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FORM B - BUILDING

AREA 3	FORM NO. 11
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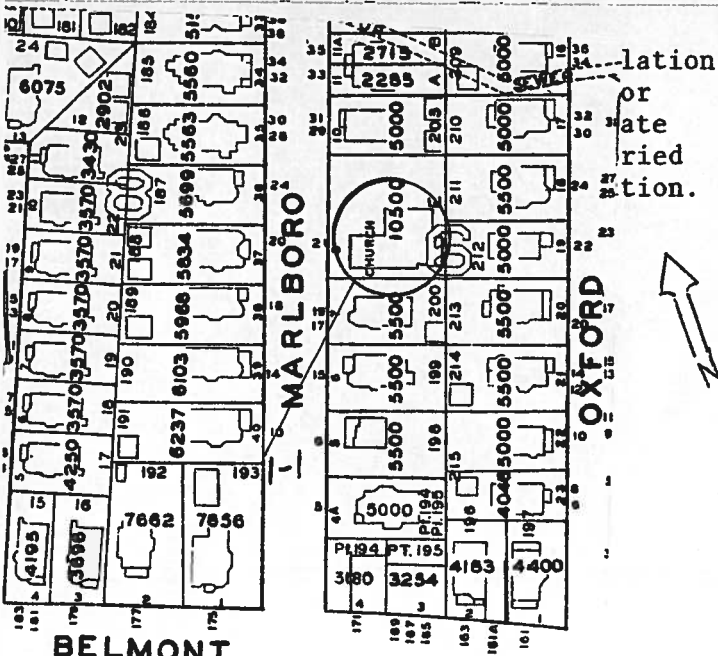


Belmont
Address 21 Marlboro Street
Historic Name St. Andrews Episcopal Church

Present Church
Original same

DESCRIPTION:
1912

Source Building Department Atlas



Style Spanish Mission
Architect
Exterior wall fabric Stucco
Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates)

Moved n/a Date

Approx. acreage 10,500 sq.ft.

Setting double lot but uniform set-back with houses; integral to streetscape

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

St. Andrews is architecturally significant for two reasons: style and material. The use of the Spanish Mission style is unique in this part of Belmont and is a fitting one for the district's sole church. Although the building does not serve a Catholic congregation the mission style is well suited to a religious structure. The use of stucco as a building material is particularly appropriate to the style. Stucco is also rarely used in the Harvard Lawn area and therefore calls attention to the church building as being distinct from the houses that surround it.

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

The significance of this church lies in its relationship to the development of the community. When Harvard Lawn was subdivided in 1895 no provision was made for religious institutions. The proximity of the streetcar lines to Watertown and Cambridge meant that new residents could attend any church they desired, including those they had moved away from. The streetcar brought rapid growth, and this combined with the very density of the housing promoted a community that needed its own church. Harvard Lawn was well established as a neighborhood by 1912 when St. Andrews was built. The church has clearly served the neighborhood's needs and no other religious edifice has been built in this section of Belmont.

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