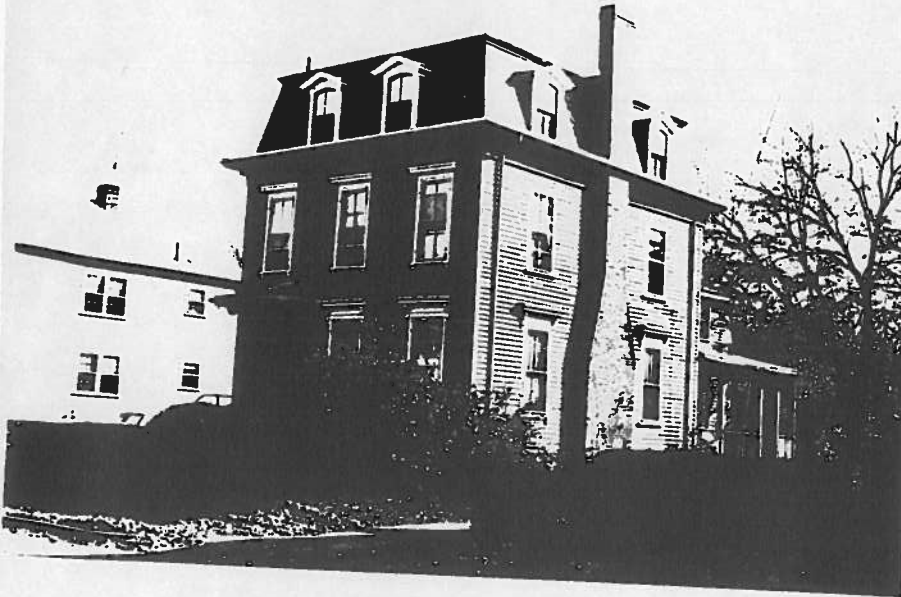


FORM B - BUILDING

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AREA G <sup>2</sup>	FORM NO. 27-5
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Belmont

Address 61 Waverley Street

Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Present residence

Original residence

DESCRIPTION:

c.1874-75

Source Beers' Map of 1875

Style Transitional mansard/Italianate

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

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Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

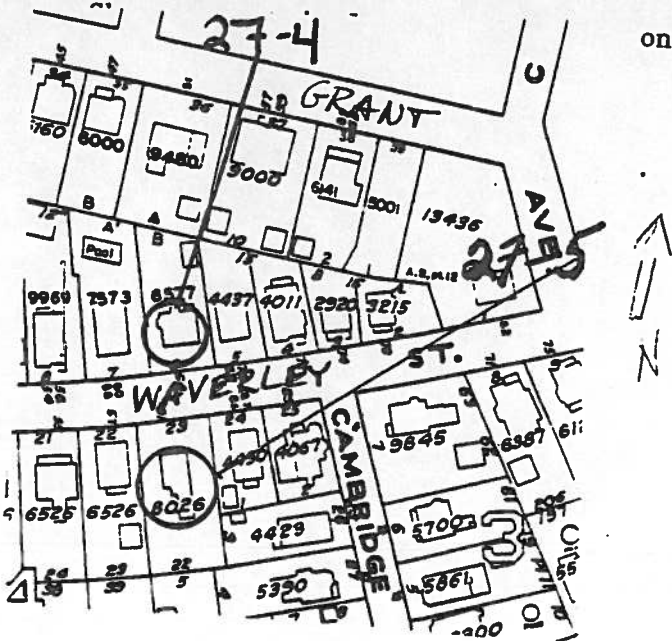
Approx. acreage less than 1 acre

Setting Waverley Street residential

connector between Belmont center and

Waverley.

SKETCH MAP



Recorded by Judy Williams

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

No. 61 Waverley Street is an intact example of a transitional Mansard/Italianate style residence of the 1870s. Its features are nearly identical to the house across the street at 64 Waverley, including paired brackets under the eaves, bracketed hood molds over door and windows, and small consoles beneath the sills. The only difference between the two houses (aside from an addition to No. 64) is the mansard on this house. It retains its patterned slate and gabled dormers with rounded window heads.

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

This structure is significant as one of the earliest houses to be constructed in the first successful subdivision of the former Waverley Land Company property. The lot for 61 Waverley Street was part of the eight-acre parcel of land acquired by D. Gilbert Dexter in 1873 for his Waverley Square residential development. The convenient location of Waverley Street, which was laid out in 1873 as a connector between the two town centers of Waverley and Belmont Center, was a significant factor in the decision to build this house c. 1874-75. It is closely related to the house directly across the street at 64 Waverley (See Inventory Form #27-4) which was also built before 1875. At this time only about 40 dwellings existed in Waverley, an area which had not yet experienced the suburban development which was still to come.

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