

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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Town Brookline

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Place (neighborhood or village) _____

Lower Boylston StreetAddress 154-156 Boylston Street

Historic Name _____

Uses: Present residentialOriginal residential--six-familyDate of Construction 1889 JuneSource building permit #1Style/Form Queen Anne

Architect/Builder _____ / W. A. Goodwin

Exterior Material: _____

Foundation stoneWall/Trim clapboard w/ staggered-butt shinglesRoof tar & gravel

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures _____

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

Condition goodMoved ☒ no ☐ yes Date _____Acreage 5,326 s.f.

Setting Set back from the street and on a high foundation in a dense mixed used area on a busy street; rear grade rises; rear abuts the Pill Hill NR/SR/LHD.

Recorded by Greer Hardwicke/ Carla BenkaOrganization Brookline Preservation CommissionDate (month/day/year) 4/1992

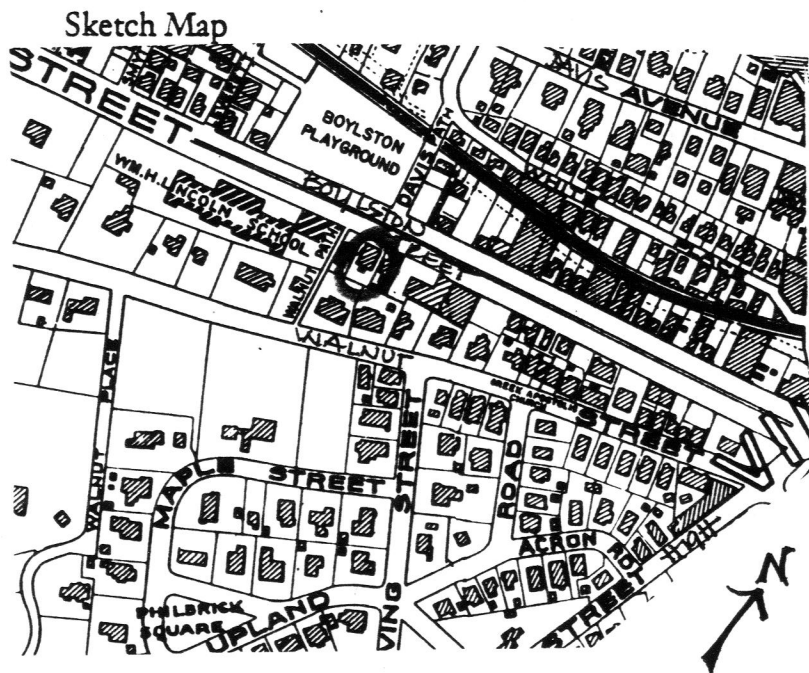
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

The six family house at #154-156 Boylston Street was built by William A. Goodwin and probably designed by Adam Halfenstine. It is a rectangular flat roof Queen Anne double house with bay windows at each end of the facade. Four bays by four bays, the main body of the house is clapboarded and the bay windows have staggered butt shingling on the apron sections. The two windows on the second floor over the porch have projecting window caps. There are paired brackets at the eaves. The covered porch which stretches between the bays has turned post and railing above which rests on small decorative brackets on the posts. The original wooden paneled doors have rectangular glass in the top portion.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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.

This six family residence was built for \$9000 by Mrs. Adam Halfenstine, the owner of the smaller house next door at #158 Boylston Street. Adam Halfenstine, a tailor, had been a resident of White Place and had rented out his other properties. His son, Adam, became an architect and builder and eventually resided at #158 Boylston Street with his family. In 1906, a driver, two laborers, a foreman, a grocer, and several "at home" women lived here.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Atlases: 1874, 1884, 1888, 1893, 1897, 1900.
Directories: 1900-1910.

- ☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*