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294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

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Brookline MRA

61 Heath Street

Historic Name General Simon Elliot  
House

Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

1824

Source Historical Sketches of

Style Brookline Orig. Greek Revival

Architect Information Not available

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings attached carriage house

Major alterations (with dates) 1910- 2

dormers added (3'x10' & 3'x16'); 1932

extend attached garage by 30½'x5';

1949-extend 1 dormer 10'; 1955-ex-

tend dormer to roof/

Moved no Date

Approx. acreage 2 2/3 acre

Setting In residential neighborhood

of much newer single family homes;

set back on large wooded lot

Newton Quadrangle Map #: 29

UTM Reference: 19/323260/4687840

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

Essentially a one and one half story Greek Revival style cottage, this house has undergone a number of alterations while still retaining such original elements as its Greek Revival doorway with transom and sidelights; pilastered cornerboards; returns; and siting (gable end facing the street). Later additions include Gothic Revival (Tudor) arches and steeply pitched gable dormers and Colonial Revival pediments, dentils, and modillions. A three stall carriage house/barn is attached to the main structure. Smaller than many of the other Greek Revival houses in Brookline, this house is older with alterations which are in and of themselves architecturally significant.

**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 built in 1824 by General Simon Elliot who had come from Scotland to America at the age of 17. He lived on Federal Street in Boston and had several shops on State Street; he also owned a snuff mill, grist mill, and nail factory in Newton. Elliot's rank was earned in service in the Continental Army. In 1788 his daughter Sarah, born in 1763, married Thomas Handasyd Perkins (see 450 Warren Street), one of Boston's most illustrious and wealthy merchant princes. They had ten children, the eldest of whom married Samuel Cabot, a member of another large mercantile family.

Simon Elliot Greene, nephew of General Elliot, inherited this house from his uncle. Greene married Elizabeth Tilden Linzee of Boston who, after Greene's death, married John Sullivan Warren. They lived at 61 Heath Street. Warren was held in high esteem in Boston and Brookline "for his many acts of liberality and his general benevolence of character." He eventually left a sum of money to be expended "in beautifying the streets of Brookline with shade trees."

This house meets NR criteria C, being one of the oldest Greek Revival style homes in Brookline; holding in common with them such features as pilastered cornerboards; returns, doorway with sidelights and transom, and gable-end-facing-the-street siting; and retaining such later alterations as Gothic Revival and Colonial Revival decorative details.

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TOWN OF BROOKLINE MAP, JAN. 1981  
'12" = 200' BROOKLINE (MA) MRA

