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The Pill Hill District is located in the southeast corner of Brookline. It is bordered by a section of Frederick Law Olmsted's park system. (National Register) to the south, Brookline Village and Boylston Street to the north, and Oakland Road to the west. The district is comprised of approximately 52 acres, and includes 127 properties.

Pill Hill is a suburban upper middle class neighborhood of single family houses Several of the homes have landscaping deset on the richly landscaped hill. signed by Frederick Law Olmsted. The houses are separated from winding roads by an abundance of trees and by curving stone walls and picket fences. location of the district allows for vistas of Boston below and beyond.

The area is an aggregation of outstanding works by Boston's and the nation's leading architects. An underlying harmony of size, scale, and picturesque character as well as consistent high quality design and workmanship has been well maintained. The integrity of the district is made even more pronounced by the repetition of building materials - brick, stone, shingle, and clapboard.

Within this unity there exist all the stylistic variations common to this period of eclectic architecture. The major styles represented are : English Cottage, Greek Revival, Mansard, stick style, shingle style, and Colonial Revival.

The Arthur Mills House (#56), designed in 1883 by Peabody and Sterns, is an excellent shingle style cottage with a great sweeping rear roof and front gambrel. It is sheathed in clapboards and six different shingle designs, with graceful strapwork on the side tower.

The Swedenborgian Church (#63), now the Latvian Lutheran Church, is one of the few buildings in the district which is not a private residence. Built in 1862, it is of local pudding stone with limestone trim. The shape is a simple rectangular chapel with octagonal apse. The simplicity of the exterior is relieved by a bracketed, Eastlake porch and porte-cochere added in the 1870's. The interior retains a handsome, wood truss ceiling.

Near the church stands the Edward Stanwood House, 1880, (#101), designed by Clarence Luce. It is a grand, large scale Queen Anne house with a sweeping gable facade. A variety of materials are used, including brick, rusticated granite, terra cotta, patterned slate and wooden shingles in a fish-scale pattern. Several large wooden panels with eleborately carved classical designs adorn the main facade and the lower corners of the gable have brackets ending in the shape of carved Wooden grotesques. The house is further enriched by carved and sculptured interior details.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pill Hill District is significant for the numerous examples of late 19th century residential buildings by prominent architects which even today are of very fine design and workmanship. It is also important for its identity as a suburban neighborhood development of very high standards and as a center for Boston/Brookline intellectual and scial reform movements of the period.

This upper middle class, professional neighborhood developed in part because of the commuter railroads from Boston which in 1848 first provided service in this ares. This meant that residents of the area would have the advantages of a pastoral setting to reside in while continuing to maintain their economic, social and intellectual ties with Boston. These same interests were directed to the development of the town of Brookline founding community organizations, serving on town committees, and furthering the welfare of the town. Concern for the environment is reflected in the overall visual harmony of the neighborhood which is composed of a wariety of complementary architectural styles.

With the annexation of Roxbury land between High Street and the Olmsted Green Belt in 44, the coming of the Brookline branch of the Boston and Worcester Railroad in 1848, an increase in population and a shift in the town's center to the Brookline Village area in the 1840's, the way was cleared for development of Pill Hill. From the beginning, the development of the land on Pill Hill was carefully controlled by the community itself, mainly Samuel Philbrick, the Brookline Riverdale Land Development Company and the Swedenborgian Church, all of whom owned large parcels of land at an early date. A concern for landscaping was evidenced from Charles S. Sargeant's work for the Free Hospital (#95-99), and by several residences whose landscaping was done by Frederick Law Olmsted: the Charles Storrow House and the Philbrick Estate.

The area is distinguished by its large number of buildings whose designs are of consistent high quality. Many of the buildings were designed by prominent Boston architects and their firms. Robert Peabody (Peabody and Sterns) actually built one house (#83) for himself, as did Walter H. Kilham Jr. (Kilham and Hopkins) (#89). Other important architects whose works are represented include Ware and Van Brunt (#54), William Ralph Emerson (#51, 53), Shaw and Hunnewell (#95), and Arthur Little (#36).

