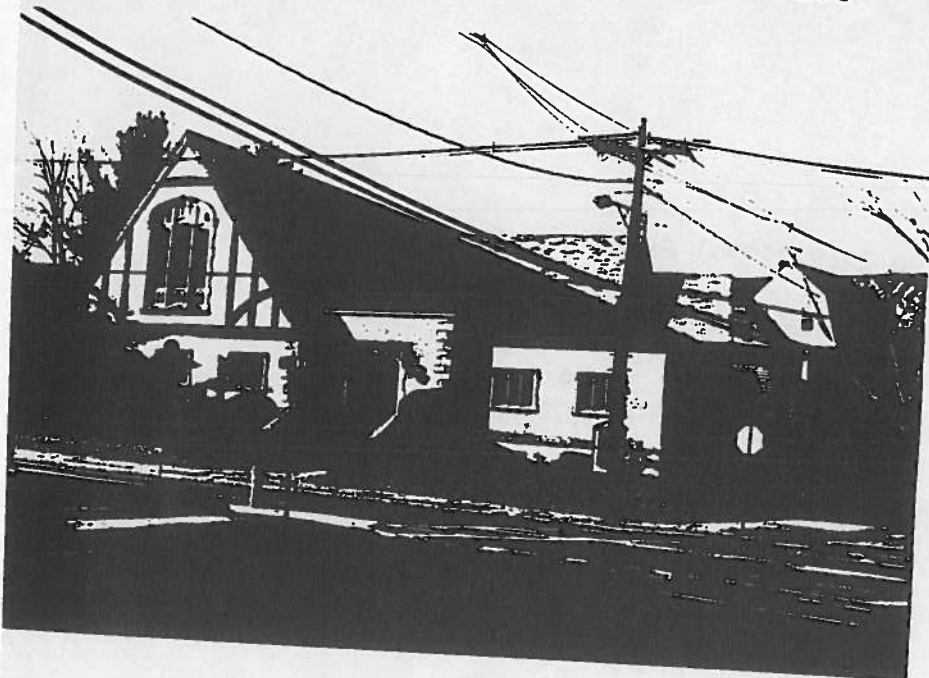


FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA F2	FORM NO. 15-5
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Belmont
Address 129 Lexington Street
Historic Name First Baptist Church

Present Church
Original Church

DESCRIPTION:
1904

Source Building Dept. Records

Style Shingle, English Tudor Revival

Architect -

Exterior wall fabric Stucco, shingles, stone

Outbuildings -

Major alterations (with dates) -

1935 addition of sanctuary

1955 addition

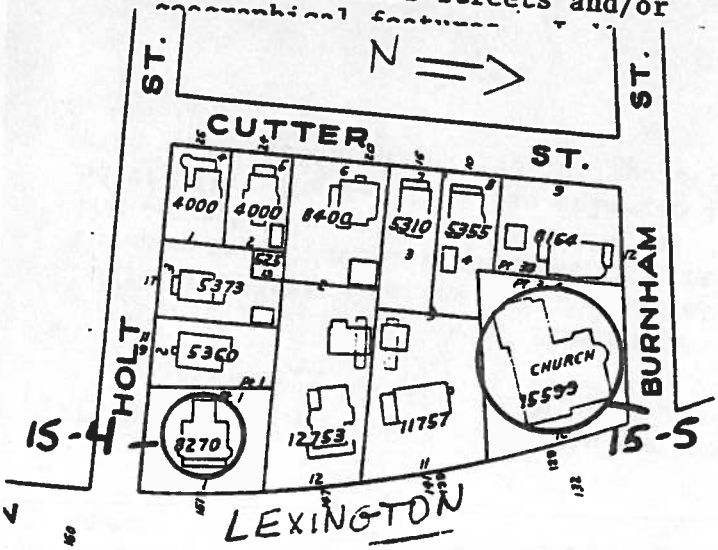
Moved - Date -

Approx. acreage less than 1 acre

Setting Corner location on major thoroughfare of Lexington Street in Waverley

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features



Recorded by Judy Williams

Organization Boston University

Date November, 1982

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

The church appears to have been originally built in a Shingle Style as evidenced by the Burnham Street facade's shingle covered, six-sided bay and gabled wing which are supported on a rubble-stone raised foundation. The 1935 addition of the sanctuary was constructed in stucco in an English-derived Tudor style, complete with half *timbering* in the gable. The main entrance to the church is located in what appears to be the later addition.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

The First Baptist Church of Belmont was organized in 1897, constructing its first building in the Waverley area. This structure was dedicated in 1904, bringing the number of Waverley churches to three. The church may have had its start in the second floor of Waverley Hall, as the local Methodist and Unitarian Churches before it. The facility was enlarged in the 1930's with a new sanctuary and again with an addition in the 1950's, indicating its growth over the years.

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