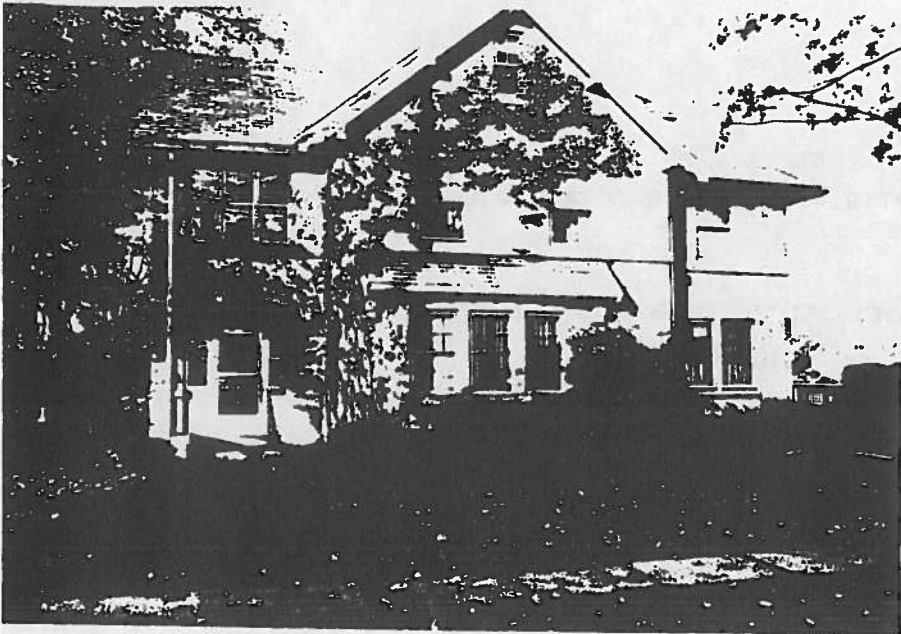


FORM B - BUILDING

AREA 0	FORM NO. 18-4
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108



Belmont

Address 26-8 Cedar Road

Historic Name _____

Present two-family residence

Original same

DESCRIPTION:

1911

Source Building Permit

Style Craftsman-derived

Architect H. Thaxter Underwood

Exterior wall fabric stucco

Outbuildings NA

Major alterations (with dates) _____

NA

Moved NA Date _____

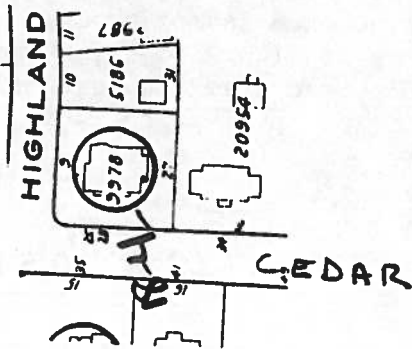
Approx. acreage less than 1/4 acre

Setting In a neighborhood of English and

American-Revival single family residence;

set on well-spaced and landscaped lots.

to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Recorded by Nora Lucas

Organization Boston University

Date November 1982

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

26-8 Cedar Road (BEL-82-15-10) and (BEL-82-17-21), dating from 1911, is significant as an architect-designed single-family residence, protoypical of many homes built throughout Belmont. H. Thaxter Underwood designed this stucco-clad house with a cross gable plan, utilizing three-bay windows, irregular geometric massing, glass enclosed porches, and exposed purlins at eaves, reminiscent of Gustav Stickly's "Craftsman" homes.

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

26-8 Cedar Road, 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.

"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 America. 26-8 Cedar Road, designed by Boston architect H. Thaxter Underwood, illustrates the earliest and more original of these "Small Homes." Later examples were less inspired in their adaptation of historical revival styles.

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