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## FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
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Map. Draw sketch of building location  
in relation to nearest cross streets and  
other buildings. Indicate north.

wn BrooklineAddress 49-51 Verndale St.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Present use Residential- 2 familyPresent owner B.F. and S.W.M.Chin

Description:

Date 1911Source Building permitTitle Not applicableArchitect F.A. NorcrossExterior wall fabric stucco (permit lists wood)Outbuildings (describe) Garage (1911)Other features Stucco, hip roof with shed dormers, enclosed porch topped by open balcony with simple stick railing.Altered Wood covered Date no permit  
with stucco  
Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size: 7560 sq. ft.

One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_Approximate frontage 75 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

20 feet6. Recorded by Carla BenkaOrganization Brookline Historical Com.Date January 1979

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Bessie Taintor

Original use 2 family residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	_____	settlement	_____	invention	_____
Commerce	_____	Industry	_____	Social/	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	humanitarian	_____
Community development	<u>x</u>	Political	_____	Transportation	_____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

For history of Verndale, see #5-11 Verndale

F.A. Norcross, perhaps better known in Brookline for his designs of apartments (14-26 Egmont St, 9-25 Gibbs St., 3-10 Bradford Terrace, 3-25 Alton Place) was the architect of 49-51 Verndale Street (He also designed #67-69 Verndale some five years later).

The 2 two story polygonal bays flanking the center entrance and the large shed dormers distinguish this house from the rest of the immediate neighbors. The entrance porch, however, is topped by an opened balcony, a very common feature on Verndale. The stucco exterior can be found on four of the other houses surveyed on the street (42, 56-8, 67-9, 73-5)

A.R. Taintor, who also owned #67-9 Verndale, built this as a two family house. He was the original owner and rented out one floor to a physician. Taintor is listed in the Boston Directory as engaged in sales (on 51 Summer Street). The Taintors still lived here in 1927

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Brookline Atlas- 1907, 1913  
 Brookline Tax lists- 1911-1927  
 Brookline Directory- 1912  
 Building permit