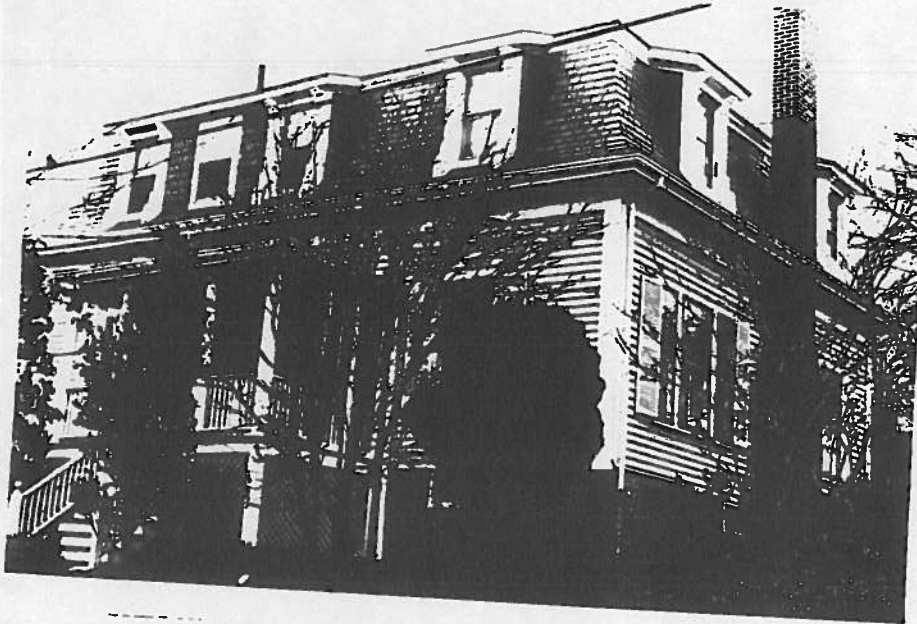


FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA F	FORM NO. 7-4
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Belmont  
63 Hurd Road  
Chenery Farmhouse

Present Single family dwelling  
Original same

DESCRIPTION:

1886  
Chenery family file--Belmont Room

Style French Second Empire

Architect

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings Garage

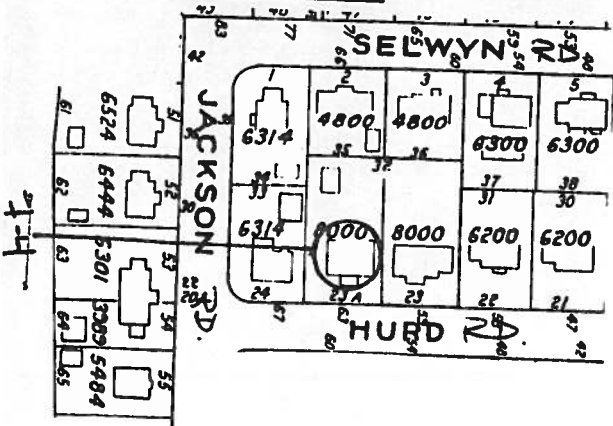
Major alterations (with dates)

Moved Yes Date 1924

Approx. acreage 8000 sq. ft.

Setting Regularly set back on a heavily planted small lot in the Jackson Estate subdivision

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.)

This small but stylish farmhouse, similar to several others found across Belmont, currently presents a fairly intact appearance despite its visually jarring rockface cinderblock foundation (an indication that it has been moved--not once but twice). Of note are its bellcast slate roof and interesting tripartite entry façade dormer. Its front door and chimney appear to be later additions.

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

This house derives its historical significance from its association with a prominent and prosperous Belmont farming family. Built in a popular style during the farmland's ownership by Charles H. Chenery, it originally stood south and west of its current location. Its move, which was followed later by a change in orientation as well, was typical of the fate of most nearby pre-1900 houses. It occurred on the occasion of the subdivision of the Jackson Estate (originally Chenery land) in 1924. Thus the farmhouse's current location is a reflection of an early 20th century land use pattern.

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