

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Photo number _____

SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.

Town Brookline MRA
Address 13-21 High Street (64 Walnut St.)
Historic Name Hotel Adelaide
Use: Original Apartments
Present apartments, store
Ownership: Private individual
Private organization _____
Public _____
Original owner Eben Wright

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1875
Source American Architect and Building News
Style Some "Victorian Gothic" influence
Architect O.F. Smith
Exterior wall fabric brick & sandstone
Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) _____
1963-new store fronts #s 13 & 15

Moved no Date _____

Approx. acreage 6814 sq.ft.

Recorded by Carla Benka, Nancy Peabody
Organization Brookline Historical Com.
Date October, 1981

Setting At the foot of High St. Hill, in intersection of High and Walnut Sts., residential neighborhood

Boston South Quadrangle
UIM Reference: 19/325460/4688460
Map #: 34

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

Many architectural details, some executed in brick and others in wood, give this building a highly distinctive appearance and provide an appropriate introduction to High Street Hill, the site of some of the best examples of Queen Anne domestic architecture in Brookline. Note particularly the bracketed cornice, stone banding, Gothic-like details over some of the windows, and brick crosses. The architect, Obed Smith, lived in Brookline and designed a number of houses in various neighborhoods of the Town. Research does not provide any evidence of different use for the southernmost part of the Hotel, which has the appearance of a single family residence; it appears to have been part of the hotel since its construction.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

Eben Wright, who built this apartment house, the Hotel Adelaide, also built the Hotel Kempsford at #72 Walnut Street. Wright lived in Nahant and rented units to a number of different people, including those who worked in Brookline and those who worked in Boston. Among some of the tenants were lawyers, clerks, widows, teachers, and businessmen. John Koch of the American Screen Company (see form for 302 Washington Street) lived at the Hotel Kempsford, while Augustus Shurtleff, a well known Brookline physician, lived at the Adelaide.

In a letter to the American Architect and Building News of 1884, Obed F. Smith describes the room arrangement in the units: the parlor, dining-room, etc. were on one floor, and the chambers, and bedrooms on the floor above, with two floors connected by a private staircase. Smith indicates that his design may have been one of the earlier ones of this type to be conceived.

13-21 High Street/64 Walnut Street meet NR criteria C, being a very early, if not first, example of the duplex concept in apartmenthouse architecture and criteria A, being an early example of the apartment hotel concept, which fully evolved in nearby Brookline Village, as seen in such examples as The Colonnade Hotel and 30-34 Station Street.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Brookline MRA
State MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

51. House ^{at}
(156 Mason Terr.)

Entered in the
National Register

f Keeper
Attest

Delores Byers 10/17/85

52. Houses ^{at}
(76--96 Harvard Ave.)

Entered in the
National Register

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Delores Byers 10/17/85

53. Hotel Adelaide

Entered in the
National Register

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Attest

Delores Byers 10/17/85

54. Hotel Kempford

Entered in the
National Register

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Attest

Delores Byers 10/17/85

55. Jackson, Thaddeus, House

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Delores Byers 10/17/85

56. Kilsyth Terrace

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57. Linden Park

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58. Linden Square

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59. Lynch--O'Gorman House

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60. Milestone
(Harvard St.)

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Hotel Adelaide (Brookline MRA)
Norfolk County
MASSACHUSETTS

SEP 4 1985

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87
Date Due: 10/3/85 - 10/19/85
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

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		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

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 _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



13-21 High St,

Hotel Adelaide

Brookline (MA) URA



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Feb 11, 77

Hotel Adelaide

13-21 High st

Brookline (MA) URA

13-21 High St / 64 Walnut
"Hotel Adelaide" (72/317-
12,12A)
Town of Brookline Map Jan 1981
scale 1/2" = 200 ft.

