

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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INDIVIDUAL & AREA FORM SHEET

Preservation Consultant: LIZ HENGEN Date: 12/3/02

Contracting Engineering Firm/Address: Rizzo Assoc., 889 Elm St.,
Manchester 03101

Project Name: Belmont Rt 140 Bypass Study State No. 12792
Federal No. _____

Are there additional forms to submit for this project: Yes ✓ No _____

Note the purpose of the transportation project and the project location (provided in the letter of introduction):

Study road improvements or bypass for
Rt 140 through Belmont

List forms submitted in this transmittal by name of property or area and form type. For individual and district area forms also indicate recommended eligibility:

Name of property Inv.#			Type of Form	w/in HD / Indiv. Recommended Eligibility		NHDHR Determination**
141 Main St.	60		Inv. - front	C	NO	
139 " "	61		" "	C	NO	
135-37 " "	62		" - front	C	NO	
133 " "	63		" - full	C	NO	
131 " "	64		" - front	NC	NO	
138 " "	65		" - full	C	NO	
11 Depot	66		" - front	C	NO	
134 Main	67		" - full	C	NO	
128 " "	68		" - "	C	NO	
129 " "	69		" - "	C	Yes	

District Area Form - Name	No. of Properties Contributing	No. of Properties Noncontributing

Please enclose this transmittal sheet with each copy of the submittal plus an additional transmittal sheet.

**NHDOT will complete this column after the DOE meeting.

INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: BEL0060

Name, Location, Ownership

1. Historic name: -
2. District or area: G
3. Street and number: 141 Main Street
4. City or town: Belmont
5. County: Belknap
6. Current owner: Twin Rivers Community Corporation

Function or Use

7. Current use(s): retail & housing
8. Historic use(s): retail & housing

Architectural Information

9. Style: -
10. Architect/builder: Unknown
11. Source: _____
12. Construction date: ca. 1895
13. Source: visual analysis: hist. maps
14. Alterations, with dates: siding, left storefront, sash, doors, facade steps (post-1955)
15. Moved? no ☒ yes ☐ date: _____

