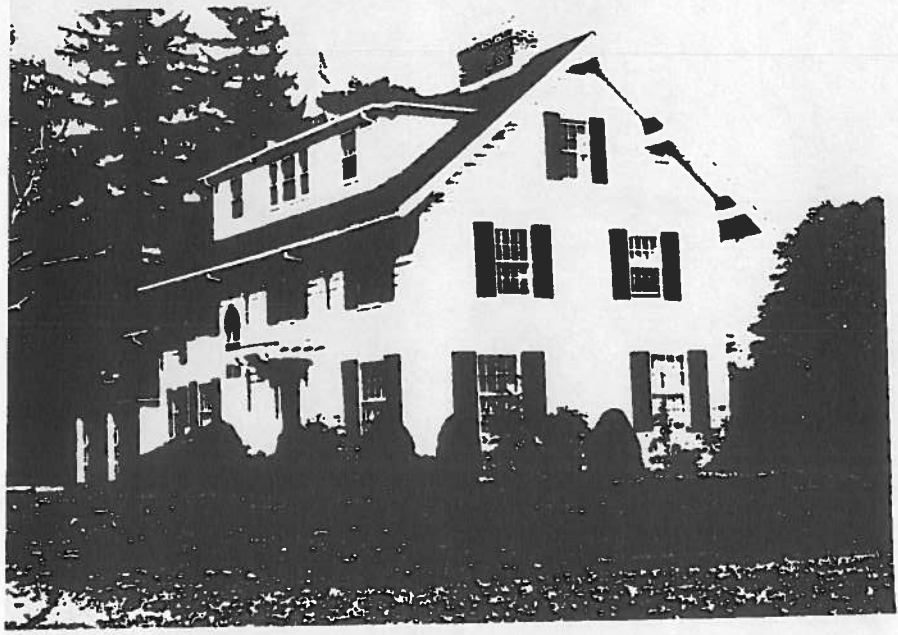


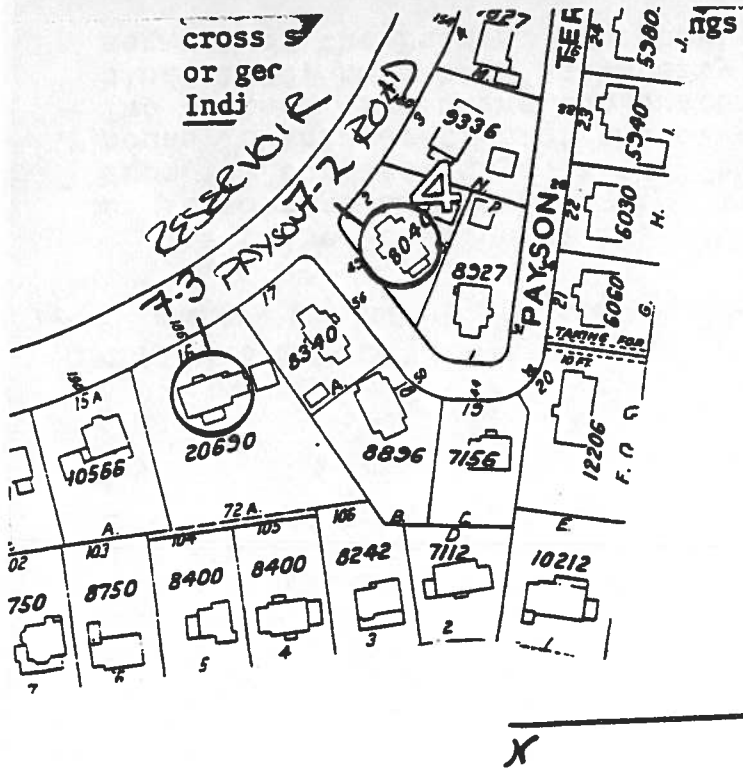
FORM B - BUILDING

Area <u>B</u>	Form no. <u>7-3</u>
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



elmont
s186 Payson Road
 ic Name NA
 riginal Single family dwelling
 resent Same
 hip: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 riginal owner Clara S.B. Castle
 PTION:



Date 1907
 Source Card file-Town Engineer's Office
 Style Craftsman-derived
 Architect _____
 Exterior wall fabric Wood flushboard
 Outbuildings Garage
 Major alterations (with dates) _____
possible front and rear dormers
 Moved No _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 20,690
 Setting On a very large early Payson lot with a view of Boston and across from the reservoir. Surrounded by landscaping as well as gardens.

Recorded by Marcia M. Cini
 Organization Boston University
 Date September 1982

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

The house at 186 Payson Road is an especially early and handsome Craftsman-inspired design. Although three bays wide and dressed in traditional New England white with black shutters and red door, its massive brackets, deep overhang and "Mission" entry hood show its clear allegiance to the latest West Coast style. Also notable are its generous multiple chimnies and round arched stairwell window. The awkward angle of the dormer suggests that it is an 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 prize location of 186 Payson Road as well as the superior quality of its design and workmanship have made it a desirable property from the earliest days of the Payson Park subdivision. By far the oldest house in this section of the development, it has had only three owners. Two of them, including the current one who has lived in the house since 1940, have been university professors, a traditionally important segment of the Belmont home-buying population.

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