

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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Town Belmont

Address 30 Hawthorne Street

Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_

Use: Present Residence

Original Residence

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1878

Source Building Dept. Records

Style Italianate

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric Shingles

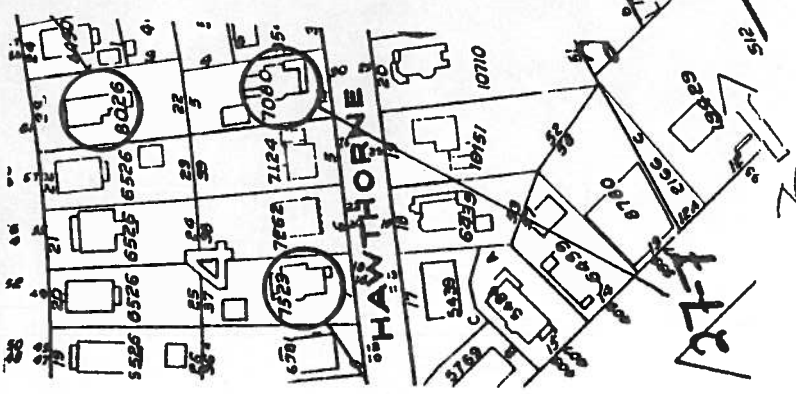
Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage less than 1 acre

Setting Tree-lined residential  
neighborhood of Waverley Square



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Organization Boston University

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

No. 30 Hawthorne is a good example of an ornate Victorian Italianate house built in the 1870s in Belmont. The three-bay, two and one-half story structure is set with its gable end to the street in an L-shaped plan. The triple-arched entry porch runs the width of the gabled facade, its arches created by brackets and its cornice supported by elaborate scrolls which are placed on four evenly-spaced columns. A simple balustrade connects the columns and continues down the front entry stairs to ground level.

Other features of the building worth noting are the paired brackets at the

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

Built in 1878, the house at 30 Hawthorne is significant as one of the earliest houses to be built in the first successful subdivision of former Waverley Land Company ~~land~~ property. The lot for this house was part of the 8 acre parcel acquired by D. Gilbert Dexter in 1873 for his "Waverley Square" development. Hawthorne Street was laid out and accepted in 1876 in a parallel curve to Waverley Street, which was laid out in 1873. The convenient location of "Waverley Square" to the commercial center and railroad terminus at both Waverley and Belmont Center was a major factor in the decision to build this house. At the time of its construction there were probably less than 60 buildings in the Waverley area, indicating the still rural atmosphere of the village during this period.

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