date Nov. 1979

7. Original owner (if known) Charles Townsend

Original use Single family dwelling

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

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

For development of Hyslop Road, see form for #119.

One of two stucco with half timbering houses on this part of Hyslop Road, (see also #166, designed by James Purdon in 1915), #161 Hyslop was built in 1926 by Charles Townsend, a general agent with the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States. John Banard designed this house which was built on land previously belonging to George Mitton, president of Jordan Marsh.

Like many of its neighbors, the house is substantial and is situated on a large lot of land. The entrance and the crest over it are reminiscent of these found at #147 and #154, whereas the gables with half timbering are very similar to those found at #166.

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

Permit-1926
Atlas-1919, 1893
Boston and Brookline Directory-1928

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