

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA F2	FORM NO. 28-6
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Belmont

Address 70 Lexington Street

Historic Name

Present Residence

Original Residence

DESCRIPTION:
1888

Source Building Dept. Records

Style Shingle Style

Architect -

Exterior wall fabric Shingles

Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) -

Moved - Date -

Approx. acreage less than 1 acre

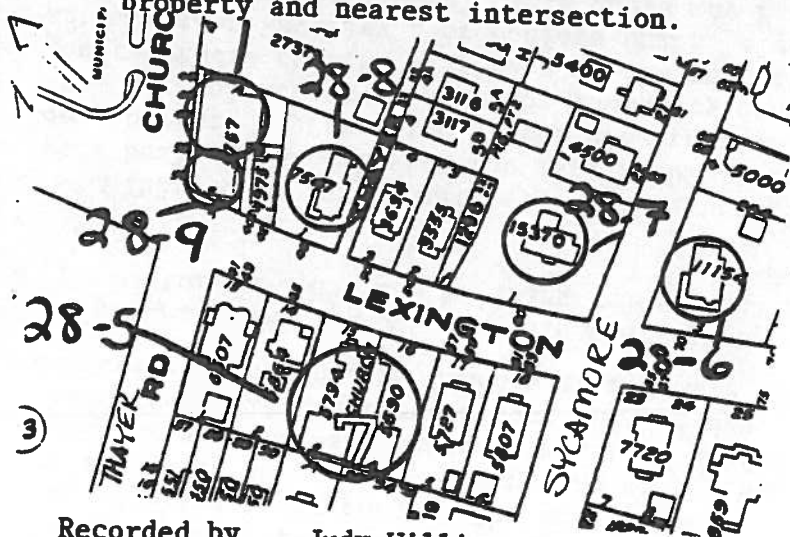
Setting Corner location on major

Waverley thoroughfare of

Lexington Street

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.



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

No. 70 Lexington is a good example of Shingle Style architecture as it appeared in middle class single-family construction in Belmont during the late 1800s. The two-bay gable-to-the-street building is distinguished by its shingled detailing and its veranda-like front porch. The entire house is shingled, with fish scale patterning in the gable and sawtooth shingling on the second story. The gable features a bracketed overhang and recessed central "monitor" window. Hallmarks of the shingle style include the curved wall treatment around this window, the shingle covered supporting brackets and the cornice that is lined with a double row of shingles. The front porch wraps

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 is an example of the central to upper middle class residences which were built in Waverley in the late 1800s as the community continued its suburban development. By the time of the construction of this house, Waverley was turning from a rural area to a distinct community center as more commercial enterprises located there to take advantage of the rail transportation. Lexington Street was an important Waverley thoroughfare which, along with White Street, received much of the area's new settlement. This house may have been built for Walter F. Beetle, who resided there at least as early as 1890. Beetle arrived in Waverley in 1885 and was actively involved in the community as one of the original incorporators of the Waverley Cooperative Bank, serving as one of its directors for many years; was treasurer of the Republican Town Committee for 25 years; and served as secretary and treasurer of the Waverley Improvement Association.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

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

Architectural Significance:

around to the north side of the house and features a hipped roof with bracketed posts and a small gable at the entry stairs. The combination of all of its parts creates a unified architectural statement at 70 Lexington.