

A BRIEF HISTORY OF "FAIRSTED"

- 1722 *Dudley Boylston settles on corner of Warren & Dudley Streets, Brookline, MA.
Land is cleared & developed as a small farm typical of the surrounding neighborhood.*
- 1748 *Farm passes to Dudley's son, Joshua.*
- 1804 *Joshua's daughter, Rebecca, inherits property.*
- 1810 *Rebecca marries Joshua Clark.
Old house is removed & replaced with new structure designed by Nathaniel Murdock.
Property later inherited by the Clark's two daughters, Sarah & Susannah.*
- 1883 *Frederick Law Olmsted is attracted to the Clark homestead & purchases house, barn & grounds from the Clark sisters.
Olmsted takes up residence with his family & establishes a landscape architectural office on the site.
Extensive alterations are made to the property including moving of barn to location northwest of house.*
- 1887 *North Parlor of house, Olmsted's principle office, is extended with addition of bay window.*
- 1889 *Ground floor of main office wing is added with access to North Parlor of house & outside entry door. Wing contained 5 rooms for bookeeping, secretarial, duplication and mailing purposes.*
- 1891 *North drafting wing containing large open space & storage area is added.*
- 1898 *Olmsted Brothers firm name is first used.*
- 1901 *Two-story addition consisting of open drafting area & library on ground floor & printing & reproduction area on second floor is constructed.*

- 1903 *Service wing addition is made to house along with extensive remodeling.
Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr. dies & wife Mary assumes ownership of property, residing in house until her own death.*
- 1911 *North drafting wing is raised to a second level with large open space created.*
- 1912 *Vault is raised an additional level.*
- 1921 *Mary Olmsted dies & house is turned over to trustees of the Olmsted estate.*
- 1925 *Second floor is added to main office wing, creating space for the photograph archive with numerous storage facilities.*
- 1930 *Entire property is turned over to Olmsted Brothers firm.
Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. & wife rent house from the firm & remain in residence until 1935-36.*
- 1936-63 *Olmsted Brothers firm rents house to various tenants while continuing to occupy office complex.*
- 1961 *Olmsted Brothers firm changes to Olmsted Associates.*
- 1965 *Olmsted home & office is designated a National Historic Landmark.*
- 1979 *Legislation authorizes National Park Service to purchase Olmsted home, office & grounds.*
- 1980 *National Park Service assumes control of the property.*
- 1981 *Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site opens to public.*