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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA V	FORM NO. 23-5
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Belmont

 Address 61 Stone Road

Historic Name _____

Present single family residence

Original same

DESCRIPTION:

Year 1915

Source building permit

Style English Cottage

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric stucco

Outbuildings none

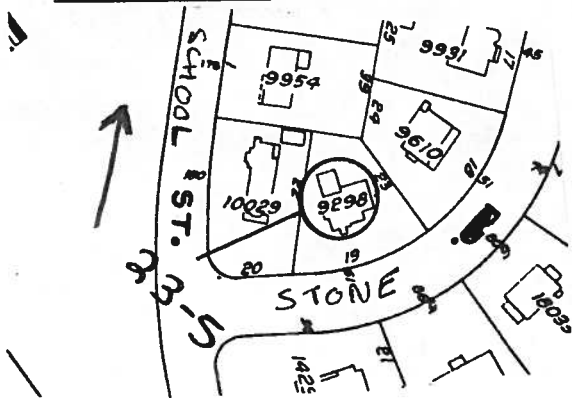
Major alterations (with dates) NA

Moved NA Date _____

Approx. acreage over 1/2 acre

Setting Set by itself on a heavily landscaped corner lot in neighborhood of early 20th-century houses of great variety

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

61 Stone Road (BEL-82-19-17 and BEL-82-24-#4 and #8) is significant as an illustration of the English-derived American "Small House," probably based quite closely on a specific example.

The irregularly massed house is clad in stucco. The main jerkenhead-roofed wing with two hipped dormers is met with a cross gable wing which carries a prominent central chimney with gable motifs at intervals on the facade. Multi-colored red and orange asphalt roof shingles are emphasized by red trim at eaves and windows. Its setting at an angle, below street grade on a large and heavily landscaped corner lot enhances its picturesque appearance.

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

61 Stone Road, built in the early stages of the area's development, is significant as a prototype for the kind of family housing influenced by publication of architect-designed plans for small suburban homes. "Small Homes" were defined and advertised in periodicals of the time. They were built on speculation or by choice by a land developer in great numbers throughout Belmont.

These once-removed architect-designed houses, born of architect's interest in capturing some of the building boom, were drawn from a range of historical revival styles, primarily English or American-derived. Planned for convenience and comfort they featured modern kitchens, breakfast nooks, sleeping porches, recreation rooms and garages, and were built by the hundreds in Belmont between World Wars I and II.

As an early and outstanding example of the small house, executed in the English Revival style, 61 Stone Road is significant under Criteria A and C of the National Register.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

Belmont Building Department Records.