

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Area <u>B</u>	Form no. <u>6-9</u>
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Belmont

72 Cushing Avenue

NA

Original Single family dwelling

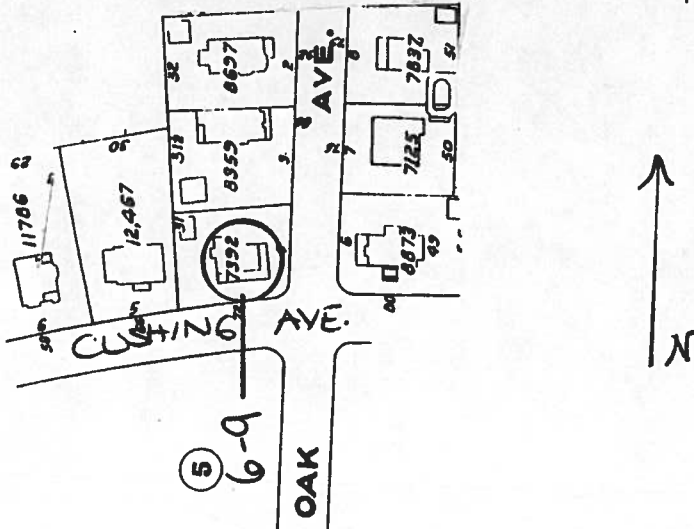
Present Same

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization
 Public

Original owner Cecilia Adams

DESCRIPTION:

cross streets and other buildings
or geographical features.
Indicate north.



Date 1912

Source Building permit

Style Bungalow

Architect Charles F. Willard

Exterior wall fabric Stucco, wood shingle

Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved No Date _____

Approx. acreage 7392 sq. ft.

Setting Behind a hedge on one of the smaller, early Payson Park lots

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Organization Boston University

Date September 1982

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

The 1912 construction date for 72 Cushing Avenue gives it significance as an extremely early Boston area example of the bungalow form. Characteristics of the style, which would later become more regularized (cf. Bellevue Road bungalow streetscape, Form D/a), seen in this 1½ story house include an incorporated, columned, full width entry porch, large central dormer, brackets, and wood (clapboard) exterior wall cladding. Half-timbering and the columns slender proportions and wide spacing are unusual. Note also the small columns used to support the dormer roof.

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

This bungalow represents one unusual choice from a wide range of style options available to builders during the height of Payson Park's streetcar-generated development. (See also 143 Pine Street, Form b-10)

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES