

Brookline Preservation Commission

Local Historic District Report

Local Historic District: Cottage Farm

Applicant: Vivian K. Spiro

Address: 22 Worthington Road



Statement of Significance: This house, built in 1913, is a somewhat grander interpretation of the Georgian Revival style than what was built by neighbors. The architectural firm, Andrews, Jaques & Rantoul, was also a larger and more well-known firm whose founders, Robert Andrews and Herbert Jaques, trained under H.H. Richardson. The stone entrance surround, multiple dormers and brick and iron fence are features that distinguish this house for its immediate neighbors. The greenhouse was attached to the rear elevation of the house in 1941. The building permit application says “erect used greenhouse and connect same to present dwelling.” Lord & Burnham Co. designed the work and Windt & Begland installed it.

The house was built for Dudley Rogers Howe, a cotton broker with offices at 50 Congress Street. Dudley and Helen Howe previously lived in one of the old Lawrence properties at 138 Mountfort Street, at which time his occupation was listed as “clerk.”

Proposed Alterations: Application to remove attached greenhouse in south (rear) yard.

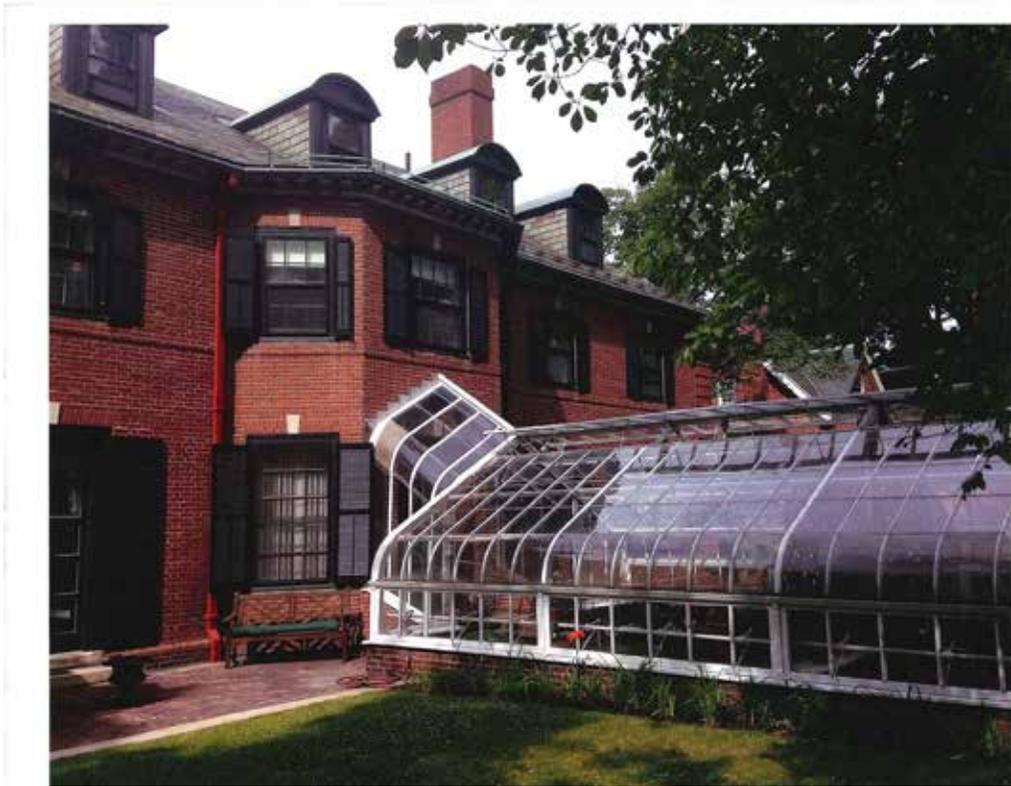
Applicable Guidelines: “Changes to a property that have acquired historic significance in their own right should be retained and preserved... Structures, including additions and outbuildings, should not be demolished.”

Preliminary Findings: Because the house is located on a corner lot, the greenhouse is prominently visible from the street. The structure is older than the 1941 date when it was installed here. The Commission may wish to request its retention, or a significant part of it.



Visibility of greenhouse from Cottage Farm Road





Greenhouse seen from rear yard



EAST VIEW FROM DRIVEWAY