

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	37
	185-18/20

Town Brookline

Address 101-109 Boylston Street

Name (111?)

Present use Commercial

Present owner H. Krivitsky, et al

Description:

Date 1929

Source Building permit

Style Not applicable

Architect None listed
(James Driscoll & Sons, builders)

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features One story, flat roof,
large single and double pane win-
dows

Altered Garage remodel - Date 1965
ed into showroom

Moved _____ Date _____

Lot size: 24,617 sq. ft. (with #117
next door)

One acre or less Over one acre _____

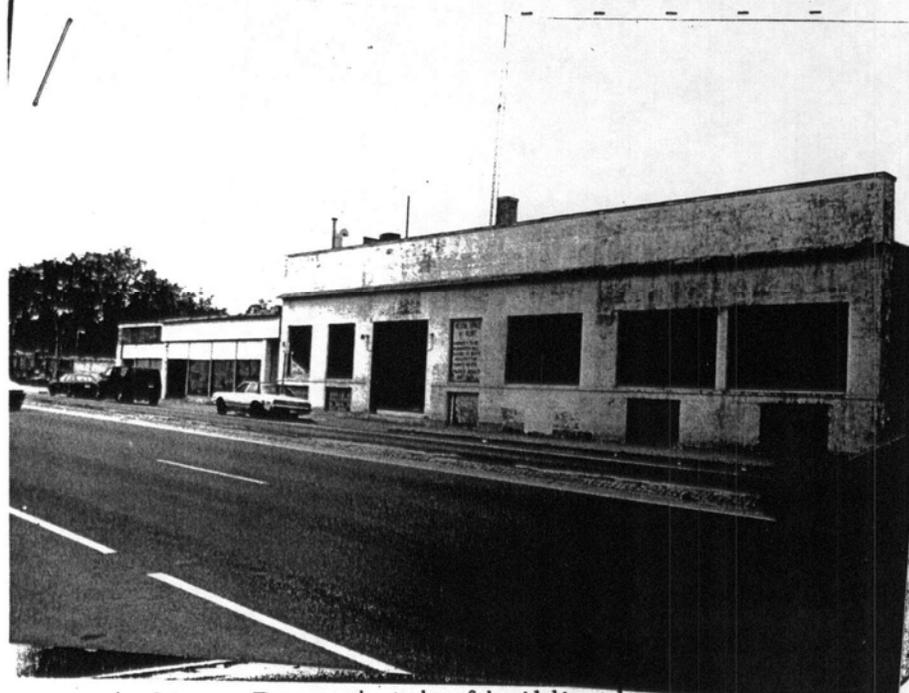
Approximate frontage 80'

Approximate distance of building from street
at sidewalk

6. Recorded by Leslie Larkin

Organization BHC

Date Dec. 1981



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



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) T. C. Baker Co.

Original use Garage and service station

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Remodeled into showroom - 1965

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 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)

Number 101-109 Boylston Street was built as a garage and service station for the T. C. Baker Co., a Ford agency, in 1929. While the building replaced a two story frame house, which was torn down that same year, its transportation-related use is typical of the businesses established on this part of Boylston Street since the 1870's. The structure is now a showroom for a furniture and upholstery company.

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

Atlases, 1927, 1930

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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number _____

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

1. Town Brookline

Address 117 Boylston Street

Name _____

Present use Commercial

Present owner H. Krivitsky et al

3. Description:

Date 1930

Source Building permit

Style Not applicable

Architect A. J. Halfenstine

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features _____

Altered Addition 84x61 Date 1968

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size: 24,617 sq. ft. (with #101-109 Boylston St.)
One acre or less X Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 60'

Approximate distance of building from sidewalk

at sidewalk _____

6. Recorded by Leslie Larkin

Organization BHC

Date Jan., 1982

7. Original owner (if known) Thaddeus Mark Connelly

Original use Paint store

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Part of furniture store

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
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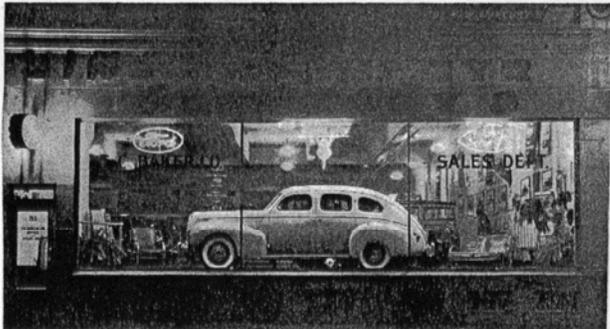
Number 117 Boylston Street was built one year after its neighboring structure, #101-109 Boylston Street, of which it is now a part. The building permit shows that the estimated cost of this building was \$3000 at the time. The original owner, T. Mark Connelly, who lived at 38 Boylston Street, was listed in 1931 as a conductor, and in 1932 as the owner of a paint store at this address. This building was owned by the Baker Corporation, owners of 101-109 Boylston, in the 1950's.

