

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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AREA <u>X2</u>	FORM NO. <u>57-1</u>
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Belmont  
97 Somerset Street  
 Historic Name Milkhouse outbuilding  
of Holiday Farm  
 Present Private residence  
 Original Milkhouse

DESCRIPTION:

c 1864

1853 - 1875 Atlas Maps

Vernacular Italianate

Wall fabric Clapboard

Roofs

Alterations (with dates) 1982 -

including additions and alterations.

Date

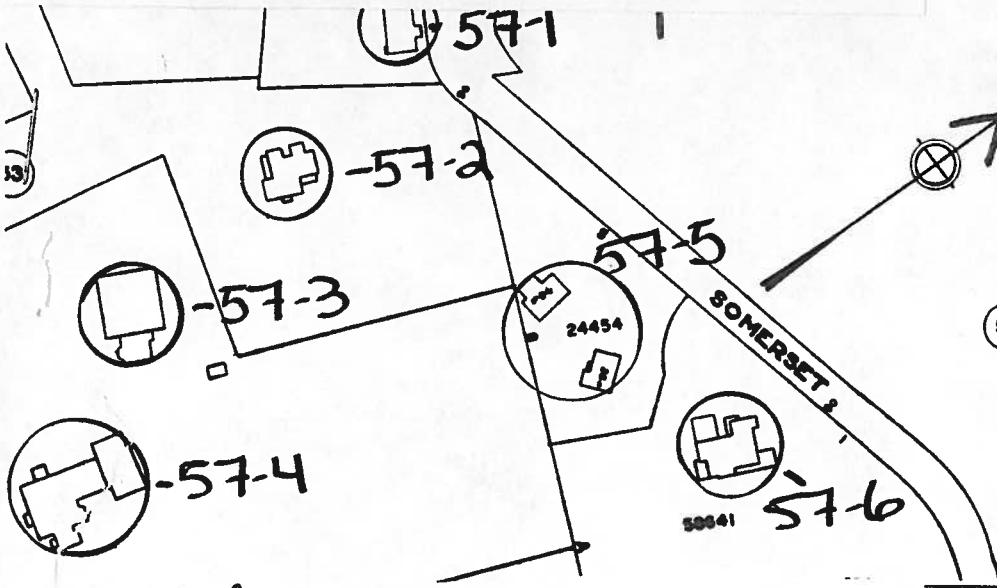
Approx. acreage 1/3 of acre present  
property.

Setting Rural and farm-like

Recorded by Kay Flynn

Organization Boston University

Date October, 1982



(Staple additional sheets here)

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

Originally the 'milkhouse' on the Holiday Farm Estate, this small functional building has been converted into a comfortable family house. The alterations and additions have been sensitive to the size of the original structure with the street facade kept basically intact.

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

The 'milkhouse' is one of a group of extant outbuildings of the Italianate villa known as "Holiday Farm". These structures provide an unusual example of vernacular architecture that was used in support buildings of a working Italianate farm/villa.

To add to its historical significance, this structure was also part of the artists' colony that developed in the late 19th century on Belmont Hill. Scott White, noted local artist, lived and worked in an earlier conversion of the milkhouse.

(See Holiday Farm Area Form Inventory # X<sup>2</sup> )

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