

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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Pl. Fisher Hill

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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Brookline

Address 54 Clark Road

Name _____

Present use Residential

Present owner R.R. & M.T. Notman

3. Description:

Date 1890

Source Brookline Building Permit

Style Shingle style influence

Architect Loring and Phipps

Exterior wall fabric Wood shingle

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features 2½ stories; complex roof, gable and gambrel; 2 pedimented dormers; assymmetrical facade and massing; bay windows, diamond pane glass and lunette window in front facade gable; off-center entrance porch w/
Altered Yes* Date columns.

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size: 14,065 sq. ft.

One acre or less X Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 115'

Approximate distance of building from street

50'

6. Recorded by Carla Benka

Organization BHC

Date April 1980

* 1966 - Alter carport to doctor's office; 1-story, 2' X 10'9" extension.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) John J. E. Rothery

Original use Single family dwelling

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)

Another of the older houses on Clark Road, #54 was built in 1890 for John Rothery and his wife. Rothery, who was president of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company, never lived here, but rather rented the house; it was first occupied in 1892 by a merchant, according to the street lists. Rosamond Rothery owned the house through 1919.

Built on land which had belonged to George A. Goddard in 1888, the house was designed by Loring and Phipps. This firm designed a number of houses in Brookline; #51 Salisbury Road (1904) and #29 Williston Road (1905) are similar to this house in the use of large gables on the front facade.

Although the house's style does not fall into a specific category, the influence of the shingle style is evident in several instances: multi gable/gambrel roof with one long slope on the front facade; shingled exterior; shingled porch; and eaves relatively close to the walls of the house. The long sloping roofline is seen repeatedly on other house built some 25-30 years later on the street. See, for example, #250 Clark Road (1914) as well as #s 279 (1913), #280 (1913) and 266 (1913).

Like its neighbor, #44, this house sits on a hill facing north-east, looking towards Aspinwall Hill (north) and Brookline Village (east).

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

Permit-1890
Atlas-1888, 1893, 1897, 1907, 1913, 1919
Boston Directory-1892, 1894, 1900
Street list-1892
Tax list-1890, 1891

