

FORM B - BUILDING

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Town Brookline

Address 212 Aspinwall Ave.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Present use Residential

Present owner I. and R. Papo

Description:

Date 1886-87

Source Tax list- 1887

Style Queen Anne characteristics

Architect Information not available

Exterior wall fabric Clapboard, shingle, stucco

Outbuildings (describe) wooden barn

Other features Side porch with 4 leaf clover raised design, 1/2 timbered gables, 1st story bay window

Altered \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size: 12, 213

One acre or less  Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage 65 feet

Approximate distance of building from street  
25 feet

6. Recorded by C. Zawalich and C. Benka

Organization Brookline Historical Com.

Date December, 1978

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Sarah and John Richards

Original use Residential

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)

Like its immediate neighbors, this house was built during the 1880's; they share a common scale and use of building materials. The half timbering in the gables is unusual for this block of Aspinwall Avenue; this characteristic as well as the different textures, bay window and high, multiple roofs all contribute to the Queen Anne style spirit of this house.

Sarah and John Richards also owned #220 Aspinwall Ave., built in 1889. John Richards is listed in the Brookline Directory as working at 4 Central in Boston, but his occupation is not listed, nor is he mentioned in the Boston Directories.

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

- Brookline Atlas- 1884, 1888, 1978
- Brookline Tax lists- 1885, 1886, 1887
- Brookline Directory- 1884, 1885, 1886
- Boston Directory- 1884, 1885, 1886

