

FORM B - BUILDING

A-BROOK VILLAGE

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1. Town Brookline
Address 40 Kent Street
Name Ginery Twichell House
Present use B.P.O. Elks Club House

Present owner B.P.O. Elks of U.S.A.

3. Description:

Date 1851
Source Brookline Tax Lists
Style Italianate

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Board

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features Hip roof, cupola, gables or
corners, multiple arched windows

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less ☒ Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 75' x 80'

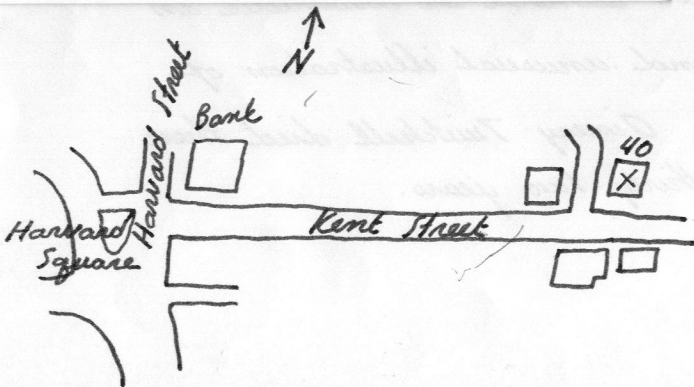
Approximate distance of building from street

20-25 feet

6. Recorded by R.C. Bean

Organization Mass Historical Comm

Date Jun '67 **RECEIVED**



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USGS Quadrant _____

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7. Original owner (if known) Ginery Twitchell

Original use 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	settlement	_____	invention	_____
Commerce	_____	Industry	_____	Social/	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	humanitarian	_____
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

Built in 1851 for Ginery Twitchell, a celebrated local figure who was successively a post rider, railroad president and member of the United States House of Representatives. From this house, he could look down the hill at the station for "his" railway, the Boston and Worcester line. Even without so illustrious an owner, the house is a lovely and unusual illustration of 19th-century Italianate architecture. Ginery Twitchell died there in 1883, after occupying it for thirty-two years.

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

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Curtis, John C., History of Brookline. Boston, Houghton, Mifflin, 1933.

See MMHC - Person File: Twitchell, Ginery. T-.

