

FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's number

USGS Quad

Area(s)

Form Number

Massachusetts Historical Commission

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South Boston

AH 2475

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Town Brookline

Place (neighborhood or village) Brookline Village

Address 31-31A Harvard St.

Historic Name _____

Uses: Present commercial

Original residential

Date of Construction 1892

Source Building Permit

Style/Form Classical Revival

Architect/Builder F.J.Untersee

Exterior Material: _____

Foundation stone

Wall/Trim brick w/metal cornice

Roof tar and gravel

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures none

Major Alterations (with dates) 1905: rebuild foundation;

1921: convert first floor to store; 1981: remodel

first story storefronts.

Condition good

Moved no yes Date _____

Acreage 2484 square feet

Setting Located in block of late nineteenth and early

twentieth century commercial buildings north of the vil-

lage commercial district.

Photo
(3" x
5" size)
Street
address
Indicate
on the



Sketch



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Organization Brookline Preservation Commission

Date (month/day/year) 7/1/94

Rec'd @ MHC 7/19/94

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION *see continuation sheet*

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

This three story brick block features a metal cornice with dentils with elaborate modillions at each end. The second and third floor fenestration consists of windows with flat arched lintels and double hung sash that are modern replacements. Each floor has one single window unit and a tri-partite window unit. On the ground floor the entrance to the upper story consists of a single door under a flat arched lintel. The brick and glass storefront to the right of the doorway is a 1981 remodeling. This space was previously remodeled in 1921 when the ground floor was converted from an apartment into commercial use. The 1921 storefront, including its prism glass transom, was photographed for a 1981 MHC survey form.

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.

Annie Vogel, wife of Augustus Vogel, was the owner of record for this property when it was built. Augustus Vogel owned an confectionary shop next door. The Vogels constructed this block for rental use in 1892. The architect, Joseph Untersee, resided in Brookline and designed a number of prominent local landmarks, such as the Manual Training School, The Madris block, St. Mary's School, and the Brookline Savings Bank.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES *see continuation sheet*

Town Building Permits
Town Directories, 1890s
Town Atlas, 1893

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