

FORM B - BUILDING

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

RD - FISHER Hill

In Area no. N, W	Form no. 6
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1. Town Brookline

Address 62 Buckminster Road

also 525 Boylston St.
GreyStone (in 1890's)

Present use Residential

Present owner T. A. & M. Kushi

Description:

1888-9

Source Deed of 1887, Brookline Atlas
1888, The Brookline Chronicle
"Stone castle" version of 1895
Jacobethan

Architect Peabody and Stearns



In relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

(March 1978)

*facade w/arches and battlements,
hood molds over 2nd fl. windows.

Exterior wall fabric Stone
Attached
Outbuildings (describe) 3-car garage, toolhouse
(garage - 1937)
Other features 2 1/2 stories, gable roof, 2
outside end chimneys, stepped dormers
w/finials, porte cochere w/battlements
& buttresses, double entrance door w/
sidelights, flat roofed porch on E.*

Altered Windows altered Date 1931

Moved NO Date —

5. Lot size: 38,987 sq. ft.

One acre or less Over one acre

Approximate frontage 75'

Approximate distance of building from street

85'

6. Recorded by Diane Cohen/Leslie Larkin

Organization Brookline Historical Comm.

Date Spring 1978

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Jonathan H. White

Original use Residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Beaver Country Day School-1920's

Sisters of the Holy Cross-school-1950's

8. Themes (check as many as applicable) Cardinal Cushing College-1969-administration bldg.

Aboriginal	<u> </u>	Conservation	<u> </u>	Recreation	<u> </u>
Agricultural	<u> </u>	Education	<u> X </u>	Religion	<u> X </u>
Architectural	<u> X </u>	Exploration/ settlement	<u> </u>	Science/ invention	<u> </u>
The Arts	<u> </u>	Industry	<u> </u>	Social/ humanitarian	<u> </u>
Commerce	<u> </u>	Military	<u> </u>	Transportation	<u> </u>
Communication	<u> </u>	Political	<u> </u>		
Community development	<u> X </u>				

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

The only building of this type on Fisher Hill, its original owner built it after living most of his life in Paris, where he represented the R.H. White Co., ^{a department store} which was owned by his brother Ralph H. White.

It combines elements of the "stone castle" version of Gothic Revival with Jacobethan characteristics, and its design may very well have been influenced by buildings Jonathan White saw in Europe.

The house was built on land that had belonged to the Goddard family since 1786, and is approximately on the site of the Benjamin Goddard house, built in 1810 and moved to its present site at 43 Sumner Road when the land was sold to White in 1887.

(Sarah Cabot Wheelwright granted the property to White in a deed dated Nov. 10, 1887, in which she retained the right to remove all buildings within 60 days of the date of delivery of the conveyance.)

This design is quite unlike Peabody and Stearns' other Brookline buildings. They also designed #535 Boylston Street nearby for White's cousin Joseph H. White, and the Boston store of R. H. White for Ralph White, Jonathan White's brother. See 30 Warren St. and 86 Monmouth St. for more information on Peabody and Stearns.

This house meets NR criteria C, being a fine example of the Jacobethan style as interpreted by the well known architectural firm of Peabody and Stearns.

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

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- Brookline Historical Society Proceedings, President's Annual Address, 1922, p. 17