

FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town/City: Belmont

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):
Belmont Hill (Wellington Hills)

Address: 41 Tyler Road

Historic Name: Parker & Hildegard Hamilton House

Uses: Present: single family dwelling

Original: single family dwelling

Date of Construction: 1927

Source: building permit

Style/Form: Colonial (First Period) Revival

Architect/Builder: Derby & Robinson, architects

Exterior Material:

Foundation: fieldstone

Wall/Trim: wood shingles, wood

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

garage (c.1927) BLM.834

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: 12,500 SF

Setting: residential neighborhood of 20th century dwellings
near Belmont Hill School

Photograph



Locus Map



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Organization: Belmont Historic District Commission

Date (*month / year*): November 2014

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41 TYLER ROAD

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Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The Parker Hamilton House at 41 Tyler Road is a good example of a First Period (17th century) Home reproduction dating to 1927. The 2 ½-story structure displays a number of character-defining features including a wood-shingled exterior, a prominent, central, angled brick chimney, and small, multi-paned casement windows. On the northeast elevation, the upper floor projects slightly beyond the lower floor creating an overhang (jetty) while the recessed open porch on the southwest elevation is capped by a steeply pitched hip roof. A steeply pitched gabled vestibule fronts the entry and another gable projects from the rear roof slope.

A paved driveway extends to the northeast of the house, terminating at a side-gabled garage which appears to be contemporary with the main house. Like the main house it is sheathed in wood shingles, with a gabled vestibule centered on the façade and multi-light casement windows.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

The land on which this house stands (Lots 5B and 5A) was sold to Parker Hamilton in 1926 (Book 4964, Page 366). Parker Hamilton was born in Wisconsin in 1901 and joined the Belmont Hill School faculty in 1925. He married Hildegard Kunhardt the same year this house was built (1927). Hamilton was on the faculty at Belmont Hill until 1938. In 1950 the Hamiltons sold the house. He taught math for a while at Antioch College. After his retirement in 1956 they moved to Arizona. Parker Hamilton studied photography with Ansel Adams in the early 1960s. Photographs that the Hamiltons took between 1946 and 1977 are in the collection of Northern Arizona University. Parker Hamilton died in Flagstaff in 1976; his wife died in 1979.

Dr. George Olive Jr. and his wife Priscilla purchased the house in 1950 (Book 7602, Page 66). They had married in 1944 while Dr. Olive was serving in the Army Medical Corps. The Olives raised their children here. The couple were avid tennis players at the Belmont Hill Club and Mrs. Olive was an active volunteer at Mt. Auburn Hospital in Cambridge. They sold the house in 1994. He died in 2007 and she died in 2010. The current owners, Harvey and Deena Mazer, purchased the house in 1994 (Book 1128, Page 98).

The dwelling was designed by architects Derby & Robinson of Boston. Richard Derby (1878-1936) grew up in Concord and graduated from MIT as did his partner, Thomas P. Robinson (1878-1954). Robinson was born in Maine and also dabbled as a playwright. He and his wife, Ethel Fay Robinson, wrote two books – *Houses in America* (1936) and *Your Own House* (1941). Derby continued to practice architecture - the firm was later known as Derby, Robinson & Shepard and later became Derby, Barnes & Champney. Derby & Robinson specialized in domestic architecture and are known to have designed a number of houses in Concord and Newton. The house at 41 Tyler Road shares some similarities to a First Period Revival house that Derby & Robinson designed at 57 Dorset Road in Newton (NWT.3853) in 1926.

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Garage (BLM.834)