

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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AREA <u>F²</u>	FORM NO. <u>28-1</u>
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Belmont

Address 472-488 Trapelo Road

Historic Name _____

Present commercial

Original commercial

DESCRIPTION:

1914

Source Building Department Records

Style Colonial Revival

Architect Fred A. Harcross

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings -

Major alterations (with dates) -

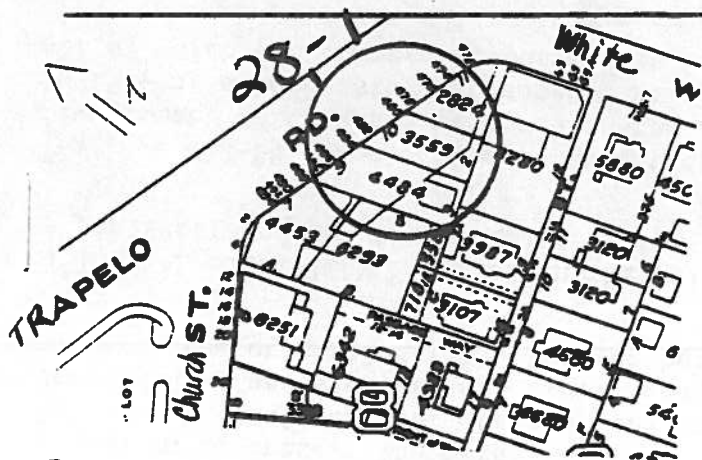
Moved - Date -

Approx. acreage less than 1 acre

Setting Commercial center of Waverly
(Trapelo Road).

SKETCH MAP

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



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

This building is noted because it is a relatively unaltered example of early 20th century commercial architecture in Belmont. It consists of seven storefronts which are divided by brick piers which break through the cornice to form posts which are capped in concrete. The metal cornice, complete with dentils and modillions, is a Colonial Revival feature. Each of the storefronts originally had recessed entries, large plate glass windows, and tinted opaque transom lights. Some alterations have obscured the original detail, but the building still retains much of its early character.

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

No. 472-88 Trapelo Road is an intact example of early 20th century strip commercial development which was a response to the automobile orientation of this period. Built in 1914 by a Dorchester man named Charles E. Leonardi, this building has seven units, all of which are commercial businesses.

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Building Permits, 1914.