

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
	31/144-20

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
Staple to left side of form
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 203 Aspinwall Avenue

Historic Name Winand Toussaint House

Use: Original residential

Present residential

Ownership: Private individual
Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner Winand Toussaint

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1881

Source Tax list

Style ~~MANSARD WITH~~ Some stick style elements

Architect Probably Winand Toussaint

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings small garage (1927)

Major alterations (with dates) _____

1926- "General overhauling"

Moved NO Date _____

Approx. acreage 5012 square feet

Setting Set in middle of small lot,

larger houses on either side of #203;

approximate set back from st- 15 feet

South Boston Quadrangle

UTM References: 19/325720/4189030

Map #: 4

(Staple additional sheets here)

Recorded by Carla Benka

Organization Brookline Historical Com.

Date Fall 1980

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203 Aspinwall Avenue meets NR criteria B and C, being the home of an established architect and furniture designer and a unique example of a mansard style house with stick style detailing

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

This unusual house is two stories in height with a mansard roof, topped by a cupola. Brackets, bargeboards, and pendants are evidence of the influence of the Stick Style. Of particular interest is the cupola and clipped or chamfered corners of the house, accentuated by the location of the front door. Most of the neighboring homes, although larger, were built during the 1880's and 1890's. No other house resembles this one in style, however.

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

Winand Toussaint, the first owner of this house, was born in Belgium and came to the United States in 1854. He had ^{been} a resident of Brookline for fifty years when he died in 1904 at the age of 77. The 1874 tax lists give his address as Brighton Avenue and cites a factory building and stable.* The 1875 Boston Directory identifies Toussaint as a furniture manufacturer, and we know from a study of the directories that he was in business with S. Kurtz on Tremont Street in Boston during the 1860's. He moved to Brookline in 1873 and built this house in 1881. During the 1890's, Spencer's Directory listed Toussaint as an architect, thus it is reasonable to believe that he might have designed this house.

His obituary stated that he was engaged in the furniture business, "of late in mercantile pursuits" and practised as an architect with an office in his home. The Museum of Fine Arts possesses a mahogany stand for a statue which has been identified with Toussaint's signature.

Toussaint was a member of the Washington Lodge of Masons of Roxbury as well as a member of the French Society. He was buried from the Church of Our Saviour on Brookline and buried at the Walnut Hills Cemetery, also in Brookline.

* See xerox copy of 1874 Brookline Atlas for location of Toussaint's factory. By 1874, the border between Boston and Brookline had been changed, thus Toussaint's factory, listed in 1874 in Brookline, had become a Boston property by 1875.

Harriet Woods, in a chapter on local industries, writes: "A chair shop, which employs steam power, has within a year been established on the north side of Brighton Ave., but recent legislation seems to indicate the speedy annexation of this part of Brookline to Boston."

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES
Brookline tax lists-1874-1880
Boston Directory- 1860-1874
Brookline Directory-1896-97
Spencer's Directory-1896-97
Brookline Atlas-1874
Brookline Chronicle Obituary- Feb. 13, 1904

Harriet Woods, Historical Sketches of Brookline, p. 404

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

Page

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Brookline MRA
State MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

71. Saint Paul's Church, Chapel,
and Parish House

Entered in the ^{for}
National Register Keeper

Delores Byers 10/17/85

Attest

72. Saint Paul's Rectory

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National Register ^{for} Keeper

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73. Sargent's Pond

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National Register ^{for} Keeper

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74. Second Unitarian Church

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75. Spurr, Eliphalet, House

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76. Standish, James H., House

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77. Strathmore Road Historic
District

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78. Toussaint, Winand, House

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79. Town Stable

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National Register ^{for} Keeper

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80. Tuckerman, William F.,
House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Toussaint, Winand, 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 10-17-85

