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AREA R <sup>3</sup>	FORM NO. 45-1
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Town Belmont  
 Address 354 Lake Street  
 Historic Name Varnum Frost House

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 #30.31

Use: Present Residence  
 Original same

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1840  
 Source Atlas of Middlesex County

Style Greek Revival

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric Flushboards

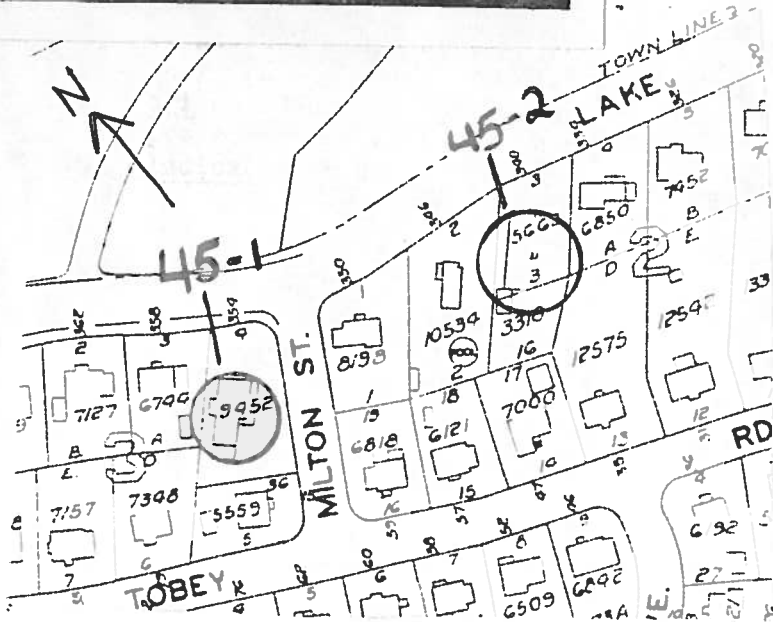
Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Approx. acreage 9,452 sq.ft.

Setting Single-family houses



Recorded by Christopher Forbes Nash

Organization Boston University

Date November 1982

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

Surrounded by trees on its corner lot, this Greek Revival house is significant as a larger-scaled and earlier period house in its setting of 20th century suburban development. It also serves as a vestige of the Frost farming compound that once dominated the area. Gable end to the street, the 2 1/2-story flushboarded house features a columned side porch and heavy cornice, and sidelit entry. Broad corner pilasters lend the house a heavy appearance. A cap molding covers the gable end window and elsewhere, 6/6 sash is used. Clapboards surface the north elevation and the second floor of the southern elevation. A fine granite foundation and unusual stoop complement the house. A rear addition was made in 1930.

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

The Varnum Frost House is important as part of the large Frost family farm compound that covered this area in the 19th century, and as one of the finest of the Frost farmhouses. An 1853 map of Belmont shows eight Frost houses, including this one, in the immediate vicinity. Varnum Frost owned this house as part of five acres he farmed, connected to the land of the Thaddeus Frost House at 291 Brighton Street (see Inv. #45-3 ). In the early 20th century, the land was purchased by George Tobey who continued to farm on the property. By 1936, the entire area had been subdivided for suburban development.

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