

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA R ²	FORM NO. 30-1
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108



town Belmont

address 86 Clark Street

historic Name Lemuel Hatch House

use: Present Single-family residence

Original Single-family residence

DESCRIPTION:

date 1863

Source Belmont Historical Society Record

Style Italianate

Architect -

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings -

Major alterations (with dates) -

porch and doorway altered c.1921

Moved - Date -

Approx. acreage less than 1 acre

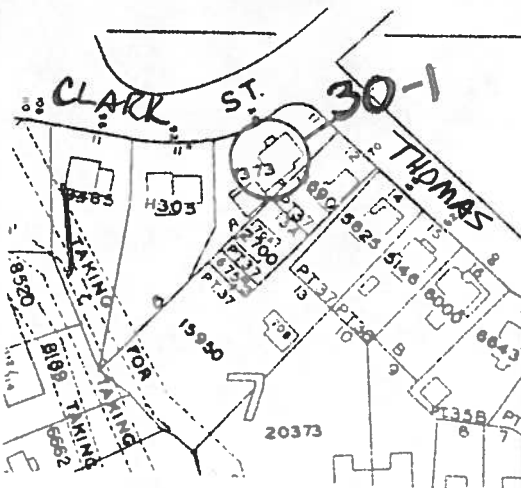
Setting Residential neighborhood of

Clark Hill.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation
to nearest cross streets and/or

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

No. 86 Clark Street is an example of a three-bay, central entrance Italianate house which was constructed by an accomplished local builder for himself and his family. Two rooms deep and with a center hall plan, the building remains in its original form with the exception of a 1920s porch alteration which replaced the original three-bay bracketed porch and the original double front door with a Colonial Revival addition. Windows are six over six with hoodmolds; the central window above the door is two-part. The house retains its original narrow clapboards, corner pilasters and boxed cornice with returns at the gable ends. A wing on the western side was

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

Lemuel Hatch was an accomplished carpenter and builder who constructed this house for his family across the road from the Widow Brown Cottage, a house which he had come to Belmont to build in 1856. Prior to this, he had established a reputation in Concord where his buildings are said to have included Grapevine Cottage, the Old Manse, Wayside Inn and the homes of Ralph Waldo Emerson and Louisa May Alcott. His contributions to Belmont were many as he built local residences and assisted with tasks in the new Town, as care taker of the Town Hall, fence viewer, and sexton of the First Congregational Church. Hatch built this house in 1863 using fine craftsmanship and design. His property also included a barn and carpenter shop, both since removed. The house remained in the Hatch family until 1921.

Relationship to National Register Criteria: The Lemuel Hatch House meets criteria B and C for listing in the National Register of Historic Places because of its associations with a prominent carpenter/builder who contributed greatly to 19th century country house construction in this part Massachusetts. The house exhibits a high level of craftsmanship because of this association with Lemuel Hatch.

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

"The Lemuel Hatch House", Belmont Citizen, May 23, 1974.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

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Property Name: Lemuel Hatch Hse.

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

Architectural Significance:

added for the kitchen. Lemuel Hatch's craftsmanship is seen in the interior in a pot-bellied newel post for the main stair.

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