

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no. 35 171-55A
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
Staple to left side of form  
Photo number \_\_\_\_\_

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

\* on both sides of house,  
hip roofed entrance portico  
w/ columns, brackets and  
Chinese Chippendale type  
screen btw. the columns.  
\* \*1923 - Kitchen moved from  
basement to 1st floor, fire-  
place removed and French win-  
dows installed.

See attached map.

Newton Quadrangle  
UTM Reference: 19/324900/4689020  
Map #: 68

1. Town Brookline MRA  
Address 447 Washington Street  
Name The Candler Cottage  
Present use Single family residence  
  
Present owner J.J. & G. Phillips

3. Description:  
Date c.1850  
Source See Bibliography  
Style Gothic Revival  
Architect Information not available  
Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) Barn  
Other features full lengthed sidelights  
Gable roof, off center  
chimney, finials on roof and gable  
peaks, 2 projecting pavilions w/  
pierced bargeboards and tracery  
windows, drop pendants, bay windows  
Rear ell and part of next ell re-  
Altered moved \*\* Date 1884-88  
Porch probably later add.- unknown  
Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size: 14882 sq. ft.  
One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximate frontage 105'  
Approximate distance of building from street  
55'

6. Recorded by Leslie Larkin  
Organization Brookline Historical Comi  
Date March 1979

(over)

447 Washington Street meets NR criteria C, being a fine and rare example of the Gothic Revival style in Brookline.

7. Original owner (if known) Mrs. J. W. Candler

Original use Single family residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Converted to three-family - 1953

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

Rufus G. W. Candage, President of the Brookline Historical Society, mentions in his account of the houses along Washington Street, given at the 1905 annual meeting of the Society, that this house was known as the Candler Cottage and was built by Mrs. Candler when she came to Brookline "about fifty years ago". Also, a biographical sketch of her son, John W. Candler, mentions that the family moved to Brookline after the death of her husband, Captain John Candler, in 1849. Mrs. Candler's two sons, John W. and William L., both became Boston merchants - William had offices at 13 Exchange Place in the 1870's, and John had a firm of the same name, John W. Candler & Co., at 225 State St. The firm did business chiefly with the East and West Indies and at the Cape of Good Hope. In 1866 Candler served as a Representative to the Great and General Court and in 1880 and 1888 he was elected to the U. S. House of Representatives. (See 99 High Street for the house he built).

The rear of the house has been altered, probably as the result of a fire, but other than the fact that the roof is now asphalt shingled, it appears to retain all its original features. The porch is probably a later addition, but it has fine details.

See 817 Washington Street for another Gothic Revival cottage, also 85 and 126 Cottage Street, 217 Freeman St., and 1 and 9 Toxteth St. These are all fairly small wooden cottages - there is a large wooden Gothic Revival house, now somewhat altered, at 74 Davis Ave., and the Longwood and Cottage farm areas have handsome stone versions.

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

- A History of the Town of Brookline, Mass., 1630-1906, The Brookline Press Co., Brookline, 1906.
- Boston of Today, Richard Herndon, compiler, Edwin M. Bacon, editor, Post Publishing Co., Boston, 1892.
- Brookline Historical Society Proceedings, 1905, p. 14.
- Atlases, 1874, 1884, 1888, Tax lists 1851-55, Maps 1844, 1855, 1858

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Brookline MRA  
State MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Cabot, Lewis, Estate

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 10/17/85

Attest

12. Candler Cottage

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 10/17/85

Attest

13. Chestnut Hill Historic  
District

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 10/17/85

Attest

14. Child, Isaac, House

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National Register

for Keeper

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15. Corey, Timothy, House #1

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16. Corey, Timothy, House #2

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National Register

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17. Cypress-Emerson Historic  
District

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18. Davis, Robert S., House

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19. Davis, Thomas Aspinwell,  
House

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National Register

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20. Douglass, Alfred, House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Candler Cottage (Brookline MRA)  
Norfolk County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 99 / 4 1985  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87  
Date Due: 10/3/85 - 10/19/80  
Action:  ACCEPT 10-17-85  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in the  
National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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**8. Significance**

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_ national      \_\_\_\_ state      \_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Phillips

447

MAR. 1979



by Berkey

447 Washington St.  
Brookline (Ma) MA  
Candler Cottage

MAR. 1979



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447 Washington St. (35/171-  
"The Candler Cottage"  
Brookline (Ma) MRA  
Town of Brookline Jan 1981  
scale 1/2" = 200 ft.