The architect, A. J. Haffenstine, was a Brookline resident who designed a number of other buildings in the town, including multi-family dwellings.

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Brookline Directory, 1931-32

When you buy a FORD from England's Largest Dealer, you B SERVICE,



The new car show room of the T. C. Baker Company houses the largest display of new Ford and Lincoln Zephyrs in New England, conveniently located at 31 Boylston Street a Village. Here you can leisurely select from the many body styles on display, with Tudors, Fords and Coupes as well as models and Station Wagons. Never have such a splendid selection of automobiles. The T. C. Baker Co. show room will convince you that Ford is the car for 1940. A phone call 5200 will bring a car to your door for a trial of the new miracle ride afforded in 1940 Fords, Mercurys or Zephyrs that will give you that the enthusiastic greeting accorded Ford's 1940 cars is well deserved.

T. C. BAKER COMPANY NEW CAR SALESROOM
31 Boylston Street

The T. C. Baker Company's service station is located at 109 Boylston Street, Brookline Village, just a few steps from the new car show room. This service station is equipped with every worthwhile facility obtainable for the prompt, efficient servicing of cars. Adequately manned and efficiently supervised, our service department is well able to take care of any and every motor car problem. A completely stocked parts department is located within the service station. Here will be found not only mechanical parts, but many worthwhile accessories such as heaters, radios, fog lights, tires, etc.



T. C. BAKER COMPANY SERVICE DEPARTMENT
109 Boylston Street

T. C. BAKER COMPANY USED CAR MART
In The Center Of Brookline Village

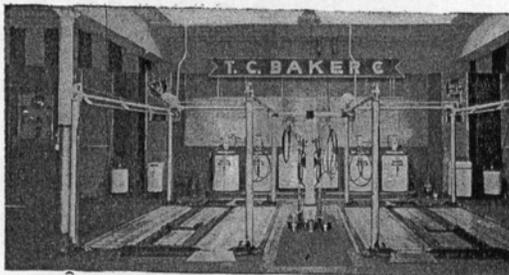


OUR USED CAR DEPARTMENT located in Brookline Village. The car show place in New England. A bright, open space where you may select your car without being crowded or buying at lower prices than elsewhere.

We offer a wide selection of makes and models. Pre-selected, carefully reconditioned, fairly priced. Our guarantee enables whatever work becomes necessary for done by us on a fifty-fifty basis. Yet at the regular charge, and we assume the

T. C. BAKER COMPANY LUBRICATION
120 Boylston Street

PROPER LUBRICATION is the most important contribution to a long, economical lifetime for motor cars. With this thought in mind, Mr. Baker opened, across from the service station on Boylston Street, a modern lubratorium equipped with the very latest equipment for the lubrication of any type car. Here you are assured of getting the proper oils and greases for your particular automobile.



T. C. BAKER CO.
FORD - MERCURY - LINCOLN ZEPHYR DEALERS
31 BOYLSTON ST., BROOKLINE VILLAGE BEACON 5200

FORM H - PARKS
AND LANDSCAPE

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Assessor's number

USGS Quad

Area(s) Form No. Forms within

37/186-1-2

BostonSouth

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Town Brookline

Place (neighborhood or village) _____

Lower Boylston / Brookline Village

Address or Location Boylston Street, cor. Davis Path

Name Boylston Playground

Ownership Public Private

Type of Park or Landscape Feature (check one):

- park
- green/common
- garden
- boulevard/parkway
- other (specify) playground/park
- farm land
- mine/quarry
- training field

Date of Construction bought 1861 & 1901

Source Town Reports

Landscape Architect N/A

Location of Plans N/A

Alterations/Intrusions (with dates) _____
see text

Condition fair

Acreage 50884 s.f.

Setting An open space fronting onto a busy major street and backing onto the MBTA tracks; adjacent to a dense multi-use area.

