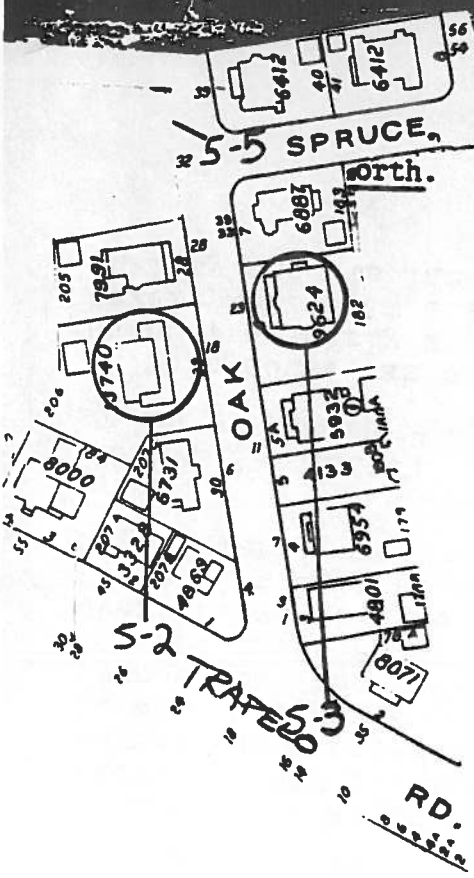
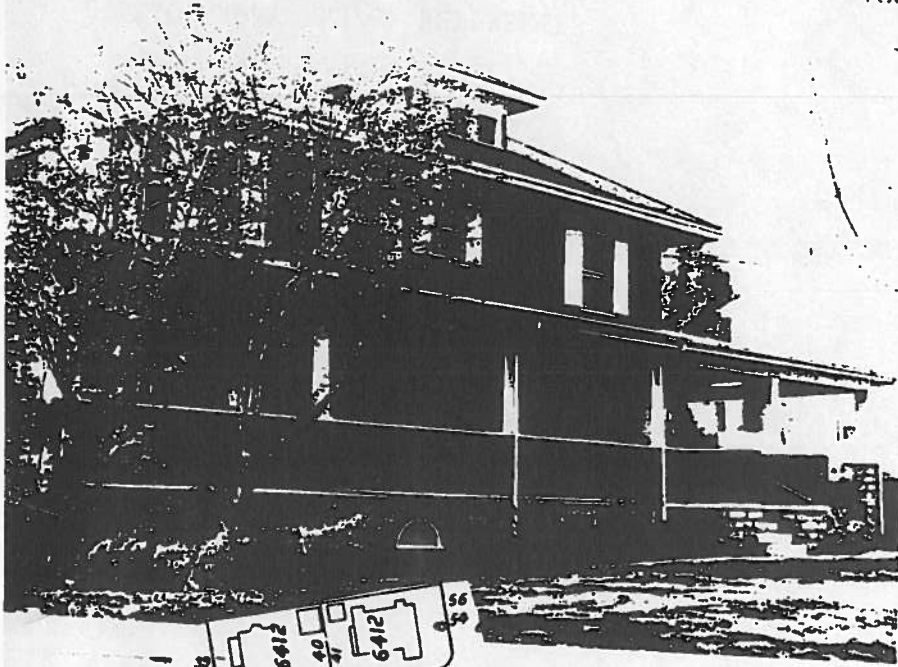


FORM B - BUILDING

Area B	Form no. 5-2
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Town Belmont

Address 18 Oak Avenue

Historic Name NA

Original Single family dwelling

Present Same

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

Public

Original owner _____

Construction: 1915

Source Building permit

Style Craftsman-derived Four Square
 with Prairie Style lines

Architect W.A. Wadsworth

Exterior wall fabric Wood shingle

Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved No Date _____

Approx. acreage 13,740 sq. ft.

Setting On a very large, informally landscaped lot in Payson Park

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 18 Oak Avenue is a Craftsman-inspired four square so extended that it assumes Prairie Style lines extremely rare in a Boston suburb. (Note especially the strong horizontality of the porte cochère.) It was built with quality materials (slate roof, Maine granite foundation) and careful attention to detail (see globe stairpost lights, stained glass window to light interior stairwell, and granite arches over the vents under the porch). The interior and exterior appear to be virtually as built and decorated originally (except for the replacement porch roof).

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

This house was one of the largest and latest to be built on Oak Avenue, an early street in the streetcar generated Payson Park development. It differs from its neighbors in its superior design quality and its lack of Colonial Revival references.

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