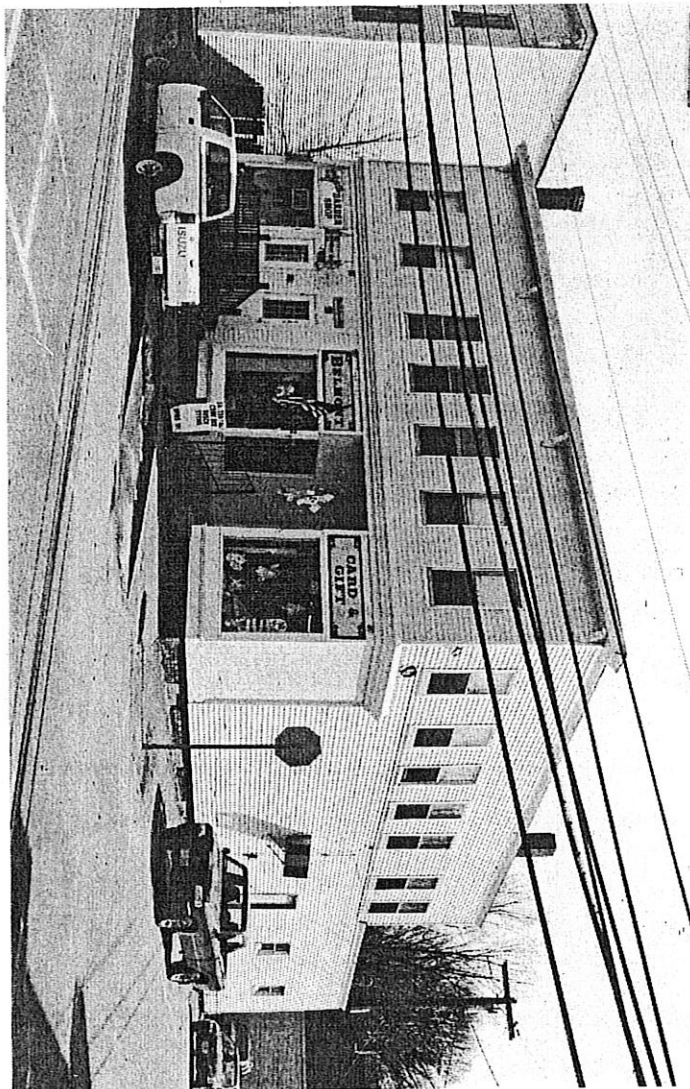
Exterior Features

16. Foundation: brick
17. Cladding: vinyl
18. Roof material: unknown
19. Chimney material: brick
20. Type of roof: flat
21. Chimney location: rear
22. Number of stories: 2½
23. Entry location: various
24. Windows: 1/1

