

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

Address: 206 Prospect Street

Historic Name: George A. Prentiss House

Uses: Present: single family dwelling

Original: single family dwelling

Date of Construction: 1881

Source: deeds

Style/Form: Italianate

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: brick

Wall/Trim: wood clapboards

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

garage (1918/1935)

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

1993 – former rear add. demolished, replaced with two new rear additions

2008 – front porch replaced

Condition: good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

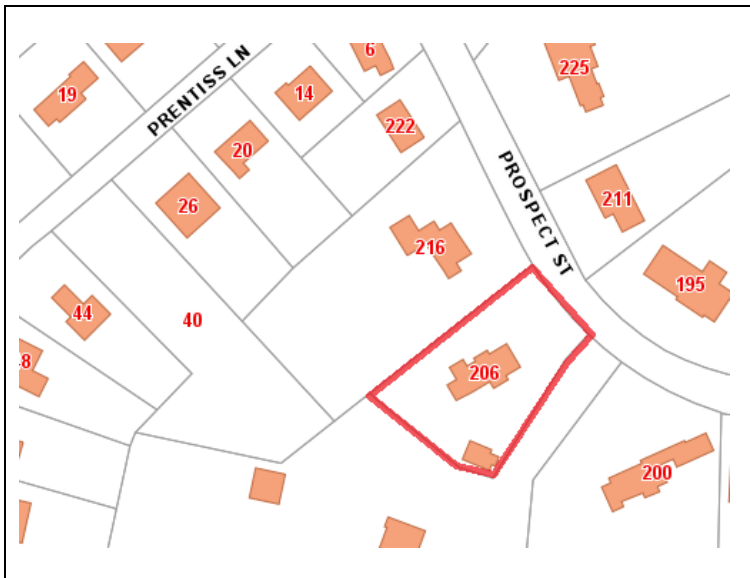
Acreage: 76,789 SF

Setting: set on low knoll on informally landscaped lot

Photograph



Locus Map (north at top)



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Date (*month / year*): July 2014

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

BELMONT

206 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.

Constructed in 1881, 206 Prospect Street is an example of the vernacular Italianate style. The 2 ½-story dwelling presents a three-bay gablefront to the street, outlined by wide, paneled cornerboards, with a plain frieze and overhanging eaves that end in returns. Two corbel cap brick chimneys rise from the ridge. A single-story, two bay porch (rebuilt in 2000) spans the façade, supported by square posts with entablature caps. The sidehall entrance contains double doors and the windows consist primarily of double-hung 2/2 sash set into molded surrounds. A single-story, three-sided bay window fronts the south cross gable which also has projecting eaves with returns. In 1993 the previous wing was removed and replaced by two new 2 ½-story gable-roofed additions which are sympathetic to the original house and incorporate details such as paneled cornerboards.

To the south of the house is a wood-frame gablefront garage originally constructed in 1918 for one car and expanded in 1935 to its present two-car configuration.

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 was the home of George A. Prentiss (1848-1942) who was the son of George and Mary Prentiss who lived next door at 216 Prospect Street. George A. Prentiss acquired the land from his father and the house was built in anticipation of his wedding to Anna Humphrey which occurred on October 27, 1881. Like his father, George A. Prentiss was a farmer. He and his wife raised three children here – Eleanor, John Herbert and Joseph. George Prentiss became one of the trustees of the Belmont Hill Company in 1925 and part of his land was subdivided for new homes. George Prentiss continued to live at 206 Prospect until his death in 1942. J. Herbert Prentiss who worked as an electrician continued to own and occupy the house until his own death in 1959. The house was owned by William and Mary Burchard from 1959 to 1986 when it was purchased by Gary and Barbara Fauth (Book 17454, Page 28). It is still owned by the Fauths today.

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