FORM B – BUILDING

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

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Town/City: Belmont

Place: (*neighborhood or village*): Waverley Square

Address: 69 Waverley Street

Historic Name:

Uses: Present: two family dwelling

Original: single family dwelling

Date of Construction: ca. 1890

Source: maps

Style/Form: Queen Anne

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: brick

Wall/Trim: wood clapboards, wood shingles

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: garage (1940)

Major Alterations (with dates):

1945 – asbestos and asphalt siding
1984 – asphalt and asbestos siding removed to expose clapboards
1993- porch rebuilt and expanded
Condition: good

Moved: no 🛛 yes 🗌 Date:

Acreage: 4,067 SF

Setting: Residential connector street between Belmont Center and Waverley, corner lot

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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 southwest corner of Waverley Street and Cambridge Street, 69 Waverley Street is a well-preserved example of the Queen Anne style. Typical of the style, it blends wood clapboards with decorative wood shingles including scalloped, sawtooth and angled designs and a profusion of other millwork including a decorative belt course between the stories, matching raking trim and porch trim and brackets, trusses and spindlework in the various gables. The 2 ½-story gablefront dwelling achieves an irregular silhouette which is characteristic of the Queen Anne through the placement of a circular tower with conical roof at the northeast corner, a projecting cross gable with clipped corners on the east elevation and a projecting gable above the front porch. The front porch with its turned posts was rebuilt in 1993 and expanded along the west side of the house. Windows include double-hung 2/1 sash and a number of fixed Queen Anne style sash with small colored panes of glass around central square panes.

To the southwest of the house there is a single-story concrete block garage building that was constructed in 1940.

The house at 69 Waverley Street is a notable example of the Queen Anne style in the Waverley area due to its high level of integrity.

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.

Waverley Street was laid out between Waverley and Belmont Centers in 1873 but this lot remained unbuilt for almost another twenty years. This house stands on land that was owned by A.Y. Cochran and W.H. Sherborn in the late 19th century and was laid out into lots in 1891 (this was Lot 2). There was a house on the lot at the time of the 1898 Stadley map but an owner is not specified. Joseph Quincy was living here in 1907. The property was purchased by John and Grace Miller prior to 1910. John F. Miller was born in Canada and immigrated to this country in 1892. He worked as a drugs clerk. In 1910 the couple was living here with their son and two male lodgers, both of whom were salesmen. The house was sold by John Miller's estate to Charles and Mary Elder in 1928 for \$6,500 (Book 5263, Page 378). Charles Elder was a Captain in the fire department. In 1930 the couple was living here with their two daughters and son. In 1954 the property was conveyed to one of the daughters, Geneva, and her husband Carlton Miller. The Millers owned the house until 1977 (Book 13260, Page 581). Charles Carter was the owner in 1984. The house was sold by Charles Carter and Mary Houston to Scott Palmer in 1988. It is still owned by Scott and Diane Palmer today.

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