

## FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Area

M, W

Form no.

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1610  
BKL. 1610

Brookline

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Address 186 Warren Street

Historic Name none

Use: Original residential

Present residential

Ownership: ☒ Private individual  
Private organization

Public

Original owner Ignatius Sargent

Draw map showing property's  
location in relation to nearest  
cross streets and other buildings  
or geographical features.  
Indicate north.

## DESCRIPTION:

Date left wing-c.1845; center-c.1850;  
right side-1904-5  
Source tax list; permit

Style not applicable

Architect 19th c-unknown; 1905-Guy  
Lowell

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings small garage (1967)

Major alterations (with dates) 1905-build  
28'x28' two story wing; one story bay  
in rear-11'x16'; repair old part and  
repair chimney; 1960-install bathroom  
over cellar stairs

Moved NO Date -

Approx. acreage one

Setting Set back approx. 45 feet from  
road at the base of a slight incline.

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This house meets NR criteria C, being part of the original Sargent Estate, nationally known for its horticultural specimens and landscape design.

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**ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE** (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

There are several physical indications that this house dates from approximately the same period as the Ignatius Sargent House at 209 Sargent Road. First, similar stone blocks can be seen in the foundation of this house as the sandstone blocks which comprise the exterior walls of the Sargent House. Second, there is structural evidence in the attic as well as interior decorative work which would be appropriate for the mid 1840's. The building was on the Sargent estate through 1927 at which time subdivision activities were commenced. The left wing seems to date from the mid 1840's, while the center portion is a bit later. A building permit dating from 1905 describes the two story wing which was added last. The architect for this addition was Guy Lowell, Charles Sprague Sargent's son-in-law.

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE** (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

This house was probably the residence of a caretaker or perhaps a tenant on the Sargent Estate. From 1906 until 1912 it was the home of Julia Shepley, widow of George Shepley and daughter of H.H. Richardson, and her four children. This would explain why the house was expanded the year before. In 1913, the Shepleys moved to 25 Cottage Street, and this house became the home of Mrs. Shepley's brother and his wife.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

Tax list-1906-1914  
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