

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA A³-b	FORM NO. 48-7
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

Now 1 Fletcher Rd.



Belmont

86 Clifton Street

Historic Name J. V. Fletcher and the
S. K. Sargent Farm House

Present Private residence

Original Private residence

DESCRIPTION:

c. 1870

Source 1875 Beers County Atlas of
Middlesex, MA
Style Second Empire

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Shingle

Buildings

Major alterations (with dates)

Moved _____ Date _____

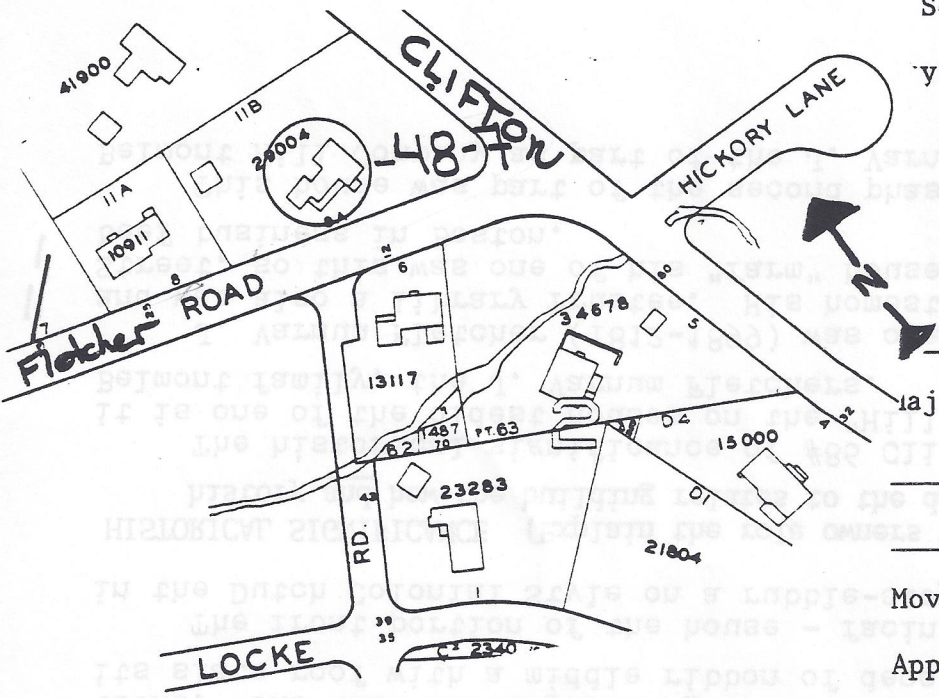
Approx. acreage 2/3 acre

Setting Natural setting of overgrown
shrubs and trees.

Recorded by Kay Flynn

Organization Boston University

Date October, 1982



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

The architectural significance of #86 Clifton Street lies in its intact Second Empire rear section - c. 1870. It is a 1½-story, open porch vernacular farm house that has been added to by succeeding generations. The most distinguishing characteristic of this rear section is its slate roof with a middle ribbon of decorative slates.

The front portion of the house - facing Clifton Street - is built in the Dutch Colonial Style on a rubble-stone foundation.

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

The historical significance of #86 Clifton Street is the fact that it is one of the oldest houses on the "Hill" and belonged to a noted Belmont family, the J. Varnum Fletchers.

J. Varnum Fletcher (1812-1899) was one of the original Selectmen and was also a library Trustee. His homestead was at 519 Pleasant Street, so this was one of his "farm" houses. He was in the wholesale beef business in Boston.

This house was part of the second phase of development of the Belmont Hill Company as part of the J. Varnum Fletcher property.

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