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

Entered in the _____ RETURN _____
National Register _____ REJECT _____

Federal Agency: _____

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

- 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

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

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: _____



Toussaint, Winend, House

203 ASPINWALL AVE

BROOKLINE (MA) MA



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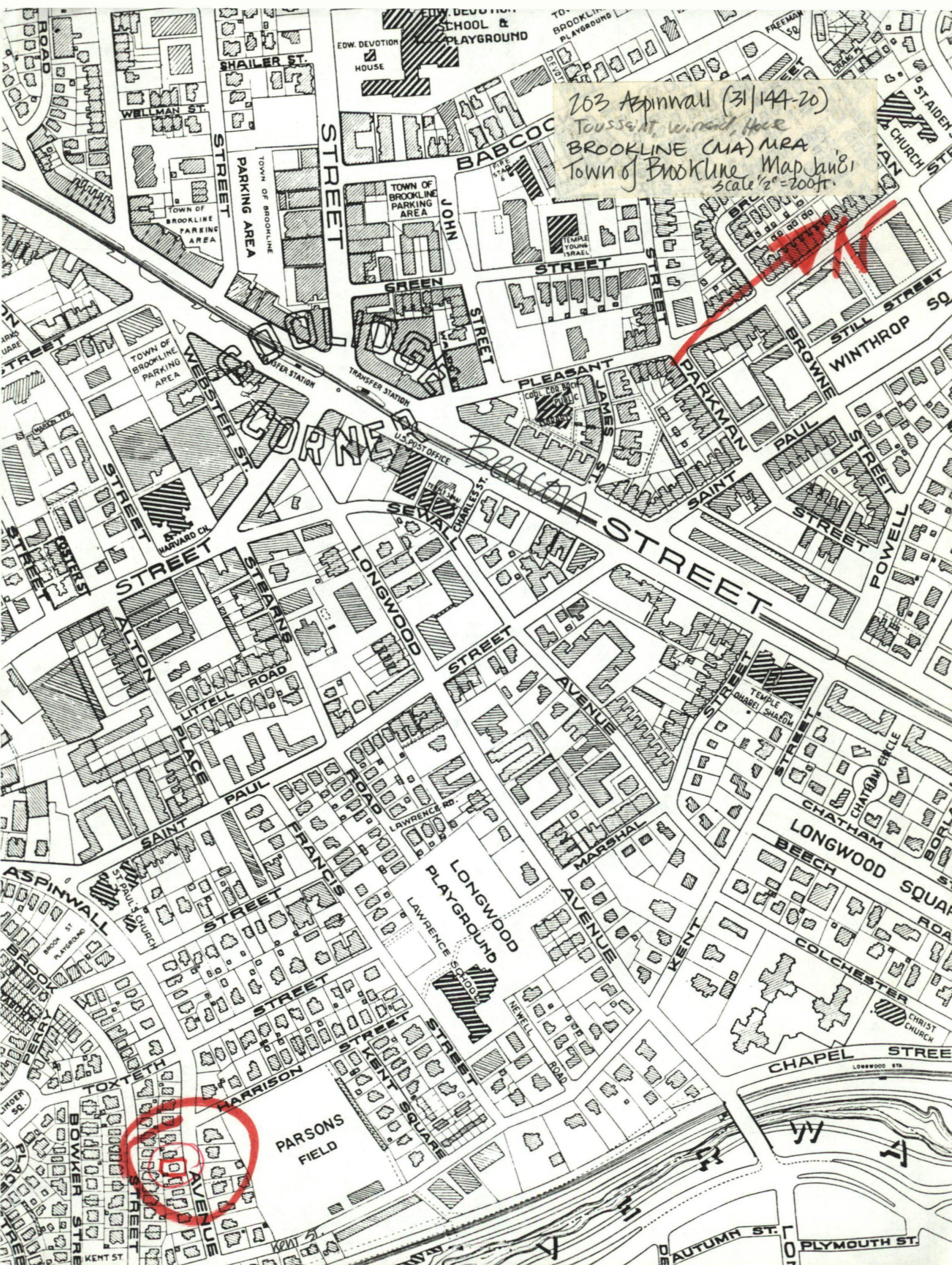
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Brookline (MA) MRA

Toussaint, Wind, House



203 Aspinwall (31/144-20)
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BROOKLINE (MA) MRA
Town of Brookline Map Jan 81
Scale 1" = 200ft.



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 of Property.

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 Counsellor,
 15 Pemberton Square, Boston.

