

FORM B - BUILDING

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

Assessor's Number 176-20A	USGS Quad Boston South	Area(s)	Form Number 2995
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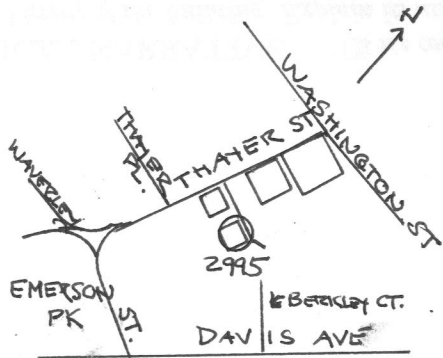
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Town Brookline
 Place (neighborhood or village) _____



Brookline Village
 0 Thayer St.
 Name Edward Wild Barn
 Present garage/storage
 Original carriage barn
 Construction 1858-1860
 tax records/deeds/maps
 Form Italianate/estate barn
 Builder Nathaniel Lyford
 Material:
 Foundation fieldstone

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.



Wall/Trim clapboard/wood
 Roof asphalt
 Outbuildings/Secondary Structures _____

Major Alterations (with dates) converted as
auto garage

Condition fair
 Moved no yes Date _____
 Acreage 3,888 sq. ft.

Setting side lot in dense urban
commercial district

Recorded by Arthur Krim
 Organization Brookline Preservation Comm.
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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.

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.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES *see continuation sheet*

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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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town

Property Address

BKL. 0 Thayer St.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The carriage barn at 0 Thayer Street was built in 1858-1860 by Nathaniel Lyford as carpenter for Edward Wild as owner of the former estate house (1844-1845, 363 Washington Street, demolished). The Wild barn follows the form of a one and a half story suburban estate stable of wood frame construction set on field stone foundation, with a central carriage bay and end gables. The design is of plain Italianate Style with center loft gable, heavy cornice molding, deep eaves and a short return at the gable ends, typical of the pre-Civil War period. Original features include the clapboard siding, hay loft hoist and six over six sash windows on the right bay. In 1892 additions were made to the gable ends as storage sheds, although possibly as early as 1888. Sometime after the First World War, the carriage bays were remodeled for an auto garage with overhead track doors, leaving the central loft gable intact from the original design. The Wild carriage barn at 0 Thayer Street is notable as a surviving estate stable in Brookline Village from the pre-Civil War period, intact with original Italianate details, now converted as an auto storage garage.



Loft detail

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The carriage barn at 0 Thayer Street is dated 1858-1860 by deed and tax records to Edward Wild, son of Dr. William Wild, a noted Brookline physician. The Wild barn was built on the rear lot of the original Seth Thayer estate developed in 1844 from a subdivision plan by Amos Binney with a suburban house built by 1845 at 363 Washington Street. (now demolished). In April 1858 the Thayer estate was sold to Edward Wild, who contracted Nathaniel Lyford as carpenter to build "a good and sufficient barn" on Lot 10 of the Binney Plan on Thayer Street. The Wild tax records show an increase in assessment from \$2,00 to \$4,00 from 1858 to 1859, suggesting that the barn was built by this time, although the first listing of a "stable" is the 1861 tax description, thus prescribing the building date between 1858-1860. In 1866 the Wild estate was sold to Josiah Conant, who is listed in 1892 with a permit for additions to the stable, although the 1888 Atlas shows side sheds around the original barn footprint. With the demolition of the original Wild house in 1903 for a brick row (now 363 Washington Street) the Wild barn was left as the sole surviving building of the original estate, numbered as 0 Thayer Street. The present barn is of historic value for its association with the Wild family in Brookline, and as one of the few intact surviving suburban estate stables remaining in Brookline Village, now converted as an auto garage.

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