

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA <u>G2</u>	FORM NO. <u>27-7</u>
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491
AG Pl. War



Belmont

Address 64 Waverley St.

Historic Name _____

Present Residence

Original Residence

DESCRIPTION:
c.1874-75

Source Beers' Atlas Map of 1875

Style Bracketed Italianate

Architect -

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) _____

1969 addition extending northeast

section of front facade

Moved - Date -

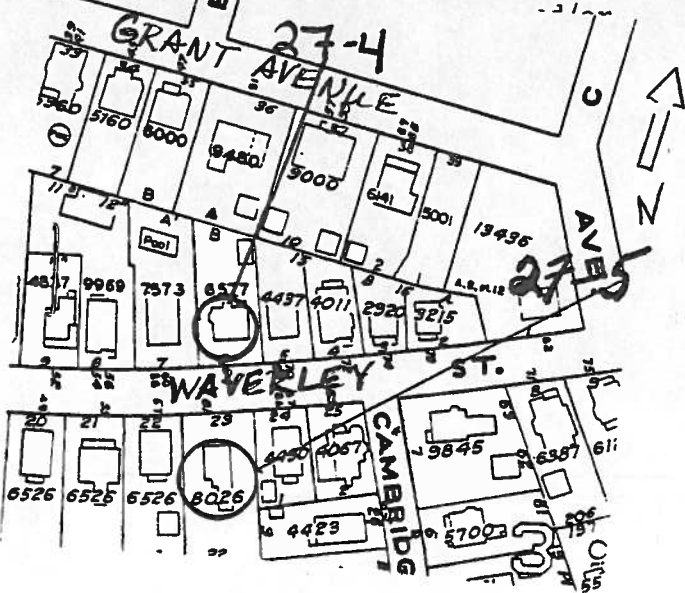
Approx. acreage -

Setting Major residential artery

connecting Belmont Center and Waverley

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation



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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.) No. 64 Waverley Street is a good example of a simplified Bracketed Italianate style house of the mid-1870's in Belmont. Originally constructed as a three-bay sidehall entry dwelling, the building was altered by a 1969 addition on the northeast side of the main facade. The addition was accomplished with sensitivity to the existing building material and style, and the original house appears to have been unaltered.

The main features of the house are the entry and window hoods on the first floor which are supported on large and decorative console brackets. Characteristic of Italianate buildings are the two-over-two window panes, the double-arched doors and the paired brackets at the cornice. The narrow cornerboards and boxed cornice help to frame the

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 in Belmont. The lot for 64 Waverley was part of the eight-acre parcel of land acquired by D. Gilbert Dexter in 1873 for his "Waverley Square" residential subdivision. 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 61 Waverley (see Inv. Form #27-5), 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.

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

Betts, Richard B., The Streets of Belmont and How They Were Named, 1974.
Beers' Map of Waverley, 1875.

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The lot for # 64 Waverley street was part of an 8 acre parcel of land sold to D. Gilbert Dexter by the Waverley Land Co in ¹⁸⁷³ ~~1873~~. Dexter used the land for a private housing development. Waverley street was laid out in 1873. The 1898 town atlas of Belmont indicates that a house ~~had~~ been built on the lot for #64 Waverley but no reference is made to the owner. The 1907 Belmont town directory however, identifies it as the house of Mr and Mrs A. Lincoln Shedd. The house was probably built between 1897-1897.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Streets of Belmont pp. 63-4
 Belmont Town Atlas 1898
 Belmont Town Directory 1907 p. 93

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: <i>Belmont</i>	Form No: <i>27-4</i>
Property Name: <i>64 Waverley St.</i>	

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

Architectural Significance:

squarish shape of the building. The original hip roof and narrow clapboarding remain in place.