

# Brookline Preservation Commission Demolition Application Report

Address: 24 Whitney Street

Petitioner: Deborah and Harry Hatzieleftheriadis

Type of Building(s): house

National Register Listing (if Applicable): N/A



## Historical/Architectural Significance:

The house at 24 Whitney Street was built in 1940 for Margaret and Edward Flanagan. Mr. Flanagan was listed as a salesman in the 1944 directory. The contractor was James J. Brown and the design was by Albion F. Brodin.

Set on a corner lot between Whitney Street and Meadowbrook Road, it is a two-story, wood frame house, three bays wide with a side entry. The eaves face the street and the detailing is Colonial revival in feeling. The facade faces south and there is a covered porch on the west side and a semi-detached one-car garage on the east side. The house next door, at 20 Whitney Road, a mirror-image of no. 24, was also built by Brown and designed by Brodin.

Albion Brodin (born in 1881) emigrated from Sweden and was a U.S. citizen by 1930. In the 1920 Boston directory he was listed as a carpenter living in Hyde Park; later in the 20s he is listed as a draftsman and later as an architect.



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The house is significant as part of a group of small mid-20th century houses along Whitney Street and Meadowbrook Road. Built between 1939 and 1951, they are traditional Colonial revivals, Capes and Garrisons. They share similar scales and setbacks and contribute to the neighborhood fabric.

The house at 24 Whitney Street meets the following criteria for an initial determination of significance:

c. The building is associated with one or more significant historic persons or events, or with the broad architectural, cultural, political, economic, or social history of the Town or Commonwealth; and

d. The building is historically or architecturally significant in terms of its period, style, method of construction, or its association with a significant architect or builder, either by itself or as part of a group of buildings.



*Surrounding mid-20th century houses*



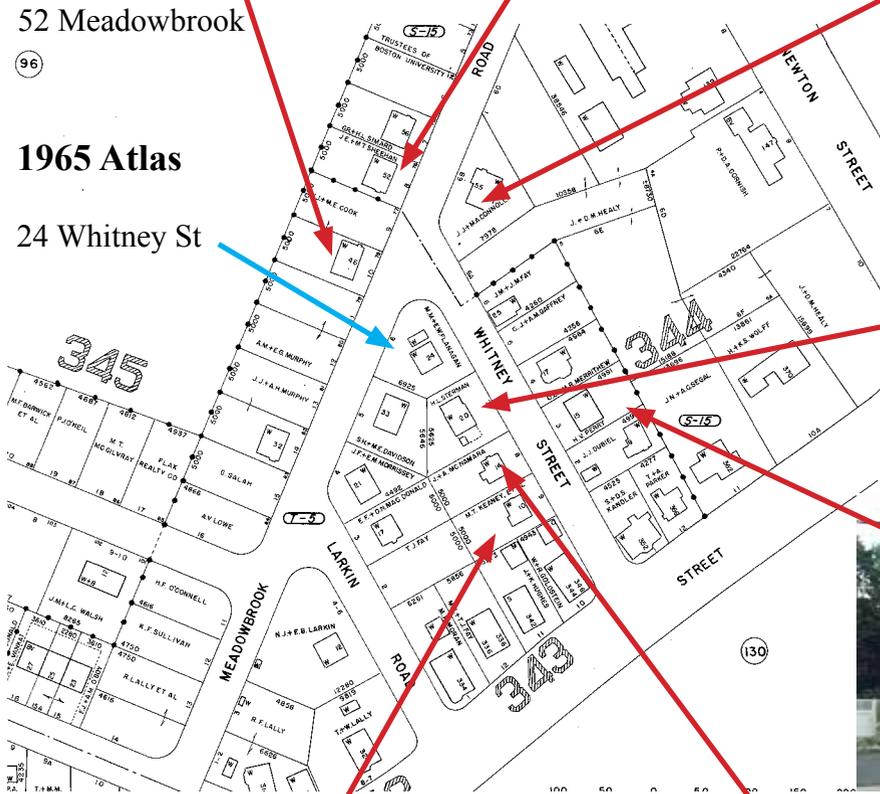
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