

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no. I	Form no. 44 218-14
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1. Town Brookline MRA
Address 89 Rawson Road/86 Colburne Crescent
Name NA House
Present use Single family residence

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

Present owner S. & E.H. Chasdi

3. Description:

Date 1900
(Stable 1904)
Source Building permit

Style Shingle

Architect Chapman and Frazar^e

Exterior wall fabric Shingle, stone foundation

Outbuildings (describe) Stable, carriage house

Other features 2½ stories, complex gable roof, shed & hip roofed dormers, 2 story bay, 2 side porches, 2 tall chimneys, uncoursed rubble stone foundation, porches and terrace.

Altered NO Date —

Moved NO Date —

5. Lot size: 40931 sq. ft.

One acre or less X Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 230'

Approximate distance of building from street
80'

6. Recorded by C. Marine, L. Larkin

Organization Brookline Historical Comm.

Date March 1979

Newton Quadrangle
UTM References: 19/324200/4688940
Map #: 61

(over)

89 Rawson Road meets NR criteria C, being a fine example of the Shingle Style and a property whose site has retained its original physical plan with a large, Shingle Style carriage house situated to the northwest of the main house. Both structures sit atop a rise which is heavily landscaped and bordered by a high retaining wall, while steps and an overgrown path provide a pedestrian approach to the main house from the street.

7. Original owner (if known) Thomas H. Shepard

Original use Residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Carriage house & stable converted to apartment and garage @ date unknown

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

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

This is a handsome house, well situated near the top of the slope of Aspinwall Hill, with a commanding view of part of the town. The handling of its siting is deft - the house seems to grow naturally from the ground - and the curves of the stone walls echo those of the shingle walls and roof lines. It is a fine example of a house designed in the organic style of architecture popularized by H. H. Richardson and his successors, Shepley Rutan and Coolidge. The architects, Chapman and Frazar, designed a number of other large houses in Brookline, (see 149 Buckminster Road and 77 Warren St.,) many of them on Chestnut and Fisher Hills, as well as 49 Rawson Road nearby. This house is so good an interpretation of the Shingle Style, and so well adapted to its site, that it is difficult to believe that the same firm designed #49 only two years after this house, which is one of the most successful Shingle Style designs in Brookline of the houses surveyed so far. Elements of that style found here are the uniform covering of shingles, the multi-gable roof, broad gable ends with eaves close to the wall, the roof sweeping down from the ridge to cover the porch, banded windows, the graceful curve of the roof line corresponding to that of the bay and the curving roof lines on the center and hip roofed dormers, the use of natural rather than cut stone, and the horizontal emphasis of the house.

Thomas H. Shepard was a partner with his brother Otis in the Shepard & Morse Lumber Co. in Boston, which was founded by his father, Otis A. Shepard. (See 216 Gardner Road for his house). The elder Shepard died in 1900 - prior to that, Thomas worked for his father in the firm. He and his brother participated in the development of family owned land on Verndale St. in North Brookline.

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

Building Dept. permits, 1900, 1904
 Boston Directory, 1886, 1900
 Obituary, Brookline Chronicle, May 26, 1900

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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received 9-4-85
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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

- 41. House at (5 Lincoln Rd.) Entered in the National Register Keeper Attest Delores Byers 10/17/85
- 42. House at (12--16 Corey Rd.) Entered in the National Register Keeper Attest Delores Byers 10/17/85
- 43. House at (25 Stanton Rd.) Entered in the National Register Keeper Attest Delores Byers 10/17/85
- 44. House at (38--40 Webster Pl.) Entered in the National Register Keeper Attest Delores Byers 10/17/85
- 45. House at (44 Linden St.) Entered in the National Register Keeper Attest Delores Byers 10/17/85
- 46. House at (44 Stanton Rd.) Entered in the National Register Keeper Attest Delores Byers 10/17/85
- 47. House at (83 Penniman Pl.) Entered in the National Register Keeper Attest Delores Byers 10/17/85
- 48. House at (89 Rawson Rd. & 86 Colburne Crescent) Entered in the National Register Keeper Attest Delores Byers 10/17/85
- 49. House at (105 Marion St.) Entered in the National Register Keeper Attest Delores Byers 10/17/85
- 50. House at (155 Reservoir Rd.) Entered in the National Register Keeper Attest Delores Byers 10/17/85

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

*89 Rawson Rd. +
86 Colborne
Crescent*

House (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 16-17-85
 RETURN
 REJECT

Entered in the
National Register Federal Agency: _____

- 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	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

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

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9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage 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: _____



House at 89 Rawson + 86 Co
Brookline (Ma) MRA Cred

by Berley



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House at 89 Rawson

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Ste Colbourne Crescent
Brookline (Ma) MRA

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Prestige Prints

FEB. 1979

89 Rawson Rd. (44/218-14)
Brookline (Ma) MRA
Town of Brookline Map 6/1/81
Scale 1/2" = 200 ft.

