

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

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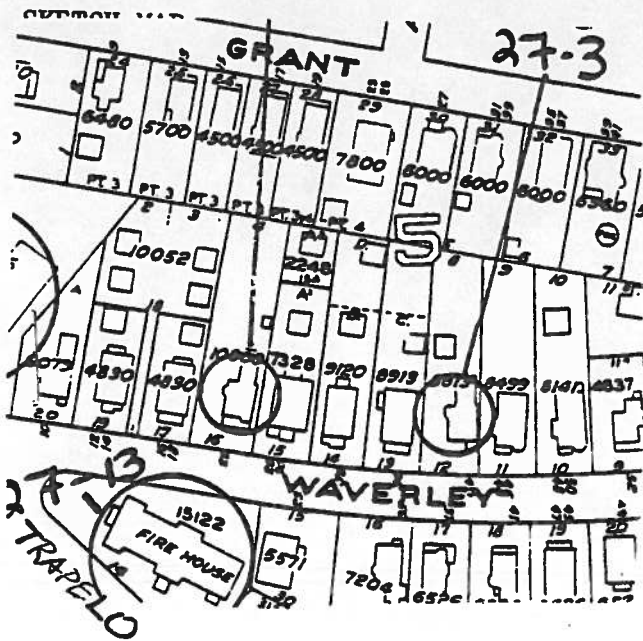


Belmont  
 ss 40 Waverley Street

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

Present Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original Residence \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION:  
 1878



Source Building Department Records  
 Style Transitional Mansard/  
 Bracketed Italianate

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric Shingles

Outbuildings Garage

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

Tower removed--date unknown

Moved - Date -

Approx. acreage less than 1 acre

Setting Residential connector street  
 between Belmont Center and Waverley.

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

No. 40 Waverley is a little-altered example of a transitional Mansard/Bracketed Italianate cottage as they were constructed in the early 1870s in Belmont. Its design is very similar to two other houses within this development of Waverley Square (#22 Waverley Street and #4 Cambridge Street). The building is a three-bay sidehall entry cottage with mansard-roofed second story, bracketed entry portico and original tower which has lost its mansard roof and iron cresting. Italianate features of the building include the double front doors, arched double windows of the tower, paired brackets at the cornice, tall bracketed hood molds over the

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

This structure 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 8-acre parcel acquired by D. Gilbert Dexter in 1873 for his "Waverley Square" development. The convenient location of Waverley Street, which was laid out between Waverley and Belmont Centers in 1873, was significant to the decision to build this house in 1878. Two other houses in the development, constructed also in 1876-78, reflect the plan and design of this house, indicating the possibility of a single builder. (see Inv. Form #27-2).

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