FORM B - BUILDING

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AREA	FORM NO.
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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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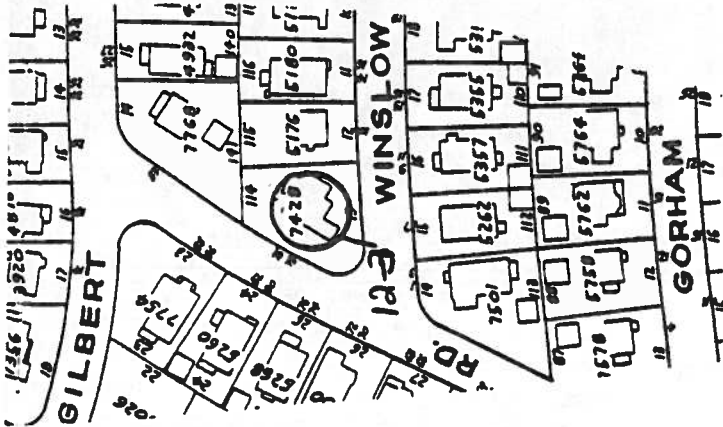
_____Belmont_____

ess___73-5 Palfrey Road_____

oric Name___NA_____

Present____two-family residence___

Original_____same_____

SCRIPTION:

_____1922_____

urce_____building department records

le_____Craftsman-derived foursquar

Architect_____None_____

Exterior wall fabric____wood shingles____

Outbuildings_____

Major alterations (with dates)_____
NA

Moved__NA_____Date_____

Approx. acreage___slightly over ½ acre__

Setting___High on corner lot in regimente

____multi-family neighborhood_____

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

The design of 73-5 Palfrey Road (BEL-82-16-23A), built by Lyman S. Baker,
was influenced by its setting, rare for a neighborhood of standardized two-family homes.
Utilizing its corner lot, the large house is a rambling version of a foursquare
Craftsman-derived house, with Colonial Revival influences, such as a columned entry
porch (with stu-by columns typically found on bungalow styles), and corner and center
pilasters. The left side porch has leaded glass panes, and is located over the motor
room and extends to the second floor. The house's large size, unusual detail, and
diagonal placement on a banked corner lot lend it an imposing status in this neighborhood
of densely packed two family houses.

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

Built simultaneously with the rest of the neighborhood, the house represents
a departure from the usual oblong box placed short end to the street, typical
of most building in Belmont at the time.

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