

FORM B - BUILDING

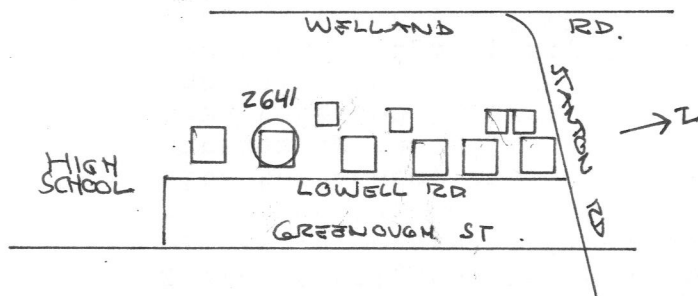
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Assessor's Number	USGS Quad	Area(s)	Form Number
202-5	Boston South	AN	2641

Town Brookline BKL 2641
Place (neighborhood or village) _____



Draw a map showing the building's location in relation to the nearest cross streets and/or major natural features. Show all buildings between inventoried building and nearest intersection or natural feature. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Circle and number the inventoried building. Indicate north.



Recorded by Arthur Krim
Organization Brookline Preservation Comm.
Date (month/year) June 2001

Blake Park Asian wall
29 Lowell Rd.
Name Haker House
Present residence
Original residence
Construction 1929
building permit
Form Georgian Rev./ctr.entry
Architect/Builder Royal Barry Wills
Material:
Foundation concrete
Wall/Trim brick/wood
Roof slate
Outbuildings/Secondary Structures _____

Major Alterations (with dates) orig. attached garage
Condition good
Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date _____
Acreage 10,992 sq.ft.
Setting large suburban lot
in suburban district

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BUILDING FORM**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**☐ see continuation sheet

29 Lowell Road

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

The suburban house at 29 Lowell Road was built in 1929 by Royal Barry Wills as architect with Maurice Dunlavy as contractor for W.H. Haker as owner. The Haker house follows a traditional two story, side gable, center hall plan of wood frame construction with brick veneer and an attached garage wing at right built under separate permit of 1928 by Wills and Dunlavy. The design is carried in Georgian Revival Style highlighted by an arched entry with segmental wood blocks, a central chimney and window shutters as details to the brick facade. The two bay garage is designed to match with the house, among the earliest full facade integral garages by the Wills firm, while the original doors have been replaced by grooved boarding, hinges and slate roof. The Haker house at 29 Lowell Road is notable as an early suburban design by Royal Barry Wills with an attached garage wing in the Blake Park district.

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.*

The suburban house at 29 Lowell Road is dated 1929 by building permit for Walter H. Haker, a Brookline real estate agent, with his wife Maude, had moved to the address from 48-54 Marshall Street (see BKL.2979). The property was part of the original Blake Park estate plotted in 1916 and sold as building lots in 1925. The Haker house is notable, is the design of the house by Royal Barry Wills, a noted Boston area suburban architect of the New England Colonial Revival Style who included an attached garage under separate permit dated in December 1928, before the house. Possibly, Haker may have known Wills through real estate connections for the original plans. The Hakers maintained residence at the address during the Depression through 1941. The suburban house at 29 Lowell Road is of historic note as an early design by Royal Barry Wills built with an attached a garage for a Brookline real estate agent before the Depression.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES☐ see continuation sheet

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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.



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Property Address

BKL. 29 Lowell Rd.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
Criteria Statement Form



Check all that apply:

- ☒ Individually eligible ☐ Eligible *only* in a historic district
☒ Contributing to a potential historic district ☐ Potential historic district

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Statement of Significance by Arthur Krim

The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.

The suburban house at 29 Lowell Road was designed in 1929 by noted Boston architect, Royal Barry Wills with Maurice Dunlavy as builder for Walter H. Haker, a Brookline real estate agent. The Haker house is designed in Georgian Revival Style on a traditional two story, center hall plan with brick veneer facing over wood frame construction. Period details include an arched frame doorway, central chimney and wood shutters. Most notable is an attached two car garage as an early integral design element for a suburban plan by Wills, filed under separate permit in 1928. The Haker house at 29 Lowell Road is one of a series of early suburban designs by Royal Barry Wills built before the Depression in the Blake Park district of Brookline. The house qualifies for National Register consideration under Criteria C for its design by noted Boston architect, Royal Barry Wills, with an integral attached garage.