

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
	54-2



Belmont
89 Fletcher Road
 Historic Name _____

Present Private residence
 Original _____

DESCRIPTION:
1935

Source Belmont Engineering Records

Style Norman Country House Revival
 Architect F. C. Alexander
 Exterior wall fabric Brick
 Outbuildings Garage

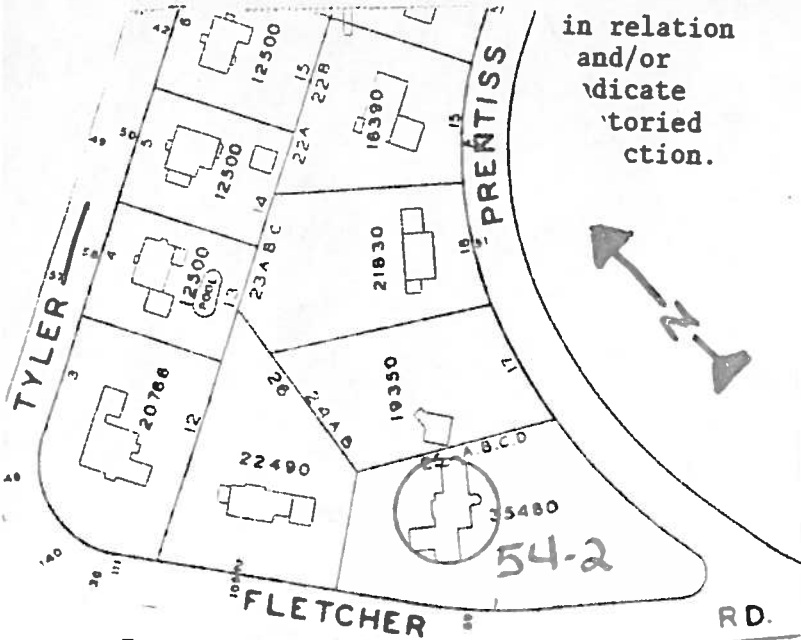
Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 1 1/3 acre

Setting Set up on a hill with the rock outcroppings used as natural landscaping - a rugged yet manor-like site.

SKETCH MAP



in relation and/or indicate historic location.

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

Architecturally #89 Fletcher Road is one of the most distinguished high-style houses on the "Hill". A large brick 2½-story Norman Country House, which is the French historical predecessor of the Anglicized version of the Cotswald Cottage. The Norman Country houses, like #89 Fletcher, have towers, steeper, more pointed roof lines which are broken by gables; intricate, bevelled, triple-stack chimneys; and arched and leaded windows. This house is distinguished not only by these distinctive characteristics, but by its site, size and landscaping. (Continued)

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

Historically in the settlement of Belmont, this was one of the sites that was developed during the second phase of the Belmont Hill Company (1925-1940). (See Belmont Hill Company Area Cover Form, Inventory # A3).

There has been no noted family or citizen important to Belmont that has lived here.

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

"Welcome to Coe Hall At Planting Fields", Pamphlet, Planting Fields Foundation, Oyster Bay, Long Island, New York.

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Continued):

This house is typical of the 1920's when the traditional Revival styles reached their height of architectural excellence - the Beaux Arts schooling provided traditionally trained architects of great skill and the Stock Market crash had not yet eliminated their clients. These houses, later built in great number on a smaller scale, were coined "Stock Broker Tudors".

A comparison with Coe Hall, designed by Walker and Gillette in 1920 on Oyster Bay, Long Island, New York, is possible. John Taylor Boyd, Jr. wrote of Coe Hall in The Architectural Record in March 1921, "as a work of art." "Its long mass lies beautifully amid the slopes of the landscape, enframed by tree tops and, in the foreground, by garden terraces and lawns."

Because #89 Fletcher Road possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association with the distinctive characteristics of the Country Norman Revival Style with high artistic values; it meets Criteria C of the National Register for Historic Places.

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