FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION 294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

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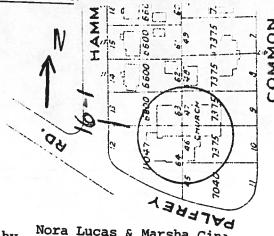
421 Common 80.

Belmont



SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



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Organization	Boston University
Date	November 1982

·ess	Corner of Common and Palfrey
oric N	ame_Belmont Methodist Church
Pres	ent church
Origina	al church
SCRIPTI	CON:
	1922-40
Source_	building permit
StyleI	ate Gothic Revival
Architect A	Arland A. Dirlan
Exterior wa	ll fabric fieldstone
Outbuilding	NA NA
Major altera	ations (with dates)
Moved NA	Date
Approx. acre	
	ed just north of Cushing
	corner setting on a well-
	lot, and its imposing massing
	final visual boundary of

(Staple additional sheets here) section.

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

The Belmont Methodist Church (BEL-82-17-20) is in the late Gothic Reviva: Style, typical of many early 20th-century churches in suburban New England.

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

The parish organized in 1921, meeting in temporary quarters in the Benton Chapel, (Form 8/4-2). The Belmont Methodist Church's establishment in Belmont, as a young congregation surviving the Depression, represents both the committment of its members, and the tremendous growth of Belmont as a residential suburb able to support churches and other institutions.

The congregation first met in their present location in 1923, meeting through 1940 in what is now the basement of the imposing Gothic Revival Church. Dr. Joseph Imler was the first pastor, remaining until 1959. He and his wife, Ruth, are responsible for the existence of the building as well as the faith of the congregation, guiding the members through a long an difficult building campaign which was to last seventeen years.

In 1937, the first service was held in the new Church.

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Belmont Room, Belmont Methodist Church Folder