Recorded by Greer Hardwicke

Organization Brookline Preservation Commission

Date April 1992

Photograph

(3"x 3" or 3"x 5", only black and white)

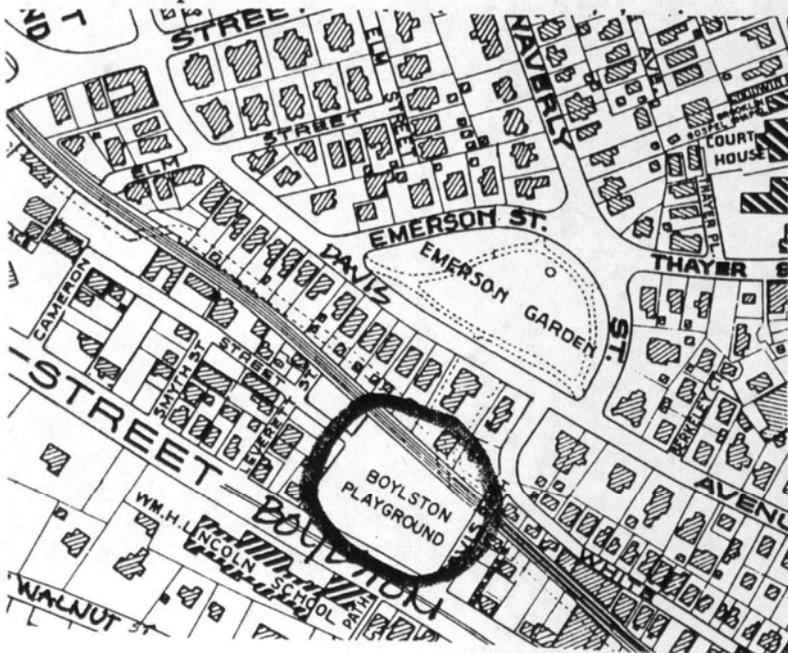
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Indicate the roll and film number of the negative here on the form.

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Sketch Map



VISUAL/DESIGN ASSESSMENT *see continuation sheet*

Describe topography and layout. Note structures such as bandstands, gazebos, sheds, stone walls, monuments, and fountains. Note landscaping features such as formal plantings, agricultural plantings, and bodies of water. If possible, compare current appearance with original.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE *see continuation sheet*

Discuss history of use. Evaluate the historical associations of the landscape/park with the community.

The land that is the Boylston Street Playground was purchased in two parcels. It has been the site for the Boylston School, for the original municipal bathhouse, and for a playground.

The first parcel was bought for the new South Primary School from Elijah C. Emerson and his wife Torzah (see #74 Davis Avenue and Emerson Park) in 1867 for \$7089.42. In 1868, a new brick school was erected, furnished, and named the Boylston Street Primary School, later known as the Lincoln Primary School. Given to the School Committee in October 1868, it opened with 150 students, including pupils from the old Town House on Walnut Street. By 1882, more space was needed and at a May 15, 1882, a School Committee meeting, Mr. Stearns of Peabody & Stearns presented plans to enlarge the schoolhouse. The School Committee voted to accept the plans with modifications to the porches and two unfinished rooms. In 1883, the work was completed by Watts H. Bowker while the Johnson Brothers did work on the foundation. In 1887, monies were appropriated to add waterpipes to accommodate the requirements for

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES *see continuation sheet*

- Atlases: 1874, 1884, 1888, 1893, 1897, 1900, 1909.
- Deeds: Norfolk County-in Town Clerk's office.
- Hardwicke, Greer. Built by Brookline (Brookline, 1990).
- Town Reports: 1866-1900.

Recommended for listing in National Register of Historic Places. If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:
Brookline

Form No:
AG 2373

Property Name: Boylston Playground

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE, cont.

an Industrial School for Girls. By 1892, calls were made for an additional building, and sketches by Messrs. Cabot, Everett & Mead were obtained for a location near the present school. Nothing was done to build a school on this site although in 1901, additional land (17,046 s.f.) adjacent to the school was bought to enlarge the playground for the school. The solution to the overcrowding problem was solved when the Lincoln School was built across the street.

By 1922, the School Committee closed the school and allowed the vacant building to be used by the Recreation Department. In 1926, when the Lincoln School was seriously overcrowded, the School Committee investigated rehabilitation for the primary and kindergarten rooms, but concluded that the repairs would be too costly. A temporary solution was to use the Winthrop School (now Lynch Recreation Center). In 1931, the old school was occupied by the Stephen F. Rutledge Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The VFW remained here until 1971 when the building came down and the area was converted to playground space.

Town Meeting appropriated money at the June 1883 Town Meeting to erect and maintain a bathhouse which was opened in July of the following year north side of the Boylston Street School lot next to what was then and open brook, which has since been culverted. A principal proponent of the bathhouse was Dr. Walter Channing, a doctor who lived and had a hospital at the corner of Chestnut Hill Avenue and Boylston Street. The brook channel was deepened to make a swimming tank and the bathhouse itself was a modest structure designed and built by the Town mechanics. During the first summer 3,800 baths were taken by the men and boys of the Town. By 1895, this first bathhouse was no longer adequate for the needs of the Town. A new bathhouse designed by F. Joseph Untersee was built on Tappan Street where the municipal swimming pool now stands in 1897.

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