

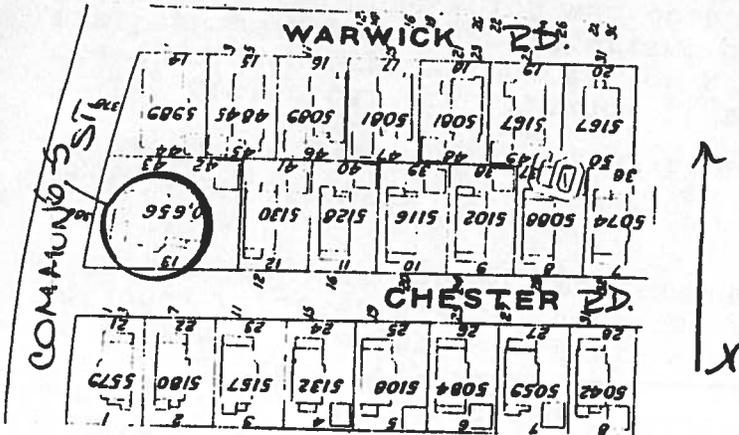
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s 386 Common Street
 ic Name Whitney Mansion
 riginal Single family dwelling
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 ship: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Edward C. and Carol A.R. Whitney

SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1856
 Source R. Betts book (see bibliography)
 Style Gothic Revival
 Architect _____
 Exterior wall fabric now vinyl or aluminum siding
 Outbuildings Garage
 Major alterations (with dates) _____
 Moved Yes (from #16-24 Date 1916 Chester Road)
 Approx. acreage 10,656 sq. ft.

Recorded by Marcia M. Cini
 Organization Boston University
 Date September 1982

Setting Set on stone walled embankment on large corner Common Street lot on
which lack of attention has allowed consciously chosen specimen plantings to become unruly

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community) has been

The Whitney Mansion's architectural significance is greatly compromised by the application of inappropriate exterior cladding material. However, it still retains most of its important Gothic Revival trim elements (kingposts at gable peaks, heavy window hoods, labels, entry porch, etc.), its picturesque massing, and its slate roof. Because this house is a very fully articulated expression of a style uncommon in Belmont, it might well merit a higher level of recognition (possibly National Register status) were the recent siding to be removed and found not to have caused important damage to the building.

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

The historical significance of the Whitney Mansion, which predates the town's incorporation, as the home of a prosperous local family has been lessened to an important degree by its removal from its original location. The move, which was occasioned by the subdivision of the 21 acre surrounding property then known as the Poole Estate in 1916, was typical of the fate of most nearby pre-1900 houses. Thus the mansion's current location is a reflection of an early 20th century land use pattern.

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