The sense of community on the Hill has been continually characterized by the intellectual, social, humanitarian and reform movements which many of the residents supported and expounded. The name "Pill Hill" appears to have been derived from the fact that over the years a large number of doctors made their homes on the Hill. Particularly after

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16- c 1840 249 Walnut Street Brookline

17- c 1844 247 Walnut Street Brookline

18- Carr-Little House, 1820 239 Walnut Street Brookline

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20- R. Hallett House, c. 1884 217 Walnut Street Brookline

21- c 1837 205 Walnut Street Brookline

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Brown, Joseph L. and Nancy S: Serafini,
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29- c 1869 204 Walnut Street Brookline

30- Tappan- Philbrick House, 1822 182 Walnut Street Brookline

31- between 1907-1913 166 Walnut Street Brookline

32- 1912 162 Walnut Street Brookline

33- c 1897 5 Trying Street Brookline

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Seth Briggs 189 Walnut Street Brookline

Manka Madeksza Same Address

Harry L. and Francine Cooper 175 Walnut Street Brookline

Sarah Flynn et al 169 Walnut Street Brookline

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35- Dexter House, 1893
5 Maple Street
Brookline
Architect- Peabody & Stearns

36-1887
27 Irving Street
Brookline
Architect- A. Little

37- A. Bowditch House, 1894
12 Maple Street
Brookline
Architect- A. Bowditch

38- Eustis House,1896 18 Maple Street Brookline

39- 1892 107 Upland Road Brookline Architect- Hartwell & Richardson

40- Joseph Walker Owen House, 1892 108 Upland Road Brookline Architect- Winslow & Walker

41- Cross House, 1893 100 Upland Road Brookline Architect- Peabody & Stearns

42- Clay House, 1888 94 Upland Road Brookline Architect- Peabody & Stearns

43- Chapin House, 1879 84'Upland Road Brookline OWNER: Jonathan A. and Ilene C. Guttmacher Same Address

William H. and Margaret M. Thomas Same

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David M. and Ann M. Holmes Same

Margaret E. Connell Same

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47- 1890
56 Upland Road
Brookline
Architect- Andrews, Jacque, & Rantoul

48- 1890 W
52 Upland Road S
Brookline
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49- Edgerly House, 1875
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Brookline
Architect- 1917 Boeditch renovation

50- 1951 71 Upland Road Brookline

51- 1891 65 Upland Road Brookline Architect- Emerson

52- Foster House, 1893 57 Upland Road Brookline OWNER: Richard and Ruth S. Chute

c/o State Street Bank & Trust Co. 225 Franklin Street Boston, Mass. 02110 Irvin and Rebekah A. Taube Same Address

Maurice T. and Janet R. Childs Same

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54- Philbrick House, 1876 43 Upland Road, Brookline Architect- Ware & Van Bru	Philip J. and Sarah B. Porter Same
55- 1959 30 Irving Street Brookline	Carolyn H. Wetherbee / Same
56- 1883 22 Irving Street Brookline Architect- Peabody and St	Louise M. Castle Same earns
57- 1895 14 Irving Street Brookline Architect- Schweinfurth	Sara R. Ehrmann Same
58- Jones House, 1900 9 Upland Road Erookline	Λ_{ullet} Wilfred and Blanche E. Elliott $_{\mathcal{F}}$ Same
59- c 1943 27 Upland Road Brookline	Helen Keaney Same
60- Ruggles House, 1870's 30 Upland Road Brookline	William E. and Mary J. Chapman / Same
61- Dr. Towle House, 1877-78 36 Upland Road Brookline	George B. and Nancy J. Peabody Same
62- Dr. Shurtleff House, 1883 14 Allerton Street Brookline	Ernest and Carla E. Lynton / Same

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63- Latvian Lutheran Exile Church of Boston, 1862 58 Irving Street Brookline, Mass. 02146

64- 1967 54 Irving Street

65- c 1890's 55 Irving Street Brookline

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66- c 1857 99 High Street Brookline Architect- 1907 addition-W. Rantoul

67- Vose House, 1905-06 111 High Street Brookline Architect- W. Rantoul

68- Vose House, 1941 107 High Street Brookline

69- Crane/Gunderson House, c 1869 123 High Street Brookline

70- 1905 127 High Street Brookline

71- c 1890's 131 High Street Brookline

72- Farnsworth/Hall House, c 1867 135 High Street Brookline OWNER:

Latvian Lutheran Exile Church of Boston Same Address

Latvian Lutheran Exile Church of Boston 58 Irving Street
Brookline

Gordon F. Lupi Same

Louise Bowditch Same

Ruth D. Vose Same

Ruth D. Vose 111 High Street Brookline

Trygve and Harriet M. Gundersen 720 Harrison Ave. Boston, Mass. 02118

George F. and Marion M. Wilkins Same

Dorothy Sang Same

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Ralph P., Jr. and Corliss K. Engle 86- Samuel Cabot, Jr. House, 1881 Same 26 Edgehill Road Architect- Cabot and Chandler Brookline

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100- John D. Runkle House, c 1896

