

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

Photograph



Address: 1 Tyler Road

Historic Name: Morris E. Knight House

Uses: Present: single family dwelling

Original: single family dwelling

Date of Construction: 1925

Source: building permit

Style/Form: Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder: Frank F. Kendall, architect

Exterior Material:

Foundation: stone, concrete

Wall/Trim: wood shingles

Roof: wood shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
garage (1977)

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: 22,580 SF

Setting: neighborhood of early 20th century architect-designed residences on generous lots

Locus Map



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Organization: Belmont Historic District Commission

Date (*month / year*): November 2014

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

BELMONT

1 TYLER 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 northwest corner of Prospect Street and Tyler Road, 1 Tyler Road is a Colonial Revival dwelling constructed in 1925 and based loosely on First Period building forms. The L-shaped dwelling is clad entirely in wood shingles above a stone faced concrete foundation. It consists of a central two-story section with an asymmetrical "saltbox" gable with a Cape Cod wing to the north and a rear wing extending to the southwest. There are several fieldstone chimneys and small hip dormers emerge from the wood-shingled Cape Cod wing. Colonial features include a pendant at the overhang of the roof, simple vertical board doors with large iron strap hinges and multi-light casement windows.

The house is set above the street level with fieldstone walls along Tyler Road and stockade fences with stone posts along Prospect. The driveway is lined by low stone walls and terminates at a two-car garage which is built into the hillside and has an earthen top. The current garage was constructed in 1977 and replaces an earlier smaller concrete block garage dating to 1948.

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 house at 1 Tyler Road is located within the second phase of development of the Belmont Hill Company. In 1918 Henry O. Underwood formed the Company with other prominent local residents. They bought land on Belmont Hill with a goal of developing it slowly, in the way they thought was in the best interest of the town. In April 1925 a second area was developed when Company trustees George Prentiss and Arthur Fletcher laid out the J.Varnum Fletcher property on Clinton Street and parts of the George Prentiss and George Lawrence properties off of Prospect Street. Buildings were constructed in the 1920s and 1930s.

Town Building Department records indicate that in 1925 M.E. Knight of 409 Pleasant Street was given a building permit for this dwelling. The house was designed by architect Frank F. Kendall who lived at 467 Pleasant Street and the builder was William H. Iliffe of Watertown. Morris Knight was an investment advisor and lived here with his wife Gertrude. No additional information was found concerning the architect, Frank F. Kendall.

By 1934 the house was occupied by Arthur Bickford, a Boston attorney, and his wife Grace. Lewis Moore Jr. owned the house in 1939 and according to the 1940 Census was a stove manufacturer. By 1944 J. Gordon Scott, a salesman, was living here with his wife Beatrice. The Scotts were still here in 1955. John and Janet Starr owned the house from 1957 to 1972. Later owners included Richard and Stephanie Cardullo (1972-1976); Allen and E. Anne Hatheway (1976-1981) and Edith Holway (1981-2009). Kyle and Nicole Brookshire purchased the house in 2009.

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