

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA X ²	FORM NO. 57-18
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108



Belmont
 Address 560 Concord Avenue
 Historic Name Griswold Stowe House
 (Nephew of William F. Homer)

Present Private residence
 Original Private residence

DESCRIPTION:

1879
 Source 1875 Atlas & Building Department Records

Style Stick Style

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Brick, stucco and wood

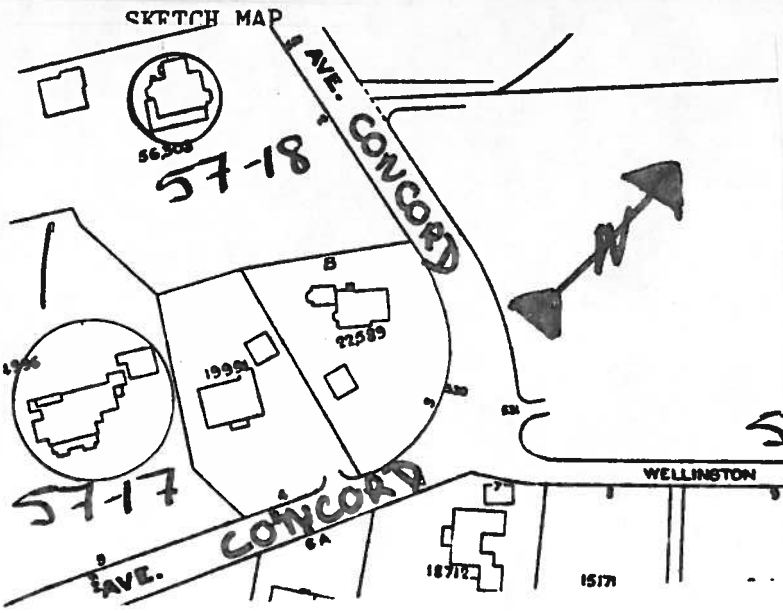
Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 2 acres

Setting on part natural and part landscaped hillside site which takes full advantage of its view of Boston.



Recorded by Kay Flynn

Organization Boston University

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

The only Stick Style estate that remains extant on Belmont Hill - an 1879 fusion of Colonial Revival and Stick Style. The Colonial Revival is reflected in its traditional 3-bay symmetrical massing, excluding the porch wing. The Stick Style is characterized by the dramatic expression of contrasting materials emphasizing the vertical-horizontal relationship of its interior framing. This is expressed in contrasting materials of brick on the first floor, a stuccoed 2nd and 3rd floors with stick skeleton overlay. (Continued)

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

An intact estate from the development of Belmont Hill as a retreat and country-life setting for large houses which is historically important to Belmont.

(See Holiday Farm Area Form Inventory # X²)

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Continued):

The exterior framing - such as eaves and hood supports - is constructed with overstated brackets in order to give tangible presence to the structure.

The central focus of the house is the large pedimented dormer with a decorative bargeboard which protrudes over the second floor and the first floor's hooded front door.

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