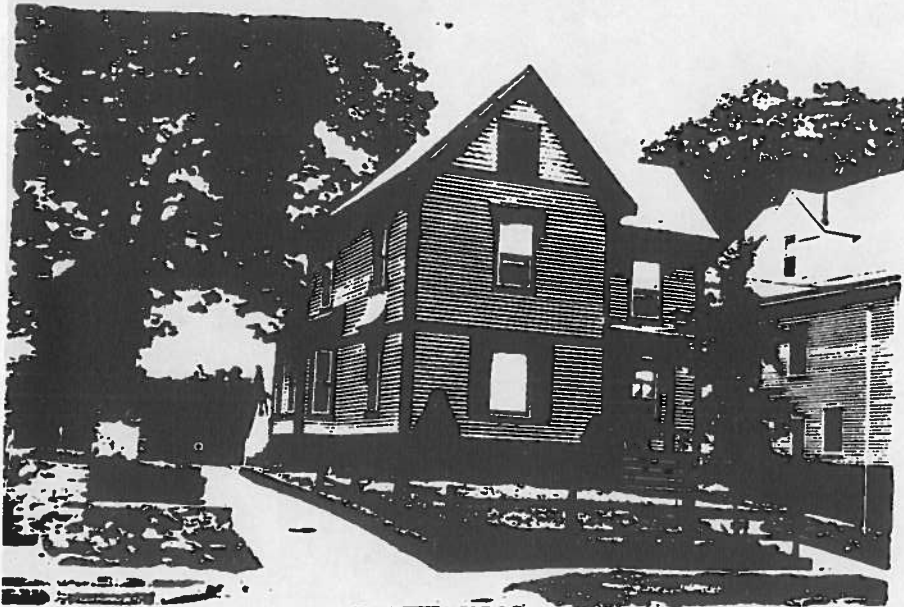


FORM B - BUILDING

AREA J <sup>2</sup>	FORM NO. 28-4
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108



Belmont  
Address 37 Burnham Street  
Historic Name Scranton House

Present residence  
Original residence

DESCRIPTION:  
1886

Source Building Dept. Records

Style Victorian Homestead

Architect -

Exterior wall fabric clapboards/shingles

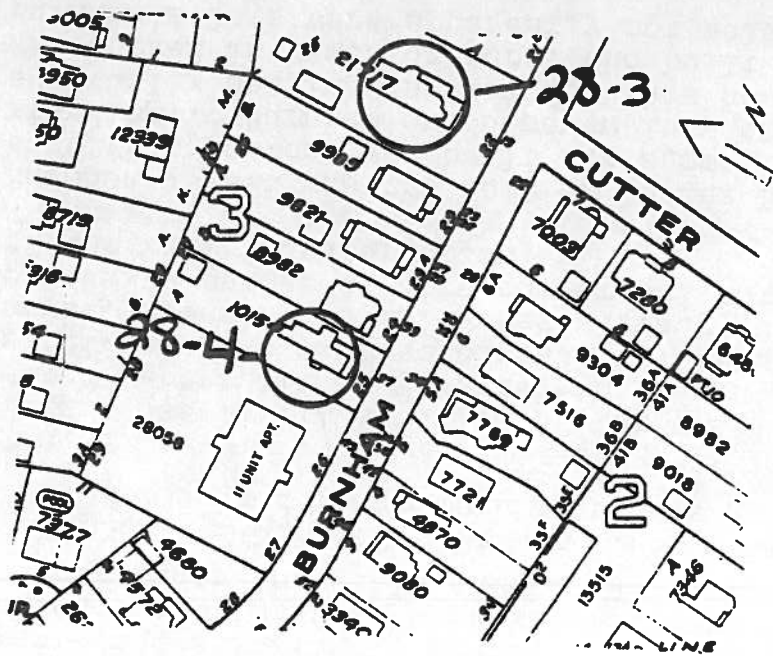
Outbuildings carriage house

Major alterations (with dates) -

Moved - Date -

Approx. acreage less than 1 acre

Setting Quiet neighborhood of single  
and two-family houses; small and  
front yard; ample rear lot.



Recorded by Judy Williams  
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.)

No. 37 Burnham Street is a well-preserved late 19th century Victorian homestead house which is noted for its good original details and pristine setting. The entry is located in the re-entrant angle of the L-shaped plan and features a small portico with turned posts and delicate balustrade. The house is clapboarded with the exception of the gable ends which display patterned shingling. The structure is defined by the wooden corner boards which are painted in a darker, contrasting color. Brackets appear at each corner under the gable eaves. Windows are distinguished by shed-roofed

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

This house is illustrative of the middle-class single-family residences which were built in Waverley in the late 1800s prior to its full scale subdivision as a streetcar suburb. By the time of the construction of this house, Waverley was already turning from a rural area to a distinct community center as more commercial enterprises located there to take advantage of the rail transportation.

Burnham Street was the home of Thomas Burnham, a wealthy bookstore proprietor from Boston, who built his summer cottage here in 1873 (no longer standing). Burnham owned seven lots on the north side of the street, eventually selling the lot for this house to Henry A. Scranton, a craftsman who worked in Cambridgeport, who built on it in 1886. The remainder of Burnham's lots were apparently not sold until much later.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: <i>Belmont</i>	Form No: <i>28-4</i>
Property Name: <i>Scranton House</i>	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

Architectural Significance:

window hoods, which are curved and sloping on the side facades, including the bay window on the west. Side windows on the second story also have a scroll or console motif at their sills. The first story main front window appears to have been altered. The property also contains an original clapboarded carriage house which probably dates from the same time as the main house.