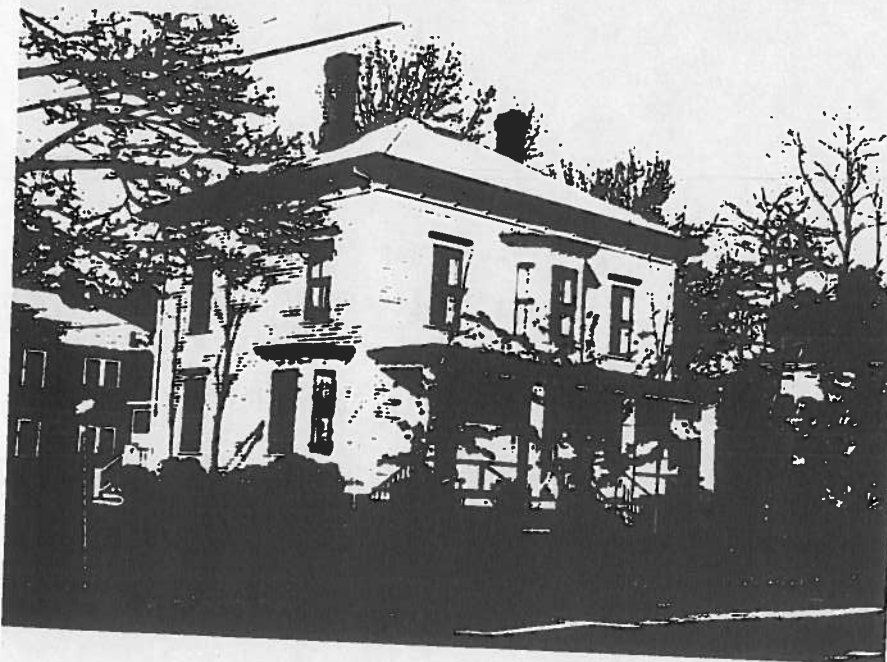


FORM B - BUILDING

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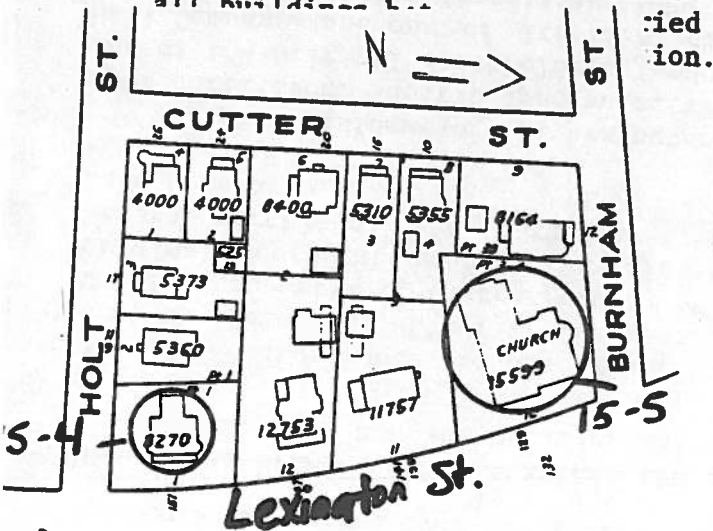
AREA F2	FORM NO. 15-4
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City Belmont  
 Address 151 Lexington Street  
 Historic Name William A. Munroe House  
 Present Single-family residence  
 Original Single-family residence  
 Description:  
 Date c.1872

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings on lot.



Source Atlas maps and deeds  
 Style Italianate  
 Architect -  
 Exterior wall fabric clapboards  
 Outbuildings -  
 Major alterations (with dates) -  
 Moved - Date -  
 Approx. acreage less than 1 acre  
 Setting Corner location on major Waverley thoroughfare of Lexington Street.

Recorded by Judy Williams  
 Organization Boston University  
 Date November, 1982

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

The Munroe House is a well-preserved example of an early Waverley residence built on a grand scale. The three-bay clapboarded, two-story structure was built in the Bracketed Italianate style; brackets appear at the roof and porch cornices, as well as the bay window cornices. The portico is supported by four square posts and extends the length of the building. The central doorway is flanked by two parlor-length windows of nine panes each. Half sidelights surround the door. Above the porch is a central bay window which is identical to the bays on either side of the first story. All windows are two over two (except parlor) and are capped by a simple hoodmold. The

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

The Munroe House was one of the first to be built on the land owned by Otis E. Hunt and Edmund C. Cutter to the west of Lexington Street (outside of the Waverley Land Company property) (See Area Form # F<sup>2</sup>). Its owner, William A. Munroe, was one of the original incorporators of the Waverley Hall Company and its first treasurer. He owned several parcels of land in this area, which he may have acquired from the Waverley Land Company.

A later resident of 151 Lexington was Gustavus C. Holt, who lived there from 1882 until 1906. Holt played an active role in the development of Waverley; he was one of the original stockholders (and later the major stockholder) of the Waverley Hall Company, and one of its first directors. He was also a member and director of the Waverley Citizen Association, The Waverley Cooperative Bank's second president (1898-1906), commissioner of Belmont's sinking fund, Town Selectman (1900), Water Commissioner (1887-1894), and Library Trustee (1899-1905). Holt Street, which borders this property, was named for Gustavus Holt.

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Property Name: <i>W. A. Marzic Hse</i>	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

Architectural Significance:

roof is hipped and contains large inner chimneys on either side. Original clap-boarding, corner and cornice boards, and porch supports give an appearance of authenticity and strength to this house.

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