

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA Q ²	FORM NO. 17-2
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Belmont

Address 209 Common Street

Historic Name Giles House

Present residence

Original residence

DESCRIPTION:

1922

Source Building Department Records

Style Federal Revival

Architect Little and Russell, Architects

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings garage, grape arbor

Major alterations (with dates) -

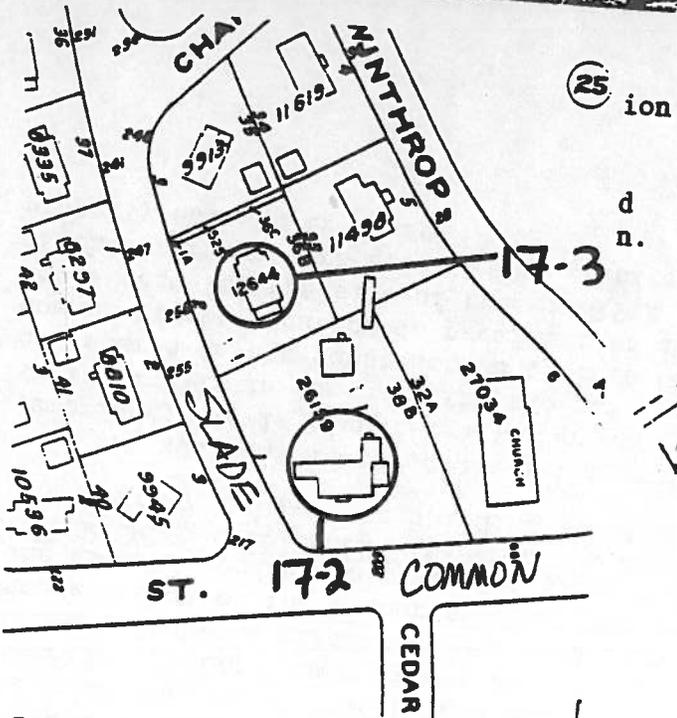
Moved - Date -

Approx. acreage less than 1 acre

Setting large fenced and landscaped

lot on Common Street corner of Slade

Street.



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Organization Boston University

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

The Giles house is a representation of early 20th century domestic Colonial Revival architecture as seen throughout Boston's suburbs. Designed by the architectural firm of Little and Russell in 1922, the house is a three-bay Federal Revival with central fan-lit entry and brick end wall chimneys. The house occupies a corner location facing Common Street at the approximate location of the mid-19th century Chenery-Lockwood residence (see Area Form # O). Granite gateposts and stone walls are evidence of the former estate. The property includes two wings (one gable and one gambrel-roofed), a three-bay garage and a grape arbor.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

No. 209 Common Street was built in 1922 for George A. Giles, ~~was moved from~~ Cambridge. It is significant as an upper middle class Belmont residence which is stylistically in concert with the suburban Colonial Revival movement. Expense was not spared in the construction of this house, which cost \$22,000 to build. The Common Street location is prominent as a major Belmont artery and also because this house occupies the site of the mid-19th century estate of Winthrop Chenery. Remnants of this heritage are seen in the granite gateposts and stone walls which bound the property and set it apart.

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