

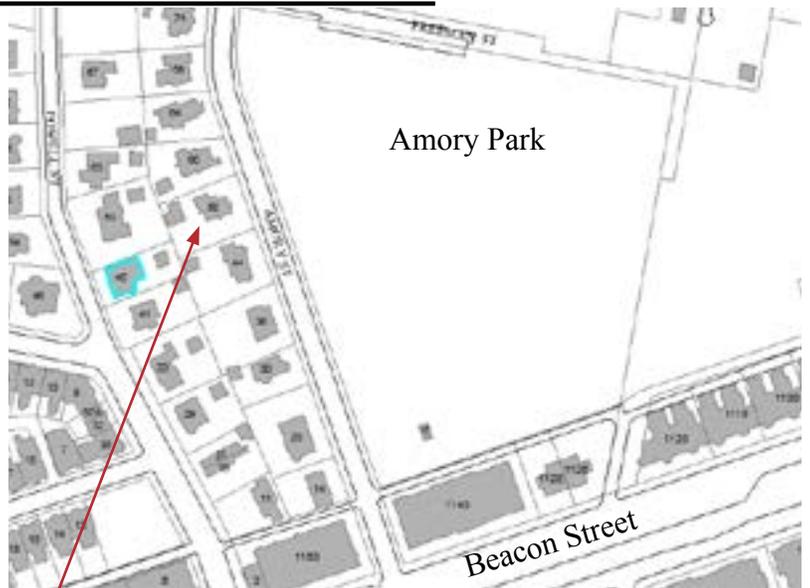
Brookline Preservation Commission

Local Historic District Report

Local Historic District: Chestnut Hill North

Applicant: Michael Zarren

Address: 50 Amory Street



House Built: 1905

Stable/Unit Built: 1905 with dwelling unit; renovate and remove stable in 1965.

Architect: William G. Rantoul (both)

Statement of Significance: Mrs. Harrison Gardner hired the same architect in the same year to design her house as did Mr. Cotton for 44 Amory Street. Mrs. Gardner's house is an English Arts and Crafts design. Distinctive architectural features include the north gable end with its oriel window (for a staircase?). The distinctive saltbox wing behind the north gable end is Colonial Revival features. Laura Gardner was a widow. Rantoul of Andrews, Jaques & Rantoul were prominent turn-of-the-century architects, all residents of Brookline. Among their other buildings are the many structures for E.B. Dane and William Cox (now Pine Manor); the 1894 High School; miscellaneous buildings at the Country Club ; and several houses in Chestnut Hill, Cottage Farm and Pill Hill. They also designed the State House addition (1913) and Town Hall in Nahant, the Worcester County Courthouse and the Conn. School for the Blind in Hartford.

The stable she built behind her house was designed by the same architect, but with an exterior sheathed in

Proposed Alterations: The applicant has just bought the house and is working to repair and restore most of its features. The work requiring review is the removal of the rear chimney - the elevation visible from Amory Street. There will be changes to the fenestration done on the rear that is not visible; other items are in-kind replacement.

Applicable Guidelines: "The historic character of a property should be retained and preserved.."

Staff Recommendations: The chimney is part of the original design. It is a secondary chimney, however, and is on the rear, primarily visible from Powell Street.



chimney proposed to be removed