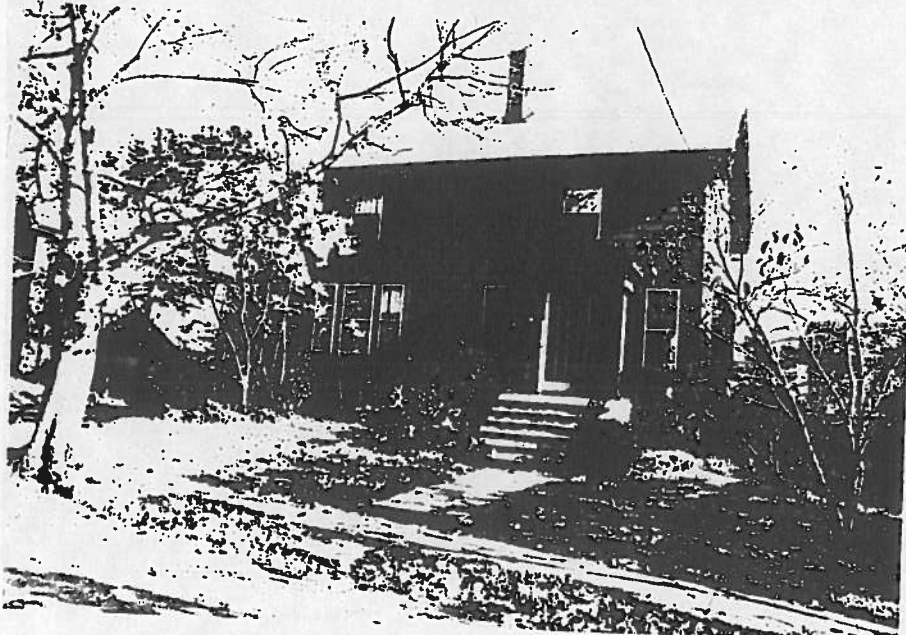


FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
Y	20-2



Belmont

Address 24 Richardson Street

Historic Name Henry Richardson House

Present single family dwelling

Original farmhouse

DESCRIPTION:

pre 1853

Source Frost Map

Style originally Italianate

Architect builder/ Henry Richardson

Exterior wall fabric wood clapboard

Outbuildings garage

Major alterations (with dates) c1927, orientation changed, bracketed portico and bay window removed.

Colonial Revival portico and triple window added.

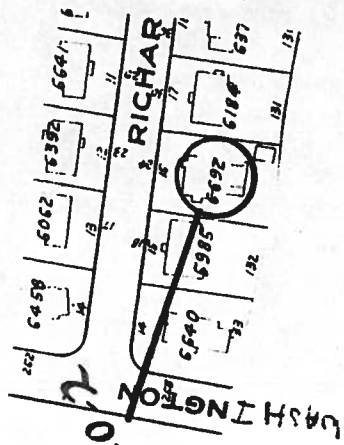
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Approx. acreage less than 1/2 acre

Setting Set in a street of small, closely spaced early 20th century houses.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



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

The Henry Richardson House (BEL-82-14-1A) is a much modified early 19th-century house. Originally on Washington Street, when the area was developed its orientation was changed to Richardson Street. The doors and windows ^{were} modernized from their original bracketed style, to match the surrounding new houses, diminishing the building's architectural integrity.

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

24 Richardson Street was built before 1853 by Henry Richardson, said to be the first Belmont Farmer to use hothouses to increase his farming productivity. Richardson was also active in Belmont town government.

As a young man he assisted his uncle in missionary work in the Indian territory, before returning to Belmont to learn farming. He married Eleanor Stafford in 1862, and in 1887 they purchased another house and moved it to the corner of School and Bacon Streets. Their son William moved into this house and with his brother James, ran the farm. For further account of the Richardson family see Form _____.

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