

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
0	18-8



Belmont

200 Common Street

NA

single family residence

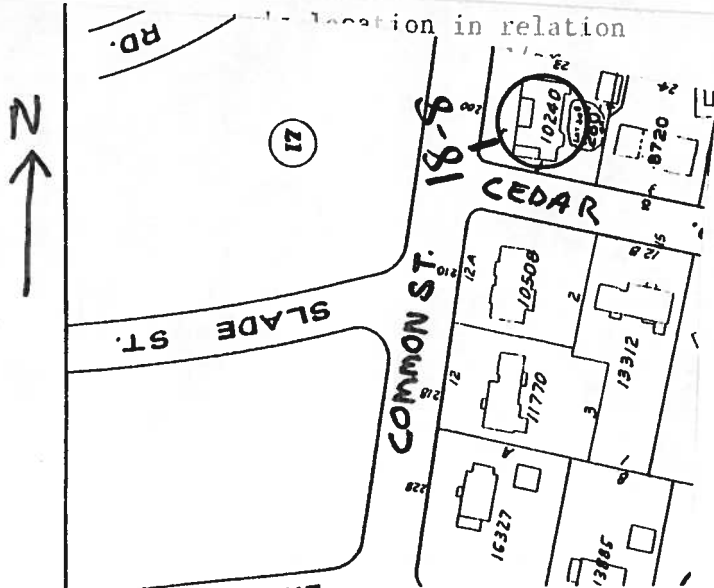
two family residence

DESCRIPTION:

1912

Building Permit

SKETCH MAP



English Revival

Allyn Jackson

stucco

NA

Major alterations (with dates)

NA

Moved NA Date

Approx. acreage less than 1/2 acre

Setting Set on a busy through street amidst other imposing early 20th-century residences.

Recorded by Nora Lucas

Organization Boston University

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

200 Common Street, built in 1912, (BEL-82-15-12) is significant under Criterion C of the National Register as a rare and exuberant example of the English Revival style in Belmont. Built at the beginning of the small house boom in Belmont, and placed in a prominent location on Common Street, it served as a prototype for the style in the town.

It is an English Revival Cottage, with gabled wings with overhangs, the wings forming a U-shaped plan, with a small courtyard with a central gabled entry portico.

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

200 Common Street, built in the first phase of Walnut Hill's development, is significant as a prototype for the kind of family housing influenced by publication of architect-designed plans for small suburban homes. As such, it is eligible under Criterion A of the National Register.

"Small Homes" were defined and advertised in periodicals of the time. They were built on speculation or by choice by a land developer in great numbers throughout Belmont. These once-removed, architect-designed houses, born of architect's interest in capturing some of the building boom, were drawn from a range of historical revival styles, primarily English or American-derived. Planned for convenience and comfort they featured modern kitchens, breakfast nooks, sleeping porches, recreation rooms and garages, and were built by the hundreds in Belmont between World Wars I and II.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

Belmont Building Department Records