

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.

Form no.

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in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.

wn Brookline

dress 779 Washington Street

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esent use residential

esent owner E.F. Dublin

scription:

te 1899

Source building permit

le Colonial Revival

chitect J.T. Greene

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other featureship roof, pedimented
dormers, one with double pilasters,
double bow front, cornerboards with
ionic capitals, leaded glass in
bay over entrance, bracketed cornice
covered porch with ionic columns
Altered 2 family Date 1955

Moved Date

5. Lot size: 8325 sq.ft.

One acre or less x Over one acre

Approximate frontage 150 ft (corner lot)

Approximate distance of building from street
30 feet

6. Recorded by S.W. Leff and C.W. Benka

Organization Brookline Historical Com.

Date September 1978

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) John J. McNally

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

Yet another Colo-ial Revival house on Washington Street, #779 was built in 1899 and designed by J.T. Greene for John McNally, a drama editor for the Boston Herald. The land on which the house is located was purchased from Eben Jordan who had purchased a substantial amount of property on Washington Street and Corey Hill and had subdivided it by 1890.

This house is a fine example of its type and features a number of noteworthy details such as the bracketed cornice, wide dentiled frieze, leaded glass bay window in the second floor, and elegant entrance. A most impressive stained glass Palladian window can be found at the back of the house.

For other Colonial Revival homes on Washington Street, see #747, 740, 676, and 666.

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

Atlas-1897,1900
Building permit-1899
Brookline Directory-1899