

FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town/City: Belmont

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):
Belmont Hill Park

Address: 33 Kenmore Road

Historic Name: Albert Charles Wagborne House

Uses: Present: single family dwelling

Original: single family dwelling

Date of Construction: 1936

Source: building permit

Style/Form: English Revival

Architect/Builder: Vincent E. Squiers, bldr.

Exterior Material:

Foundation: concrete

Wall/Trim: brick

Roof: slate

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

none

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

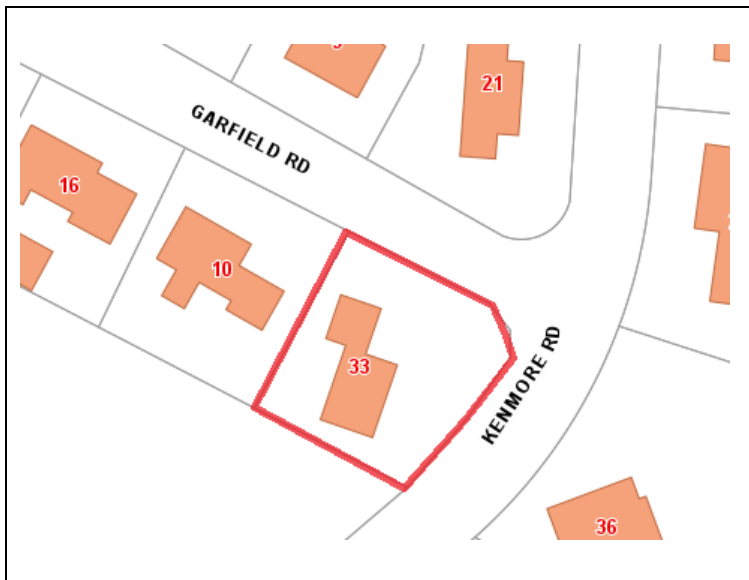
Acreage: 9,101 SF

Setting: mixed 20th century neighborhood near Rt. 2

Photograph



Locus Map (north at top)



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Organization: Belmont Historic District Commission

Date (*month / year*): Dec. 2014

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

BELMONT

33 KENMORE ROAD

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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.

Located at the corner of Kenmore and Garfield Roads, 33 Kenmore Road is an example of an English-derived suburban house of the 1930s. The 1 ½-story side-gabled dwelling has a brick exterior with gable ends sheathed in rusticated (live edge) clapboards. The main entrance is framed by quoins and is located adjacent to a steeply-pitched brick cross gable. The steeply-pitched slate roof has a tall brick chimney with decorative chimney pots rising from the south ridge and a gable dormer on the front slope. Windows include double-hung 6/6 sash, multi-light casements and diamond-paned units. A single-story porch spans the south gable end and there is a dovecote (birdhouse) at the peak of the north gable. Attached to the north end of the house is an offset two-car garage which is original and sheathed in live-edge siding with an asymmetrical gable end with attached shed facing Garfield Road. The landscaped front yard has a stockade fence along Garfield Road.

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.

What is now Kenmore Road was originally located within the former J. Henry Fletcher property which spanned between Pleasant Street and Prospect Street. In 1933 Kenmore and Garfield Road were laid out by Ernest J. Corrigan as part of a residential development which he called Belmont Hill Park. In 1936 Vincent E. Squiers, a builder from Newton Highlands was granted a building permit for this house. The original owner appears to have been Albert Charles Waghorne who was living here by 1939. Waghorne was a contractor and lived here with his wife Louise and daughter Ann. The Waghornes were still living here in 1955. William and Judith Jamieson purchased the house in 1977 and still live here today.

The builder, Vincent E. Squiers (1891-1971) was born in Guilford, Vermont and grew up in the Brockton area. He lived in Newton Highlands for many years. The MACRIS database includes a number of houses he built in Newton in the 1920s and 1930s (see NWT.4179, 5180, 5181, 5660, 5699, NWT.DD) as well as two in Quincy (QUI.9 and QUI.512) constructed in 1933. The diversity of his portfolio suggests the likely use of architect-designed plans for small suburban homes published in periodicals and books during this period.

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