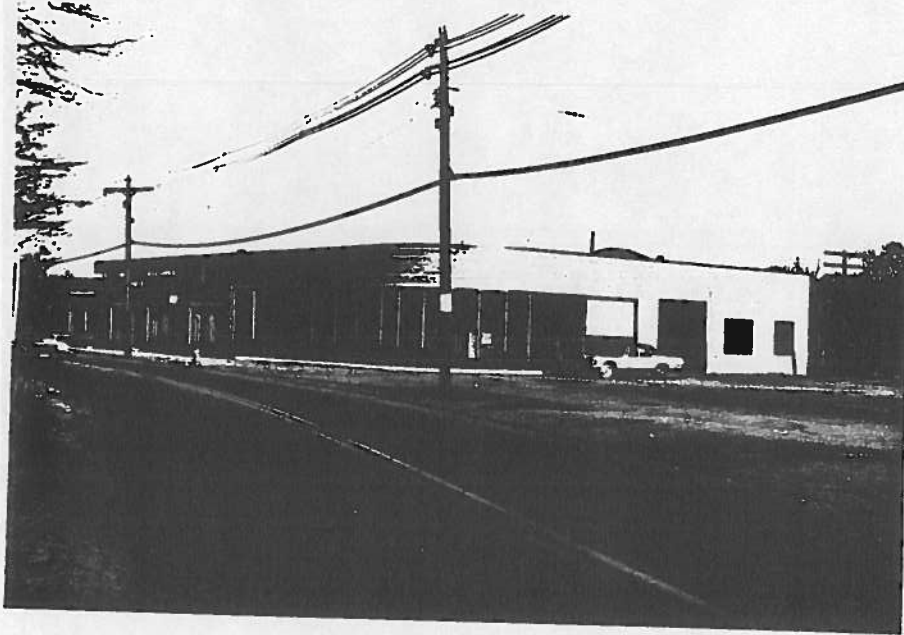


FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA <u>NONE</u>	FORM NO. <u>29-1</u>
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Belmont

Address 936-1000 Pleasant Street

Historic Name

Pleasant Street Garage

Present vacant

Original Auto showroom and repair facility

1932 - 1949

Source Building Dept. Records

Style Art Deco

Architect -

Exterior wall fabric yellow brick

Outbuildings -

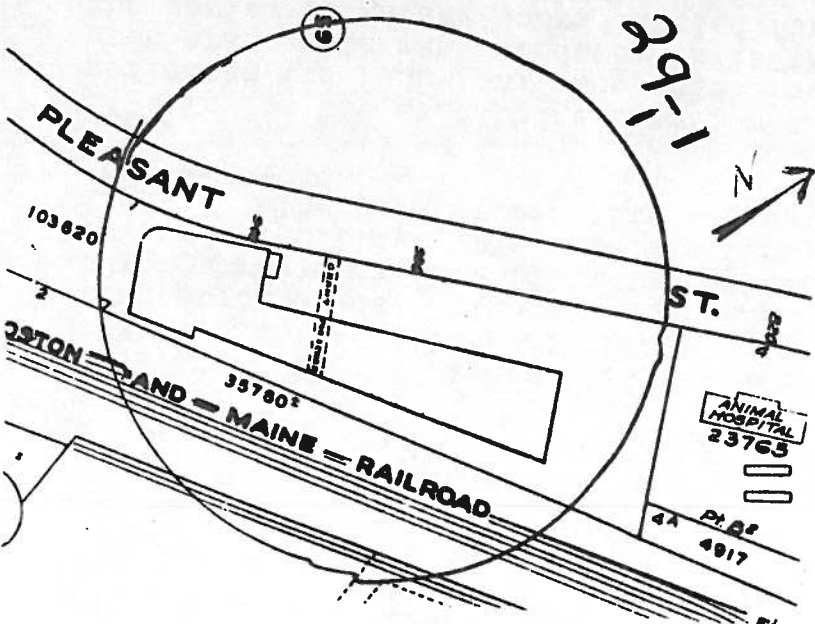
Major alterations (with dates)

Additions in 1936, 1941, 1946, 1949

Moved - Date

Approx. acreage 1 acre

Setting Pleasant Street, connector between Belmont Center and Waverley, located opposite wooded hillside



Recorded by Judy Williams

Organization Boston University

Date November, 1982

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

Apparently constructed in five stages beginning in 1932, this automobile sales and service facility is classic in its design as a showcase for cars. The entire building is rendered in orange and yellow brick, and consists of a large showroom and storage facility and a long narrow section with a series of garage doors and display windows. The building is a nice example of the Moderne style as it emerged in roadside architecture during the 1930s. Elements of this style are seen in the showroom's curved facade of glass and in the original signage above each of the garage entries. Overall, the building has been well-maintained and remains in excellent condition.

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

Known as the Pleasant Street Garage, this building aptly expresses the automobile culture of the 1930s and 1940s. Pleasant Street is a connector between Belmont Center and Waverley; it is heavily traveled, but not residential. It thus provided a perfect location for an auto-oriented facility. The site was first used for an early public garage in 1912. The current facility was built in successive stages between 1932 and 1949.

In its use as a Dodge showroom and service shop, the building reflected its function: the sales room is located at one end as a large open space with many windows, while the service portion is denoted by the series of garage doors labeled for different functions. The building is currently vacant and in need of active reuse.

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