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## **HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY**

### **55 MOUNT VERNON STREET (HOUSE)**

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**Location:** 55 Mount Vernon Street, Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts. This house is part of the Beacon Hill National Historic Landmark District and currently is The Nichols House Museum.

**Significance:** This rowhouse was designed by Charles Bulfinch for Jonathan Mason in 1804, making it one of the earliest buildings in the Beacon Hill neighborhood. Today the building is a house museum dedicated to the interpretation of life at the end of the nineteenth century as well as to telling the story of the life of Rose Standish Nichols (1872-1960). Nichols was an author and pacifist, and helped establish the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom in 1915. She also was a landscape gardener.<sup>1</sup>

**Materials:** There are field measurements for No. 55 Mount Vernon Street.

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<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System (MACRIS), Inventory No. BOS.13604.