

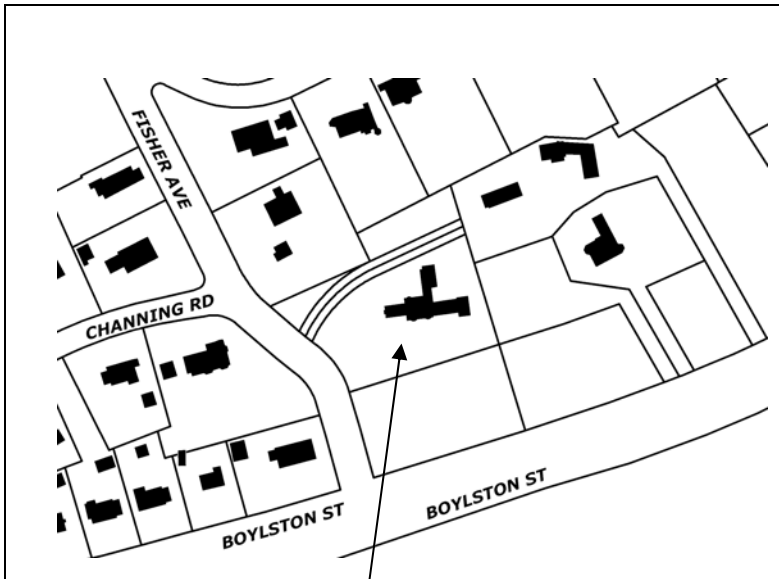
# FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

## Photograph



## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Recorded by:** R.G. Reed  
**Organization:** Brookline Preservation Commission  
**Date (month / year):** May 2008

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

254/07-08 Boston South N, W, AG 2049

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**Town:** Brookline

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*)  
Fisher Hill

**Address:** 25 Fisher Avenue

**Historic Name:** Price House

**Uses:** Present: single family

Original: single family

**Date of Construction:** 1950

**Source:** building permits

**Style/Form:** Post War Traditional

**Architect/Builder:** Royal Barry Wills

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: concrete

Wall/Trim: brick/wood

Roof: slate

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

Garage attached

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):

1957: addition and swimming pool

**Condition:** good

**Moved:** no | ✓ | yes | | **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acreage:** 95,253 s.f.

**Setting:** The house is prominently sited on the slope of Fisher Hill above Boylston Street (Route 9). It is situated on a large wooded lot with access from a driveway off Fisher Ave. The neighborhood of single family homes are part of the Fisher Hill National Register district.

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\_\_\_ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

*If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

*Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.*

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

The house is brick construction, one story high with hipped roofs and large brick chimneys. Viewed from the street, the windows appear to be wood with multi-pane lights. The main section consists of a central block with two massive square chimneys and two segmental arched dormers on the south facade. The south facade also features a large bow-window. Extending from the west side is a hipped roof wing that is lower in height. At its west end is an exterior brick chimney. On the east side of the central block is a second long hipped roof wing that terminates in a smaller perpendicular hipped roof wing. The south facade of that wing has a large multi-light picture window.

On the north side of the house there is a driveway courtyard formed by a garage wing extending perpendicularly from the main block of the house. For this wing a gable roof connector with a breeze-way joins the garage to the house, creating a "courtyard" effect.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

Daniel E. Price was president-treasurer of "Alden's Inc.", a woman's clothing store. The large lot on which this house was built was part of the Lee Estate and was not part of the 1884 Olmsted plan for Fisher Hill. A brick Gothic Revival style house designed by Edward C. Cabot in 1853 stood near the site of this house, which is why it was not in the Olmsted subdivision plan. The original 1853 terrace with its low brick wall from the Lee Estate is extant on the south side of the house over-looking Boylston Street.

This house is one of the largest examples of the work of Royal Barry Wills identified in Brookline. The design is not in a traditional historical style, or a small scale dwelling, for which Barry became so well known. Although not a modernistic design, which the firm did feature in portfolios of their work, it is a modern suburban house with Colonial Revival details.

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View of from west on Fisher Avenue