

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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ESTATE*

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

Town Brookline
Address 190 Warren Street (formerly 196 Sargent Road)
Name NA
Present use Residential
Present owner W.H. & J.C. Boardman
Description:
Date Probably 1850's
Source Deeds, tax lists
Style Italianate influence
Original: Not known.
Architect Conversion: Hepburn and Bullerjahn
Exterior wall fabric Brick
Outbuildings (describe) None
Other features 2 1/2 stories; cross gable, steeply pitched roof, brick arched windowheads, quoins
From barn to
Altered dwelling. Date 1966
Moved no Date -
5. Lot size: 40,000 sq. ft.
One acre or less ☒ Over one acre 15' Warren Street
Approximate frontage 40' Sargent Road
Approximate distance of building from street 150'
6. Recorded by Leslie Larkin/Carla Benka
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7. Original owner (if known) William Dwight (probably)

Original use Barn

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Converted to dwelling in 1966.

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

This two and one half story building was originally a barn, and, it appears, originally constructed of wood. It was also once part of the Ignatius Sargent estate. (See 209 SARGENT ROAD). The influence of the Italianate style, which would be consistent with the presumed construction date, can be seen in the steeply pitched gable roof, deep eaves, brackets, and returns of the gables. Equally noteworthy are the brick quoins and brick arch windowheads which could have been later additions, since the building first appears as brick construction in the 1893 atlas. It was remodelled and expanded in 1966 at which time it was converted into a single family home.

Although the information for this building is not complete, it appears to have been built in the early 1850's by William Dwight who, with his son Daniel, owned a considerable amount of property in the Warren/Cottage Street area during the second half of the 19th century. This building was apparently an outbuilding in the Dwight estate which was dominated by a house near the corner of Warren and Cottage Streets which had belonged to Thomas Handasyd Perkins, Jr. before the trustees of his estate sold it and the surrounding land (8 1/2 acres) to Dwight in 1851. The main house is no longer standing.

William Dwight had seven children; three became soldiers and two, railroad executives. William, Jr. entered the military service at the outbreak of the Civil War as a captain in the infantry. Because of gallantry at the battle of Williamsburg, he was commissioned brigadier-general and was a member of the commission which arranged for the

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

Maps-1844, 1855, 1871; Atlases-1874, 1884, 1893, 1897

Tax lists-1851-1873

Boston Directory-1862-71

Life and Letters of Wilder Dwight; Boston, Ticknor and Fields, 1968

Deeds- 1868- L.369, f 51; 1871- L.405; f211; 1873-L435, f 177; 1865-

L 332, f 188; 1869- L 381, f 294; 1844- L 150, f 212; 1851- L204, f 314.

Seaburg and Patterson-Merchant Prince of Boston

Dictionary of American Biography, p. 578

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Community:

Brookline

Form No:

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Property Name: 190 Warren St.

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

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9. Historical Significance

surrender of Port Hudson in 1863. Another son, Wilder, helped to raise a regiment in Brookline after the start of the War. This regiment became the second Massachusetts Infantry in which Wilder Dwight served as lieutenant-colonel. He died of wounds received at Antietam in 1862.

The family lived in Brookline; after the Civil War, Daniel, Chapman, and William Jr., before he moved to Cincinnati, lived with their father, while Charles lived in a house on Cottage Street which his father owned. In 1869, Daniel bought the Lee estate (see Sargent Pond) at auction for \$41,900; he sold it two years later to Ignatius Sargent for \$45,000. Included were the main house, into which Charles Sargent eventually moved, stable, greenhouse, and 23 acres of land. Daniel Dwight was owner of Daniel A. Dwight and Sons, cotton brokers. He was also one of the three Dwight brothers involved in the management of the White River Valley Railroad of which his father was president.

William Dwight, Sr. was also treasurer of Dwight, Richardson and Co., brokers and bankers; of the Saco Water Power Machine Shop; the Dwight Printing Co.; the Pepperell Manufacturing Company; and the Lacoma Co. He bought 116 Warren Street in 1871 and built the Italianate-type addition. The next year he sold the house, stable, greenhouse, and four acres of land to Francis Welch. The following year he sold this building (190 Warren) as well as the main house, two stables, a greenhouse and 17 1/2 acres of land to Ignatius Sargent. At the same time he sold the house in which Charles lived on Cottage Street and the stable, barn, and 17 acres of land which accompanied it, also to Sargent. Charles continued to live there, even after the sale. It should be noted that Dwight had purchased this parcel in 1865 for \$20,000 and sold it in 1873 for \$40,000.

This structure meets NR criteria C, being part of the former Sargent estate, nationally known for its landscape design and horticultural specimens.

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