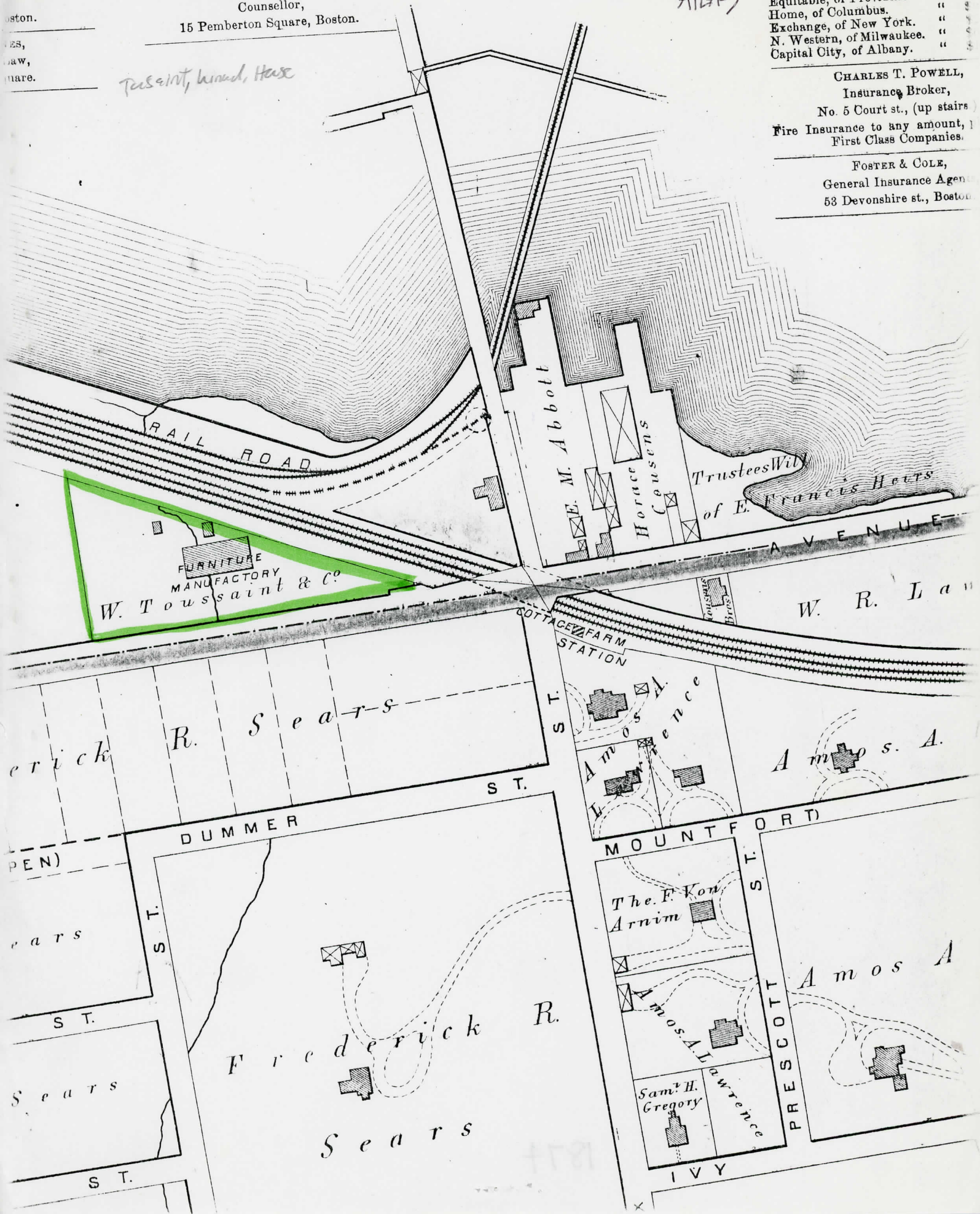
Transient, wood, Horse

1874
 BROOKLINE
 ATLAS

53 Devonshire st., Boston
 Atlantic, of New York. Capital,
 Atlantic, of Providence. "
 Equitable, of Providence. "
 Home, of Columbus. "
 Exchange, of New York. "
 N. Western, of Milwaukee. "
 Capital City, of Albany. "

CHARLES T. POWELL,
 Insurance Broker,
 No. 5 Court st., (up stairs)
 Fire Insurance to any amount,
 First Class Companies.

FOSTER & COLE,
 General Insurance Agents,
 53 Devonshire st., Boston



RAIL ROAD

FURNITURE
 MANUFACTORY
 W. Toussaint & Co

E. M. Abbott

Horace Cousens

Trustees Will
 of E. Francis Heirs

W. R. LAWRENCE AVENUE

COTTAGE FARM
 STATION

R. Sears

Amos A. Lawrence

Amos A.

DUMMER ST.

MOUNTFORT ST.

Frederick R. Sears

The F. Kon Arnim

Saml H. Gregory

Amos A. Lawrence

PRESCOTT ST.

IVY ST.

1874