82 High Street

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101- Edward Stanwood House, 1880 76 High Street Brookline, Mass. 02146 Architect- Clarence Luce

102- W. Mayer House, 1871 68 High Street Brookline

103- George A. Bugbee House, c 1897 31 Allerton Street Brookline

104- 1892
35 Allerton Street
Brookline
Architect- Walker and Kimball

105- 1896
41 Allerton Street
Brookline
Architect- Chapman and Frazer

105-1893
43 Allerton Street
Brookline
Architect- Longfellow, Alden,
and Harlow

107- 1893 17 Hawthorn Road Brookline Architect- Peabody and Stearns

108- 1893
21 Hawthorn Road
Brookline
Architect- Peabody and Stearns

·109- 1920's 29 Hawthorn Road Brookline

110- 1920's 35 Hawthorn Road Brookline OMNER: Samuel E., 2nd and Dale D. Shaw

Barbara M. Lee 131 Carlton Street Brookline, Mass. 02146

E. Frances Stevens c/o Charles L. Short Same

Charlton M. Pettus Same

Guy and Elizabeth J. Barker Same

Edward T. and Helen E. Peters Same

Bradley E. and Bertha A.D. Copeland Same

Arthur S., Jr. and Anna J. Pier Same

Katherine S. Burrage Same

Samuel, Jr. and Cornelia H. McMurtrie Same

44 Allerton Street

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112- c 1918 40 Hawthorn Road Brookline	Jonathan B. and Kathleen M. Weisbuch c/o Francis Higginson, Jr. Same
113- c 1916 3/ Hawthorn Road Brookline	Christopher C. and Helen H. Gates
114- Sara D. Warren House, c 1910 28 Hauthorn Road Brookline	Clement and Micheline P. Yahia
115- Sara V.D. Smith House, c 190 20 Hawthorn Road Brookline	Thomas B. and Ruth E. Quigley Same
116- Thomas Aspinwall House, c 18 14 Hawthorn Road Brookline	390 William T. Reid, Jr. Same
117- Mary G. Appleton House, c 18 4 Hawthorn Road Brookline	90 Esther H. Botsford Same
118- 1889 58 Allerton Street Brookline Architect- J.B. Chandler	Roland and Helen A. Hayes Same
119- 1895 52 Allerton Street Brookline Architect-H.F. Bigelow	Carol M. Hepting Same
120- 1893 48 Allerton Street Brookline	State Street Bank & Trust Co. et al c/o Elliott K. Friedman 225 Franklin Street
121 1893	Boston, Mass. 02110

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123- S. Flagg House, c 1888 28 Allerton Street Brookline	Dale E. and Carol F. Brandt
124- c 1929 60 High Street Brookline	Fernand and Marie L. Gillet Same
125- Quinlan House, c 1865 52 High Street Brookline	Milliam W. and Katherine D. Bourne Same
126- c1928 48 High Street Brookline	Francis M. and Margaret C. Casey 💉 Same
127- c 1885 44 High Street Brookline	William Harbinson / Same

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At the top of High Street stands the <u>John Candler House</u>, 1867, (#66). Identifiable by the castle-like appearance, this three story building is a combination of Roxbury pudding stone end selections with later Jacobean gables and a center section of half timber construction. The original Mansard roof was changed in 1907 to the present series of intersecting roofs with projecting eaves. An octagonal turret and carved balustrade also grace the roof.

The <u>Carr House</u> (#19) is a $1\frac{1}{2}$ story clapboard house of the 1840's in the style of a country cottage. Its wide overhangs, irregular massing and understated details suggest a picturesque cottage.

The John Runkle House (#99), designed in 1877 by Weston and Rand, shows a careful balancing of vertical and horizontal features. An irregular plan of elaborate belt courses in the brickwork are set against the extremely steep slate roof, tall prominent chimneys, and corner turrets. Localized ornamentation consists of a bracketed porch and dormers.

The Samuel Hall Jr. House was built in 1867 (#72) and is the grandest statement of Greek Revival intentions on the Hill. Six fluted Ionic columns support a modillioned pediment along the facade and create an open two story U-shaped portico. The house is three bays wide with an ell to one side. Set back one bay from the facade is a doorway which has a carved fan above it. The rear and ell of the house resemble other Victorian houses nearby in their varied and broken massing, indicating that the Greek Revival facade may indeed be only a facade. A large Stick Style carriage house stands to the rear of the house.

Two near-twin Federal Revival houses (#107,108) are an unusual feature of the district. They were designed in 1893 by Peabody and Stearns to face each other as a rich, bold statement. The approach to both houses is from a single circular drive and flight of stairs, dividing left and right only at the front doors. The houses stand on a rise of land set back from the street. The elaborately decorated window cornices, eaves, clapboards with quoins, hip roofs and tall chimneys echo the Federal style of an earlier day.

