

FORM B – BUILDING

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

48-28

Boston
North

BLM.808

Town/City: Belmont

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

Address: 200 Prospect Street

Historic Name: Henry Perry House

Uses: Present: single family dwelling

Original: single family dwelling

Date of Construction: ca. 1915

Source: directories, building permits

Style/Form: Craftsman Colonial

Architect/Builder: Bellows & Aldrich (1922 &
maybe original?)

Exterior Material:

Foundation: not visible

Wall/Trim: stucco/wood

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

none

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

1922- addition, glazing second story piazza, converting
one car garage to two

1955 – wood roof shingles replaced by asphalt

Condition: good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: 22,478 SF

Setting: large landscaped lot screened from street

Photograph



Locus Map (north at top)



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Date (*month / year*): Nov. 2016

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BELMONT

200 PROSPECT 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.

The house at 200 Prospect Street is a stately Craftsman Colonial dwelling constructed ca.1915. The 2 ½-story side gabled dwelling is oriented with its end to the street and its five bay façade oriented south and facing the backyard. The building has a stuccoed exterior with Colonial-inspired details including the segmental door surround on the façade. The varied windows include multi-light casements, a single-story projecting bay adjacent to the entrance and double-hung units used individually and in sets of three. There is a glazed, two-story sunporch attached to the west end of the house and a wing to the east. A rear entrance is located within a pedimented, glazed vestibule. The garage is located near the street and consists of two bays – one in the original gablefront section and another in the adjacent wing added in 1922.

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.

There does not appear to be an original building permit for this house in the local building records. Directories indicate that Henry Perry was living here in 1918. Perry was a bond salesman and lived with his wife Edith, children and several servants. In 1922 Perry applied for a building permit to make various alterations to the house including an addition to the dining room, converting the single car garage to a two-car garage and glazing-in a second story piazza. The architects for the project were Bellows & Aldrich of Boston who were also likely the original architects. Robert Bellows and William T. Aldrich formed an architectural partnership from about 1911 to 1924, after which time they both practiced individually.

By 1929 Frederick Bacon was living here. He worked in the furniture industry. Justin Dempsey purchased the property prior to 1939. At the time of the 1940 Census Dempsey lived here with his wife Alison and their three children. He worked as a Vice president for the James Hanley Co., a liquor company, in Providence. The Dempsey family was still living here in 1955 at which time the wood shingles on the roof were replaced with asphalt shingles.

Richard and Ann Omohundro owned the house from 1984 to 2012 when it was sold to Amitabh Chandra and Anja Liisa Saloranta.

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