

FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town/City: Belmont

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):
Waverley

Photograph



Address: 33 Chandler Street

Historic Name: Fisher House

Uses: Present: single family dwelling

Original: single family dwelling

Date of Construction: ca. 1890

Source: maps

Style/Form: Queen Anne

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: fieldstone

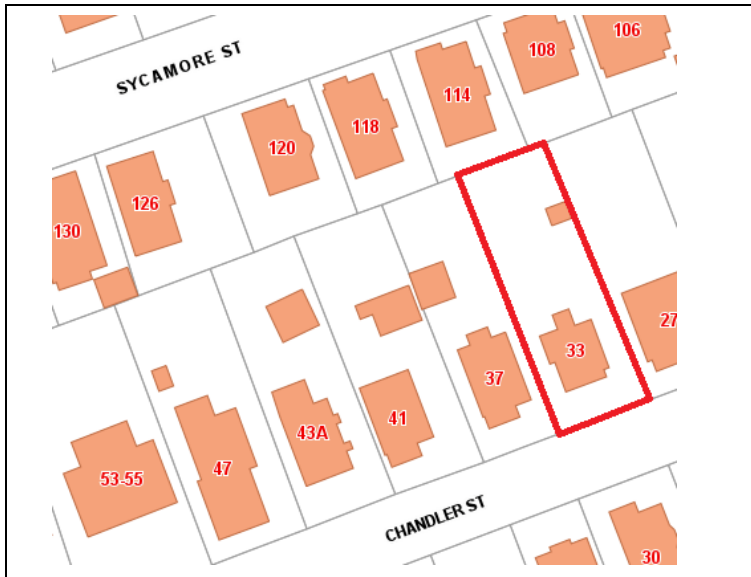
Wall/Trim: vinyl siding

Roof: asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
shed (1988)

Major Alterations (*with dates*):
date unknown – vinyl siding and new windows

Locus Map (north at top)



Condition: fair (due to siding)

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: 7,500 SF

Setting: neighborhood of late 19th and early 20th century homes on small informally landscaped lots

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Date (*month / year*): November 2015

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

BELMONT

33 CHANDLER STREET

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Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This house is one of the earlier houses on Chandler Street and dates to ca. 1890. The two-story, 2 x 2-bay dwelling is a modest example of the Queen Anne style, displaying a cross gable plan. A single-story porch spans the façade and wraps around part of the west side, terminating at the west gable. The porch has turned posts with brackets at the top. The house also retains original double wooden doors with upper glass panels displaying a Queen Anne-style border of rectangular panes. Original windows on the building have been replaced by vinyl 1/1 units and vinyl siding covers the walls. The rear porch was replaced in 2006.

The house is set back slightly on the 7,500 square foot lot screened by overgrown bushes and shrubbery.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

This small house served as rental housing for much of its existence. It sits on land that was part of a large parcel of land on the west side of Lexington Street that was laid out into lots by Otis E. Hunt and Edmund C. Cutter in 1872; this was the west half of lot 12 and included 7,500 square feet (Middlesex County Registry of Deeds Plan Book 20A, Page 6). What are now Chandler and Burnham Street are shown on the 1875 map but no houses had yet been built. (In 1888 Jacob Wilbur, a land developer, bought the lots on the north side of Chandler Street.)

By the time of the 1898 map there is a house on this site labeled "H. Fisher". No additional information was found concerning this individual. The house was rented out for some time. Frank Hancock, a plumber, was living here in 1907. George Lever, a stove metal polisher owned the house in 1910. In 1915 he applied for a building permit for a garage.

By 1920 the house was occupied by Charles Beard. He had married Alice Fisher in 1902. He worked as a milk wagon driver and they lived here with their five children. In 1939 the Beards lost the house to Wilbert Ross who held the mortgage and lived on Moraine Street. The property was owned by Wilbert Ross until 1957 when it was conveyed to Harold Wilkins. Wilkins owned it until 1982. Later owners included William and Ann Kyle (1982-1985), Patrick and Jan Kauffmann (1985 to 1991) and Richard and Cornelia Waring (1991-2011).

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