Replacement? no ☒ yes ☒ date: post-1950

Site Features

25. Setting: center of mill village
26. Outbuildings: none
27. Landscape features: none
28. Acreage: .13 acres



Description

35. Photo #1
36. Date April 2002
37. Roll #1 Frame #4 Direction: NE
38. Negative stored at: NHDHR

29. Tax map/parcel: 122/133
30. UTM reference: 19.299120/4812800
31. USGS quadrangle and scale: Belmont, 1:24000

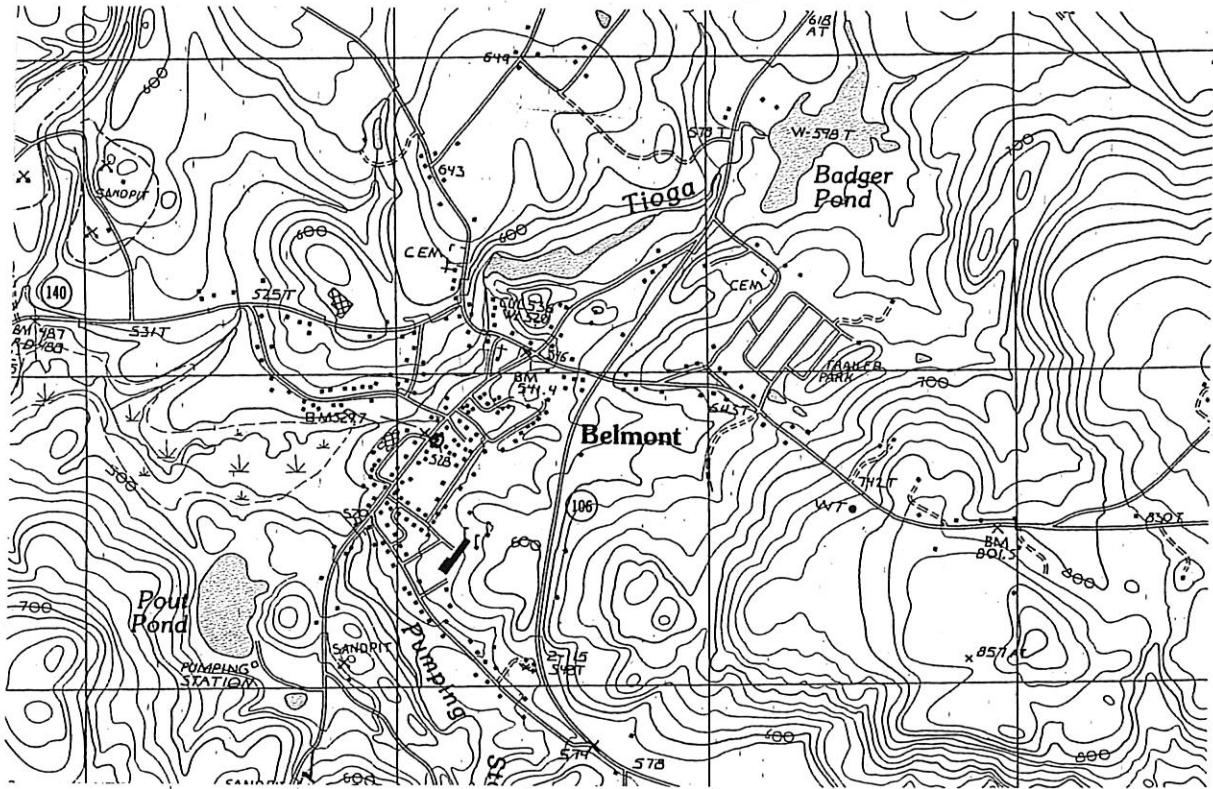
Form prepared by

32. Name: Elizabeth Durfee Hengen
33. Organization: Preservation Consultant
34. Date of survey: Spring 2002

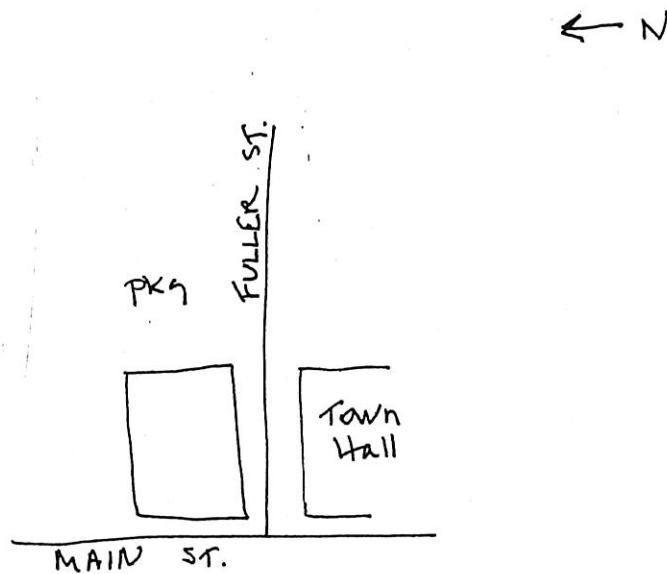
INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: BEL0060

39. LOCATION MAP:



40. PROPERTY MAP:



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Statement of Integrity

This property retains integrity of location, design, setting, workmanship, feeling and association. The storefront has been modified somewhat by the loss (or covering) of transom windows and alterations to the upper story entrance, but not sufficiently to affect the building's overall integrity of design. The building's integrity of materials has been compromised by synthetic siding and replacement sash.

The property retains sufficient integrity to be a contributing resource within Area G.

Historical Background

This was built by William Barrett and was the last of three commercial blocks erected during the 1890s, a boom decade within the village created by the railroad's arrival in 1889. Barrett moved an earlier dwelling from this site in order to erect this block. In 1898, a barber occupied the north storefront and a stove and tinware shop the south. By 1904, a grocery store had moved into the southern bay. For much of the twentieth century, it housed a drug store. The one-story rear extension is original to the building.

[Sanborn maps; Rhodes: *Reminiscences of a New Hampshire Town, The Belmont Centennial, 1869-1969*, p. 33-4]

Surveyor's Evaluation

NR listed: individual ☐
within district ☐

Integrity: yes ☒
no ☐

NR eligible: ☐
individual ☐
within district ☒
not eligible ☐
more info needed ☐

NR Criteria: A ☒
B ☐
C ☐
D ☐
E ☐

INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: BEL0060

View of 141 Main Street
Photographed ca. 1900
Collection of Everett Weeks, Jr.



INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: BEL0060

View of east side of Main Street, looking north, showing 141 Main Street at far right

Photographed 1950s

Collection of Wallace P. Rhodes



INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: BEL0060

Address: 141 Main St., Belmont Date taken: April 2002 Negative stored at: NHDHR



Photo 2 description: Detail of right storefront

Roll: 1 Frame: 5 Direction: E



Photo 3 description: South elevation

Roll: 1 Frame: 8 Direction: NW

INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: BEL 0061

Name, Location, Ownership

1. Historic name: Johnson Block
2. District or area: G
3. Street and number: 139 Main Street
4. City or town: Belmont
5. County: Belknap
6. Current owner: Lawrence & Stephen Wiley

Function or Use

7. Current use(s): retail & housing
8. Historic use(s): retail & housing

Architectural Information

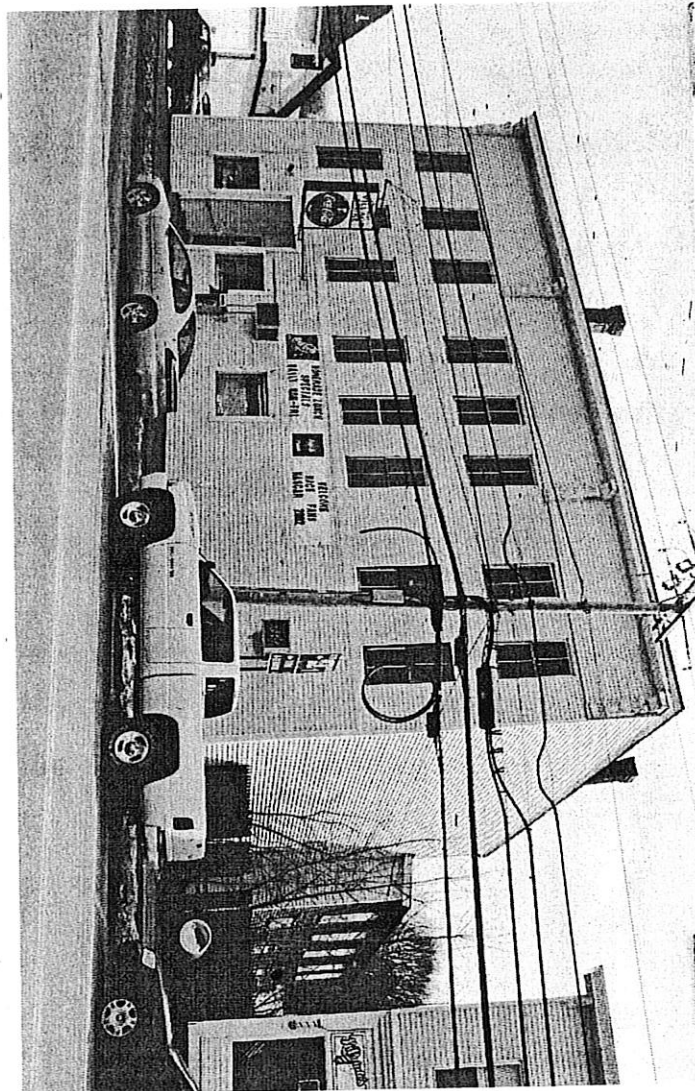
9. Style: -
10. Architect/builder: Unknown
11. Source: _____
12. Construction date: 1891
13. Source: visual analysis; hist. maps
14. Alterations, with dates: siding, storefronts, entrance on no. (post-1955)
15. Moved? no ☒ yes ☐ date: _____

Exterior Features

16. Foundation: brick & stone
17. Cladding: vinyl, clapboard, T 1-11
18. Roof material: unknown
19. Chimney material: brick
20. Type of roof: shed
21. Chimney location: near eaves
22. Number of stories: 3
23. Entry location: various
24. Windows: 2/2
Replacement? no ☒ yes ☐ date: _____