Set back from Walnut street about 150 feet on a gently rising and heavily land-scaped hill stands the Tappan-Philbrick Estate (#30). Built in 1822, this is one of the oldest homes on the Hill. It is a five bay center entrance Federal building unusual in its use of granite on the exterior. A one story enclosed front porch, hip roof, balustrade and tall chimneys are also featured.

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76 Walnut Place (#4) is an elegant mansard pavilion in a country setting. The body of the house, raised well above the lawn, is defined by heavy quoins on the clapboard walls and rich eave brackets. The curved mansard second floor has carved decoration at its ridge. Gracefully bracketed porches front and rear and a rear turnet element lighten the design.

43 Upland Road (#54) is a stolid, formal design by Ware and Van Brunt for Samuel Philbrick which was built in 1876. It is typical for several houses in the area in its use of brick with stringcourses painted a dark color, and heavily bracketed eaves and porch. The mass of the building is broken only by a slightly projecting central vertical element in the front. The roof, with its strongly stated gables and dormers is dominated by a large center chimney.

At the eastern base of the Hill where the district abuts the Muddy River (part of the Olmsted Park System National Register District), stands the Free Hospital for Women, 1895-1921 (#91-95). The hospital is a five building yellow brick complex set on about two acres of gently rolling land heavily landscaped by Charles S. Sargeant when the hospital was first built. The main hospital building was built in 1895 by the architects Shaw and Hunnewell and is composed of a three bay projecting main block with arched doorway and windows with a rounded bay and nine bay wing to each side. The yellow brick structure is trimmed in limestone; details include stringcoursing, arched lintels, carved keystones, and an unusual motif of diamond shaped carved lions' heads. A bracketed cornice, gables, and copper dormers in the wings add to the richness of detail. The later outbuildings and rear wing are of the same materials and though less ornate, echo the main hospital building's design.

There are about ten buildings in the district which might be called intrusions. These are mainly modest homes, small in scale and heavily landscaped. They do not actually detract from the grander scale and high style design of the prominent buildings or from the general picturesque feeling of the district.

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1880 but continuing to the present the area has been known for the large number of medical professionals living there. One early resident of the Hill, Dr. Walter Channing, was a guiding force in the founding of the Boston Lying In, an early hospital for women in Boston. Following his example, the Free Hospital for Women (#95-99) was founded, and moved to its present location on the Hill in 1895. The hospital has been innovative in several ways: as the first teaching hospital with Harvard; for its stress on gynecology as a recognized field of medicine; and as the first hospital in the country to apply radiation treatment for cancer.

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muel Philbrick was a leading abolitionist in the Boston community and his home (#30) Lecame the local forum for such notables in the Abolitionist movement as the Grimke sisters, William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips and John Greenleaf Whittier. It was also a stopping point on the Underground Railroad.

Several important leaders in the field of education were also early residents of the Hill. John D. Runkle, who lived at #99, was a founder and second president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. For his long term and accomplishments on the Brookline School Committee, an elementary school in Brookline is named for him. Homer Albers, who lived at #65, taught at MIT and was a dean of the Boston University School of Law.

Other figures in the literary and social realms included Edward Stanwood (#101), who was managing editor of the popular children's magazine Youth Companion. Prescott Hall (#72) founded the League for Restriction of Immigration in 1894 and was instrumental in creating zoning legislation for the town of Brookline.

John W. Candler, who built a house on High Street (#66) served in the Massachusetts General Court and in the U.S. House of Representatives in the late 19th century. Another politician on the Hill was Joseph T. Walker (#40) who was a Speaker of the Massachusetts House and later a member of Congress. He also served on the Brookline School Committee.

In 1862 a group of local Swedenborgians built their church on High Street, (#63). The sect was based on the philosophy of Emanuel Swedenborg, a 17th century theologian of Swedish descent who believed in the direct revelation of the scriptures from God.

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Pill Hill remains today a prominent suburban neighborhood of professional people. It is still the picturesque reflection of its nineteenth century creators; a setting of graceful architecture and arcadian landscape.

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Verbal Boundary Description:

east to #60, along the rear property line of #62; continuing across High Street and along the rear property lines on the north side of Allerton Street to #118; continuing southwest to the rear property lines on the east side of Hawthorne Rd. across Cumberland Ave. and east along Cumberland Ave. to Pond Street; continuing southwest and west to include the Hospital compound; continuing along the edge of the Hospital property line to the starting point.