

# Brookline Preservation Commission

## Local Historic District Report

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**Local Historic District:** Cottage Farm

**Applicant:** Marina Showet

**Address:** 49 Worthington Road



**Statement of Significance:** This house was built in 1927 by Alexander and Catherine Grant as part of the Greenough family compound that included 39 and 53 Worthington. J. B. Leland was the architect. Alexander Grant constructed 53 Worthington in 1919 (the address was then 145 Amory Street). However, the first occupants were Charles and Margaret Greenough (the Grants lived at 43 Dudley St.). In 1927 Alexander Grant built a what was permitted as a two-story addition to the house at 53 Worthington. In fact this was the house that is now 49 Worthington. Evidently the Grants moved from Dudley Street into the newly enlarged double house. It is not known when Charles and Margaret Greenough moved out, but they were not listed in the 1933 town directory. In 1928 Grant built a four car garage for both 49 and 53 Worthington, so the intention was clearly that there would be two families living in semi-attached houses. This arrangement lasted until 1951 when the connector was removed, interior renovations made, and the garage divided by a fire-proof wall.

**Proposed Alterations:** Application to alter previously approved (2008) design of first and second story railings on east (side) elevation of house; and install iron gates between brick piers along Dummer Street for doorway and driveway entries.

**Applicable Guidelines:** “Metal fences should be historically appropriate in design, materials, construction and assembly to the original period of the house.”

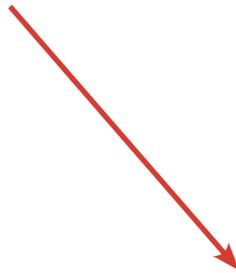
**Preliminary Findings:** The Commission previously approved the iron railings and gates (2009). The applicant would like to alter the design of the railings to add decorative inserts. The designs are not inappropriate to the character of the house.



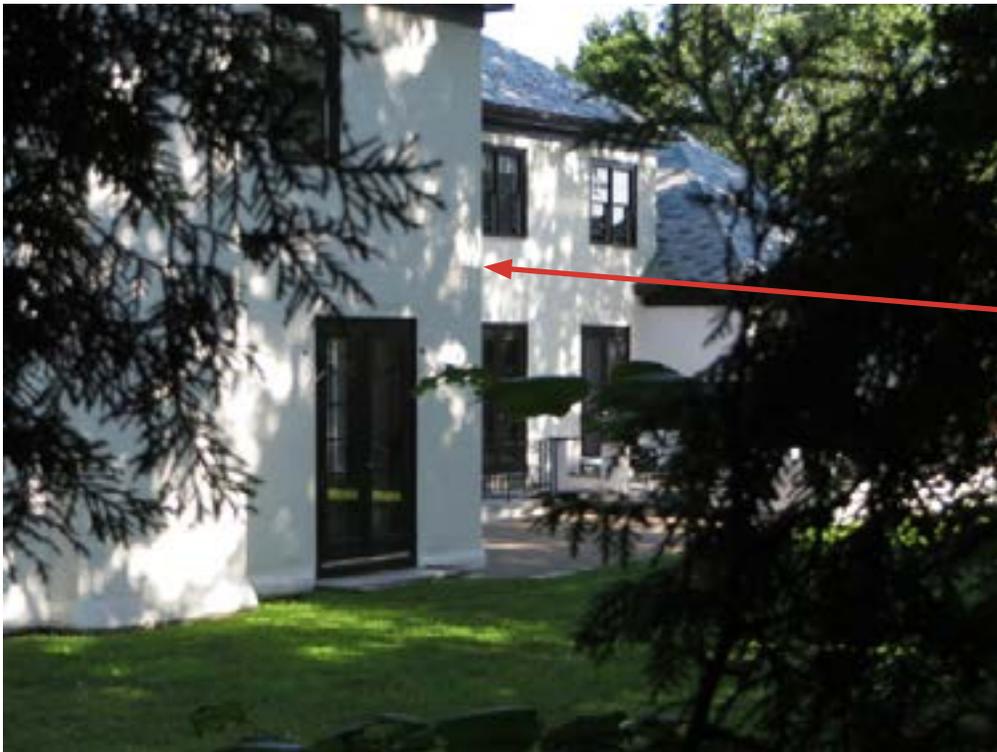
Second story railing visibility from Dummer Street



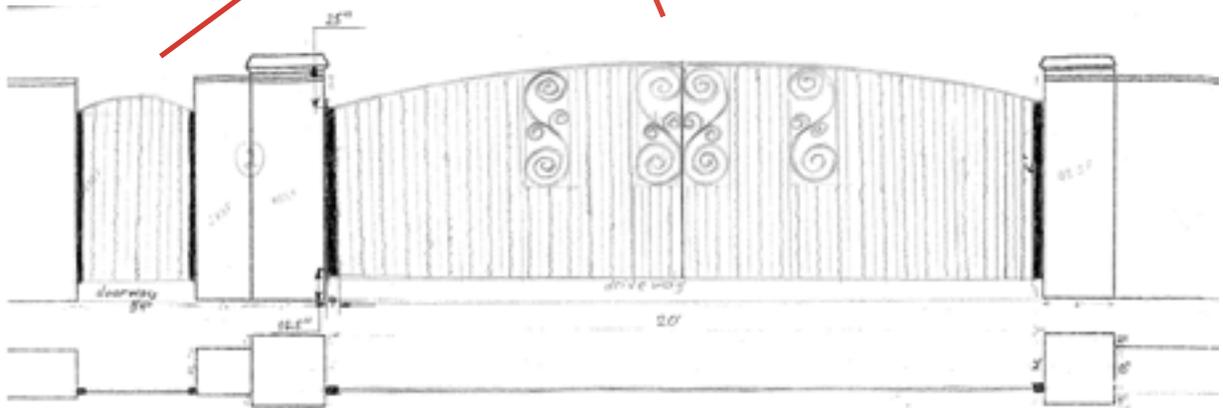
Second story plan showing layout of proposed railings



Visibility from Worthington Road



Proposed railing location



Driveway and entry gates proposed along Dummer Street