Site Features

25. Setting: center of mill village
26. Outbuildings: none
27. Landscape features: none
28. Acreage: .15 acres



Description

35. Photo #1
36. Date April 2002
37. Roll #1 Frame #6 Direction: NE
38. Negative stored at: NHDHR

29. Tax map/parcel: 122/132
30. UTM reference: 19.299125/4812800
31. USGS quadrangle and scale: Belmont, 1:24000

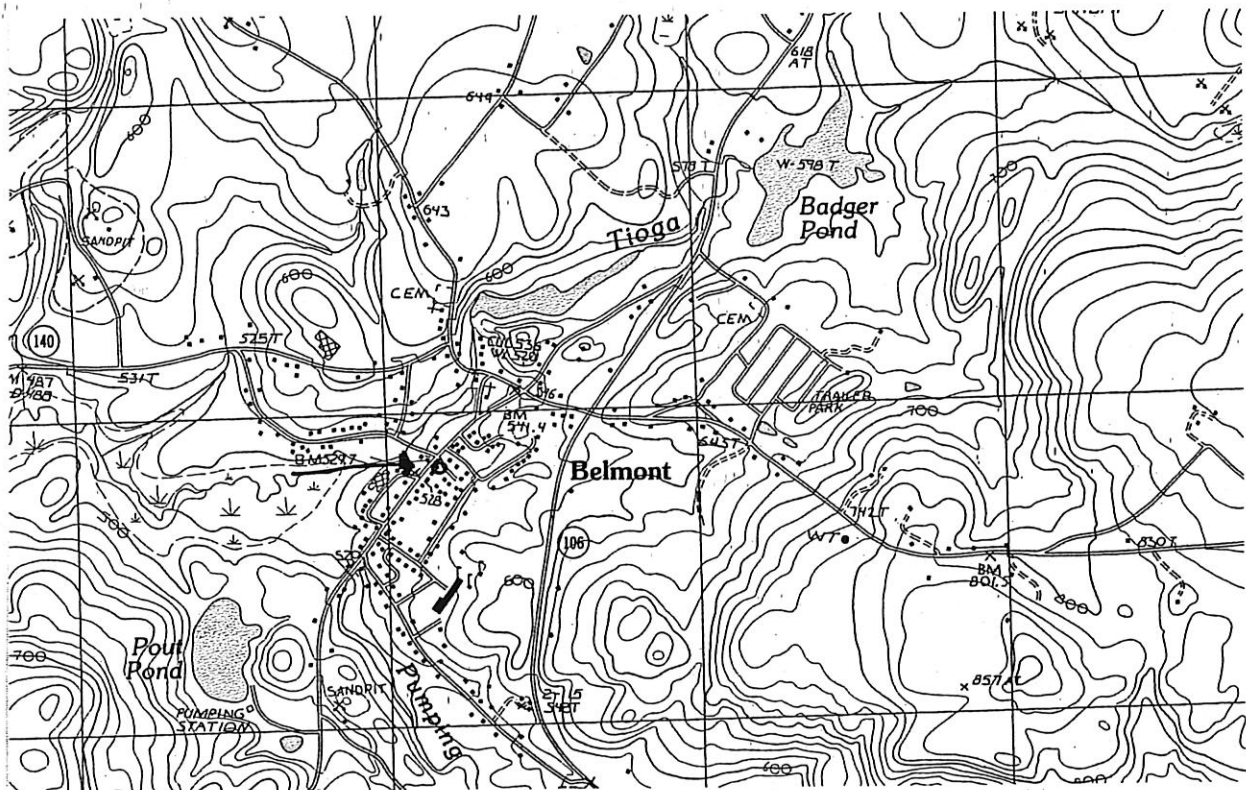
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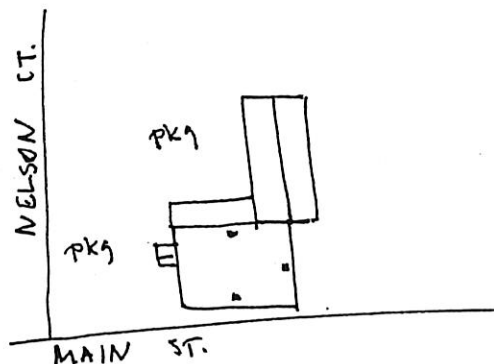
NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: BEL 0061

