The Art of the Brooks Family:

Architecture, Painting and Sculpture from Medford to Boston to Chicago
Brooks Family Generations
1. Thomas Brooks (1599-1667) – Purchased 400 acres (West Medford).
2. Caleb Brooks (1632-1696)
3. Ebenezer Brooks (1670-1743) & Samuel Brooks (1672-1743)
4. Caleb Brooks (1694-1766) & Samuel Brooks (1700-1768)
5. Thomas Brooks (1732-1799), John Brooks (1752-1825) – became Governor of MA, Edward Brooks (1743-1781)
7. Charles Brooks (1795-1872) – Unitarian Minister & Author of *A History of the Town of Medford*; Gorham Brooks & Edward Brooks (prime movers on Grace Episcopal Church)
8. Francis Brooks (1824-1891); Peter Chardon Brooks III (1831-1920) – Point of Rocks & many art treasures; Shepherd Brooks (1837-1922) – Shepherd Brooks Manor
9. P.C. Brooks Daughter Eleanor Brooks (1867-1961) married into *Saltonstall Family* and most artworks passed through the Saltonstalls to museums
Peter Chardon Brooks
(1767-1849)
Peter Chardon Brooks III
(1831-1920)

Shepherd Brooks
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Brooks Family Art Locations

**Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA**
- 18 Paintings donated to MFA by several generations of Brooks
- Collection of 98 Prints from 1803 depicting the works of Shakespeare
- 3 Works of Sculpture
- 2 Ancient Coins

**Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA**
- 2 Paintings donated to PEM by several generations of Brooks family
- Model of classical columns
- Additional paintings and silver (some purely Saltonstall branch of family)

**Harvard Art Museums – Fogg Art Museum**
- 8 Portrait Paintings of Brooks
- Monet painting

**Massachusetts Historical Society**
- Several Paintings
- 2 works of Sculpture
- 37 volumes of Brooks Family Photographs and 65 volumes of Business Records

**Private Collections**
Brooks Family - MFA

“Appeal to the Great Spirit”
- Year completed: 1909 in Paris
- Cyrus Edward Dallin (1861-1944)
- Bronze sculpture of Native American on horseback
Brooks Family - MFA

“Appeal to the Great Spirit”
21” high cast at MFA
Also owned by P. C. Brooks.
Stayed within family until 1999. Gift to MFA in memory of P.C. Brooks

Full-size bronze cast in Muncie Indiana, brought by Ball family.

Full-size plaster cast at Dallin Art Museum, Arlington, MA
Dallin
Appeal to the Great Spirit
at MFA by Edward Dallin

Paul Revere by Edward Dallin in the North End
Dallin – The Epic of the Indian
A four piece series of Equestrian Statues centered on Native American Themes

A Signal of Peace (1890) at Lincoln Park, Chicago, IL

The Medicine Man (1899) at Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, PA

The Protest (1904) Never built.

Appeal to the Great Spirit (1909) at MFA, Boston, MA
Pop Culture Influences

- Beach Boys Record Label Logo – Brother Records (1966)
- Dances With Wolves (1990)
- Album cover for Lysol by the Melvins (1992)
- Album cover for The Time is Near by the Heef Hartley Bank (1970)
Brooks Family - MFA

Artist J. Foxcroft Cole

On the Mystic River, by J. Foxcroft Cole

Aberjona River, by J. Foxcroft Cole
Brooks Family - MFA

“The Fort at Antibes”
Ownership Journey

Painted by Monet 1888

Sold by Monet to Art Dealer Durand-Ruel in Paris, June 6, 1890


Ownership transferred to Eleanor Brooks (Saltonstall) in 1962.

Ownership transferred to Eleanor Brooks’ children (Saltonstall) in 1978.

Anonymous gift to MFA 1978 (assumed to be Saltonstalls).

