

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA G ²	FORM NO. 27-8
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Belmont

ss 16-18 Hawthorne Street

ric Name _____

Present residence

Original residence

DESCRIPTION:

1876

Source Belmont Building Department Record

Style Italianate

Architect -

Exterior wall fabric vinyl siding

Outbuildings garage

Major alterations (with dates) _____

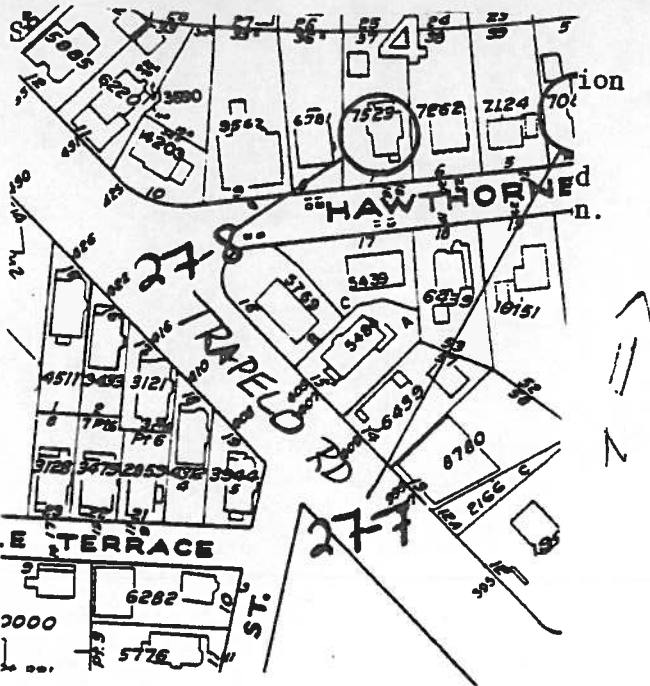
converted to 2-family in 1924

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage less than 1 acre

Setting Tree-lined older residential

street in Waverley Square



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

No. 16-18 Hawthorne Street is an Italianate house of the 1870s which retains much of its detail despite alterations in recent years. The house is a three-bay, sidehall entry cottage with hipped roof and cross gable in the front facade. Scrolled brackets appear at the cornice and as supports under the porch hood. Windows are original two-over-two sash, but enframements appear to have been altered. The house was converted to a two-family in 1924, and has also been given a vinyl sheathing.

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

Built in 1876, the house at 16-18 Hawthorne Street is significant as one of the earliest houses to be built in the first successful subdivision of former Waverley Land Company property. The lot for this house was part of the eight-acre parcel acquired by D. Gilbert Dexter in 1873 for his "Waverley Square" development. Hawthorne Street was laid out and accepted in 1876 in a parallel curve to Waverley Street which was laid out in 1873. The convenient location of "Waverley Square" to the commercial center and railroad terminus at both Waverley and Belmont Center was a major factor in the decision to build this house in 1876. At the time of its construction, there were probably less than 50 dwellings in the Waverley area, an indication of the still rural atmosphere of the village during this period.

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