

# Brookline Preservation Commission Local Historic District Report

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**Local Historic District:** Graffam- McKay

**Applicant:** Anwar Kazmi

**Address:** 173 Babcock Street



**Statement of Significance:**

Developer Hugh Brown built this house for sale (permit 153, July 10, 1898). Brown built four houses on the west side of Babcock Street, for which he used different architects. For this property he hired Charles Park, who designed a large number of houses in North Brookline, and for Peter Graffam. Park’s design features a steeply pitched gable roof with a pedimented projection and engaged chimney on the south facade. The front elevation features a very compressed combined gable roof flanked by a large round corner tower. Other Park designs typically employ a facade broken up with a larger veranda and additional dormers or second floor porches. The first owner was William T. Holland, a physician with offices on Bromfield Street in Boston.

In 1977 the front porch was completely rebuilt, with new columns and balustrades that are not in historically correct proportions. The current rear deck was constructed in 1997.

**Proposed Alterations:** To remove existing rear deck and extend and enclose rear kitchen and deck with new stairs.

**Applicable Guidelines:** “Alterations and additions should be compatible with the character of the building and earlier additions in terms of size,, scale, massing, material , location and detail..additions should be designed so that the primary elevations of the original building remain clearly delineated...

**Preliminary Findings:** The proposed deck is on the rear and is minimally visible.



Existing rear facade



Proposed new deck