Deaccessioned by MFA June 23, 2011, sold at Southeby’s Nov. 11, 2011 for $9.27m

Private Collection – 2011 - present
EXHIBITIONS

- **Boston**, Saint Botolph Club, 1892.
- **London**, The Royal Academy of Arts & West Palm Beach, Norton Museum of Art, 2005-06.
- **Passariano**, Villa Manin, 2009-10.
- **Genova**, Palazzo Ducale, 2010-11.
Brooks Family - MFA

“The Fort at Antibes” – SOLD by MFA

“Antibes, Afternoon Affect ” – owned by MFA

Sold at Sotheby’s NY for $9.27m

On display Gallery 255 at MFA
Fig. 26. Claude Monet, Boulevard Saint-Denis, Argenteuil,
in Winter star Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.
Brooks Family - MFA

“Boulevard Saint-Denis, Argenteuil, in Winter”
• Year completed: 1875
• Claude Monet (1840-1926)
• Oil on Canvas (24”x32”)

• Peter Chardon Brooks III purchased through Foxcroft Cole in 1890.

• Inherited By Eleanor Brooks (Mrs. Richard Saltonstall)
• To son Richard Saltonstall in 1978.
• Richard Saltonstall Gift to MFA in 1978.
Brooks Family - MFA

“Riverbank with Bathers”
c. 1882, by Jean Charles Cazin,
French (1841-1901)
Brooks Family - MFA

“Lighthouse Walk at Biarritz”
- Year completed: 1906
- Joaquin Sorolla, Spanish (1863-1926)
- Oil on Canvas (27”x74”)
- Peter Chardon Brooks III purchase in 1909
- Inherited By Eleanor Brooks (Mrs. Richard Saltonstall)
- Eleanor Brooks (Mrs. Richard Saltonstall) Gift to MFA in 1922.
John Singer Sargent
Brooks Family - PEM

“Portrait of Sarah Lawrence Brooks”
• Year completed: 1890
• John Singer Sargent (1856-1925)
• Oil on Canvas (50”x40”)

• Painting was completed at Point of Rocks in West Medford
Brooks Family - PEM

“Portrait of Sarah Lawrence Brooks”

- 2002 anonymous gift to Peabody Essex Museum (assumed to be Saltonstall family descendants).
Brooks Family - PEM

“Portrait of Sarah Lawrence Brooks”
- Year completed: 1890
- John Singer Sargent (1856-1925)
Brooks Family -

“Peter Chardon Brooks”
- Year completed: 1890
- John Singer Sargent (1856-1925)
- Oil on Canvas (27”x23”)
- Painting was completed at Point of Rocks in West Medford
- Donated to Mass. Hist. Society by Brooks Family descendants, 2004
Brooks Family

“Portrait of Miss Eleanor Brooks”
• Year completed: 1890
• John Singer Sargent (1856-1925)
• Oil on Canvas (61”x31”)
• Painting was completed at Point of Rocks in West Medford
• In Private Collection (assumed to be Saltonstall family descendants).
Brooks Family
“Portrait of Miss Eleanor Brooks”
by John Singer Sargent

Eleanor Brooks, 1884 Photo (age 17)
by Sarah Lawrence Brooks (mother)

Eleanor Brooks (age 19), L.
M. Loring & Edith Bangs at
East Piazza of Point of Rocks,
Oct. 1886. Photo by Sarah
Lawrence Brooks (mother of
Eleanor)

Eleanor Brooks (age 23), 1890 Sargent Portrait
Brooks Family - PEM
“Sketch of Miss Eleanor Brooks”
by John Singer Sargent

- Year completed: 1890
- John Singer Sargent (1856-1925)
- Oil on Canvas (19”x16”)

- Painting was completed at Point of Rocks in West Medford in 45 minutes!

