FORM B - BUILDING

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StyleItalianate
Architect
Exterior wall fabric clapboards
Outbuildings carriage house, 1896
Major alterations (with dates)
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Approx. acreage <u>less</u> than 1 acre
Setting Older neighborhood of
Waverley Square - many similaritie
in style within the neighborhood.

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

No. 33 Hawthorne is an outstanding Italianate structure which is unique to Waverley both in its size and its composition. The house is a large, hipped roof building which dominates the streetscape with its central tower and iron cresting. The three-bay facade has a central entry pavilion which rises from the ground floor portico to the tower above the supporting a dentilled roof cornice, a treatment which is similar to the house at 30 Hawthorne. A set of stairs leads to the entry, which appears to have been altered.

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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 1876, the house at 33 Mawthorne Street is significant as one of the earliest houses to be built in the first successful subdivision of former Waverley Land Company property. The lot for this house was part of the eight-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 in 1876. At the time of its construction, there were probably less than 50 houses in the Waverley area, an indication of the still rural atmosphere of the village during this period.

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