

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA F ²	FORM NO. 28-5
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Belmont
 51
 ess Lexington Street
 oric Name Unitarian Church of
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Present church
 Original church

SCRIPTION:
 1898

Source Building Department Records

Style Shingle

Architect -

Exterior wall fabric shingles, clapboards

Outbuildings -

Major alterations (with dates) -

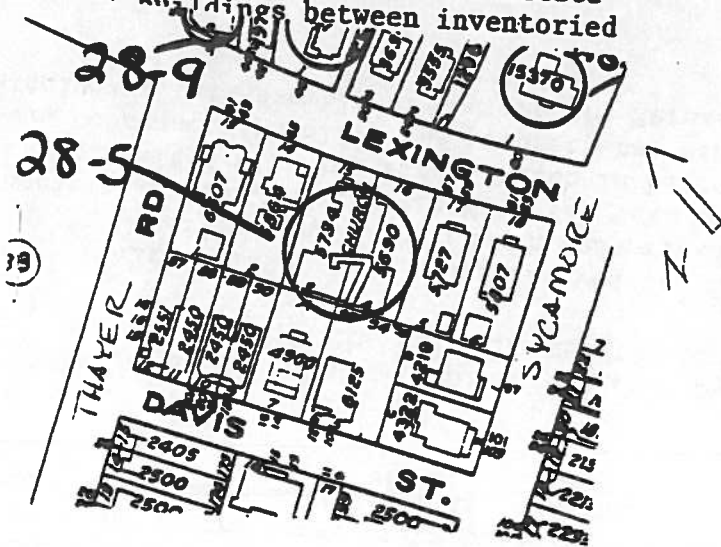
Moved - Date -

Approx. acreage less than 1 acre

Setting Major throughfare of Lexington Street near Waverley commercial center

SKETCH MAP

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



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Organization Boston University

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

The Waverley Unitarian Church was constructed with a gabled sanctuary and crenelated entrance tower in 1898. Shingles cover most of the building and its additions; the ground floor of the building is covered with clapboards. The structure's main features are the pointed arch windows which appear in the gable-end of the sanctuary and in the tower. The building has undergone a number of alterations in recent years which have diminished its original 19th century character.

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

Built in 1898, this church served for many years as the center of liberal religion in the Waverley area. The church was originally organized as the Waverley Unitarian Society in 1882, meeting in Waverley Hall until a church could be constructed. The church united with the First Church in Belmont, Unitarian, in 1948, and this building was subsequently sold. The property has since been used by other religious groups, including the Assembly of God and the Korean Church, its present occupants.

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