- Gift to PEM by Mrs. Leverett Saltonstall – year not clear.
Brooks Family - PEM
“Portrait of Richard Saltonstall”

- Year completed: 1922
- Frank W. Benson (1862-1951)
- Oil on Canvas (36” x 44”)

![Image of Portrait of Richard Saltonstall by Frank W. Benson](image-url)
Brooks Family – Massachusetts Historical Society

- Located on Boylston Street near Fenway
- One of the great repositories of historical documents in US
- Brooks Family records are stored there, including:
  - several Paintings, 2 works of Sculpture
  - 37 volumes of Brooks Family Photographs
  - 65 volumes of Peter Chardon Brooks Marine Insurance Business Records
Brooks Family – Massachusetts Historical Society

- Photo of “Pleasure Grounds behind Peter Chardon Brooks I house in background.
Brooks Family – Massachusetts Historical Society

- Statues of Paul and Viginie, inspired by the French 1788 novel Paul et Virginie.
Brooks Family – Massachusetts Historical Society

- Details of Paul and Virginie, inspired by the French 1788 novel Paul et Virginie.
Brooks Family – Massachusetts Historical Society

- Painting “Summer” by George Loring Brown (1814-1899)
- Painted 1862, part of a 4-part season series
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Brooks Family – Chicago

Montauk Block
- Considered the first skyscraper
- Year Built: 1882
- Architect: John Root & Daniel Burnham
- Developers: Peter Chardon Brooks and Shepherd Brooks
Brooks Family – Chicago

The Rookery

• Year Built: 1885-1888
• 209 S. La Salle St., Chicago
• Architect: Burnham & Root
• Developers: Peter Chardon Brooks and Shepherd Brooks
• A Chicago masterpiece
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The Rookery in Movies

The Dark Knight (2008)
Brooks Family – Chicago

**Monadock Building**
- Year Built: 1892 (north half)
  1893 (south half)
- Architect: John Root (north)
- Architect: Holabird & Roche (south half)
- Developers: Peter Chardon Brooks and Shepherd Brooks
Brooks Family – Chicago

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  1893 (south half)
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- Architect: Holabird & Roche (south half)
- Developers: Peter Chardon Brooks and Shepherd Brooks
Brooks Family – Chicago

Marquette Building
• Year Built: 1893
• 140 S. Dearborn St., Chicago
• Architect: Holabird & Roche
• Developers: Peter Chardon Brooks and Shepherd Brooks
Brooks Family – Chicago

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- Year Built: 1893
- 140 S. Dearborn St., Chicago
- Architect: Holabird & Roche
- Developers: Peter Chardon Brooks and Shepherd Brooks
Brooks Family – Chicago

- The Brooks Building
- Year Built: 1910
- 223 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago
- Architect: Holabird & Roche
- Developers: Peter Chardon Brooks and Shepherd Brooks
- Chicago School of Architecture / Gothic revival.
Brooks Family Medford Heritage Trail Map

THE BROOKS FAMILY MEDFORD HERITAGE WALK

1. John Brooks Monument
2. Grace Episcopal Church
3. Brooks Corner (Judkins Square)
4. Brooks School
5. Brooks Playstead ("Playstead Park")
6. The Delta (Bennett Delta)
7. Sagamore Ave (Middlesex Canal)
8. Sagamore John Monument
9. Mystic Lakes Shore (Pleasure Grounds)
10. Slave Wall and Thomas Brooks Park
11. Brooks Village
12. Point of Rocks
13. Brooks Pond
14. Shepherd Brooks Manor and Carriage House
15. Oak Grove Cemetery & Brooks Family Burial Plc
Brooks Family Physical Legacy – Land and Parks

Undeveloped Eastern Shore of Mystic Lakes (Pleasure Ground) 50-acre Brooks Estate & Ponds Brooks Playstead (aka Playstead Park)
Brooks Family Physical Legacy – Buildings

Grace Episcopal Church
- Year Built: 1869
- Architect: H. H. Richardson
- National Register of Historic Places
- Massive slate roof with red bands over walls of glacial boulders and granite trim
- Stained Glass window by John LaFarge commissioned by Shepherd & Peter Chardon Brooks after the death of their mother Ellen Shepherd Brooks in 1884
Brooks Family Physical Legacy – Buildings

Point of Rocks, Brooks Estate
(1859-1942)

Shepherd Brooks Manor
Built 1880
Shepherd Brooks Manor & Carriage House

Year Built: 1880
Shepherd Brooks Manor & Carriage House
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Site 14 – Shepherd Brooks Manor & Carriage House (Cont’d)
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Save the Brooks Estate!

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