

# FORM B – BUILDING

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

**Town/City:** Belmont

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*):  
Belmont Park

## Photograph



**Address:** 12 Goden Street

**Historic Name:** Graham-Floyd House

**Uses:** Present: single family dwelling

Original: single family dwelling

**Date of Construction:** 1895

**Source:** deeds

**Style/Form:** Colonial Revival

**Architect/Builder:** Murdock S. Monroe, carpenter

### Exterior Material:

Foundation: stone

Wall/Trim: wood clapboard

Roof: asphalt shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**  
garage (1930)

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):

**Condition:** good

**Moved:** no  yes  **Date:**

**Acreage:** 8,050 SF

**Setting:** neighborhood of late 19<sup>th</sup> century dwellings on well-landscaped streets.

## Locus Map



**Recorded by:** Lisa Mausolf

**Organization:** Belmont Historic District Commission

**Date** (*month / year*): December 2014

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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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 2 ½-story, 3 x 2-bay house at 12 Goden Street is a well-preserved late 19<sup>th</sup> century Colonial Revival style dwelling. Capped by a steeply pitched hip roof, the house displays a variety of details including pedimented dormers, second story oriel windows on the façade and bay windows on the lesser elevations that would never appear on a later, more historically accurate version of the style but reflect the period of construction. The center entrance is sheltered by a deep entry porch sheltered by a flat roof with balustrade and supported by two sets of three Doric columns. On either side of the porch there is an open deck enclosed by an urned balustrade with a matching balustrade on the porch roof as well. Centered above the entrance there is a Palladian window; remaining windows primarily consist of double-hung 2/2 sash with entablature lintels above the first floor openings. Dentilwork decorates the eaves as well as the window lintels.

The small level lot has a row of shrubbery along the sidewalk and a driveway extends along the north side of the house, terminating at a small hip-roofed garage which was constructed between 1931 and 1949.

## 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.*

This house was part of the Belmont Park subdivision laid out by William W. Lowe in 1894. Located off Concord Avenue, Belmont Park was an early speculative development of single family housing in Belmont (MCRD Plan Book 87, Plan 7). Advertisements touted the development of “moderately-priced suburban homes”. Located a little more than a quarter mile from the depot and six miles from Boston, the neighborhood quickly became popular with affluent Boston commuters and all of the lots had been developed by the time of the 1898 map.

Deeds indicate that on April 25, 1895 William Lowe sold Lot 29 containing 8,050 SF to Murdock S. Monroe of Jamaica Plain (MCRD Book 2360, Page 502). Monroe was a carpenter and built the present house, selling it to Susanna Graham, wife of Matthew, on June 17, 1896 (Book 2474, Page 170). On June 27, 1896 the *Belmont Bulletin* reported that “Murdock Monroe has sold a 10 room Colonial with 8,050 Square feet on Goden Street to Mrs. Floyd who buys it for occupancy”. Mrs. Floyd was the former Josephine Graham and had married Benjamin Floyd in 1886. The 1898 map shows the house in place, owned by Graham. In 1900 the U.S. Census shows the occupants to be Benjamin Floyd, a 44 year old salesman, his wife Josephine, their daughter Gladys, Josephine’s mother, Susanna Graham, a widow, and a servant. The Floyds lived here until about 1910.

The property was owned by Thomas N. Cook of Watertown from about 1915 to 1923 and probably rented out. It was sold again, to Alice Twigg, wife of Thomas, in 1924. (Building Department records indicate that prior to Mrs. Twigg, the property was owned by Elmer Fletcher.) The family including children Cora, James and John, moved here from Somerville. A garage was added in 1930, designed and built by James Twigg. Members of the Twigg family continued to own the house until 1992. It was owned by Derrick and Francesca Te Paske from 1995 to 2005. The present owners, Adam and Kimberly Dash, purchased the house in 2006.

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