

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*):
Waverley

Address: 17 Slade Street

Historic Name: John Daly House

Uses: Present: single family dwelling

Original: single family dwelling

Date of Construction: early 19th century

Source: visual inspection

Style/Form: Federal-Greek Revival (alt.)

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: fieldstone

Wall/Trim: wood shingles

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

none

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

1921 – garage constructed under piazza

2004 – replace rotted sun porch

Condition: good

Moved: no yes **Date:** ca. 1920

Acreage: 4,948 SF

Setting: mixed twentieth century neighborhood of houses on small lots

Photograph



Locus Map



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Date (*month / year*): September 2014

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

BELMONT

17 SLADE 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 age of this house is not known although it likely dates to the early 19th century. It appears to have the form of an older 2 ½-story, 5 x 1-bay “I-house” with early 20th century renovations including a lower level garage. The house rests on a fieldstone foundation and its massing and detailing differs from the other 1920s houses on the street. The wood-shingled dwelling is oriented with its pent gable end to the street and its entrance centered on the south façade. The six-panel door is capped by transom lights. Windows are a mix of 6/6, 8/12, and 12/12 sash. A raised single-story porch fronts part of the south façade and the west end and the west section is enclosed. Supporting the porch roof are Doric columns interspersed by a stick balustrade. A single-car garage is located under the porch, facing the street.

Additional research including interior inspection would be helpful in ascertaining the date of construction of this house.

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.

The early history of this house is not known although it appears to date to the early 19th century. There was no building on the site at the time of the 1898; it was moved here ca. 1920. It originally stood on part of the John C. Palfrey estate; his house stood on the site of the present Methodist Church at 421 Common Street. After he died in 1906, Palfrey's widow sold the land and it was subdivided by the Edward C. Harrington Company into house lots.

The earliest known owner of 17 Slade Street was John J. Daly, an Irish-born laborer who lived here with his wife Annie. At the time of the 1920 Census the Dalys were living in a rental house at 214 Waverly Street. The first listing for them at this address appears in the 1925 directory. The house was sold by John J. Daly's estate to Edward and Katherine O'Mara in 1928 (Book 5255, Page 405). Edward O'Mara worked as a probation officer. The house was sold by Katherine O'Mara in 1981 (Book 14396, Page 159). The house was purchased by Candace Jenkins in 1983 and is still owned by her estate today.

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