39. LOCATION MAP:



40. PROPERTY MAP:

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Statement of Integrity

The Johnson Block retains integrity of location, setting, workmanship, feeling and association. Its integrity of design has been somewhat compromised by major alterations to the storefronts and loss of fenestration to the side elevations, although many significant elements, including upper story facade fenestration, cornice brackets, chimneys, and rear ell, remain intact. The application of replacement siding to the main building and portions of the ell affects its integrity of materials.

The Johnson Block retains sufficient integrity to be a contributing resource within Area G..

Historical Background

This building was built by Frank K. Johnson and was the largest building on Main Street, as well as the first of three commercial blocks erected during the 1890s, a boom decade within the village created by the railroad's arrival in 1889. In 1898 the block had a dry goods store in the north storefront, a clothing store in the middle, and a candy shop in the south. The upper floors, and presumably at least the upper floor of the existing ell, were tenements. By 1912, the two northern storefronts had merged into a single unit. In later years, the building had a funeral home and later a restaurant.

[Sanborn maps; Rhodes: *Reminiscences of a New Hampshire Town, The Belmont Centennial, 1869-1969*, p. 33; Everett Weeks, Jr. interview]

Surveyor's Evaluation

NR listed: individual ☐
within district ☐

Integrity: yes ☒
no ☐

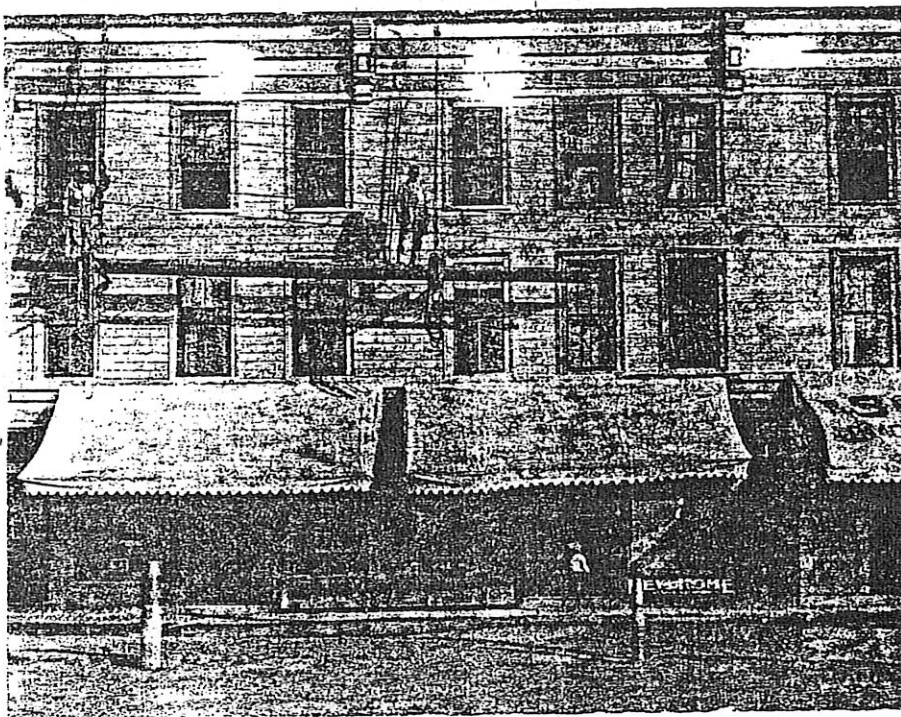
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within district ☒
not eligible ☐
more info needed ☐

NR Criteria: A ☒
B ☐
C ☐
D ☐
E ☐

INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

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View of Johnson Block
Photographed ca. 1900
Collection of Belmont Old Home Day Association



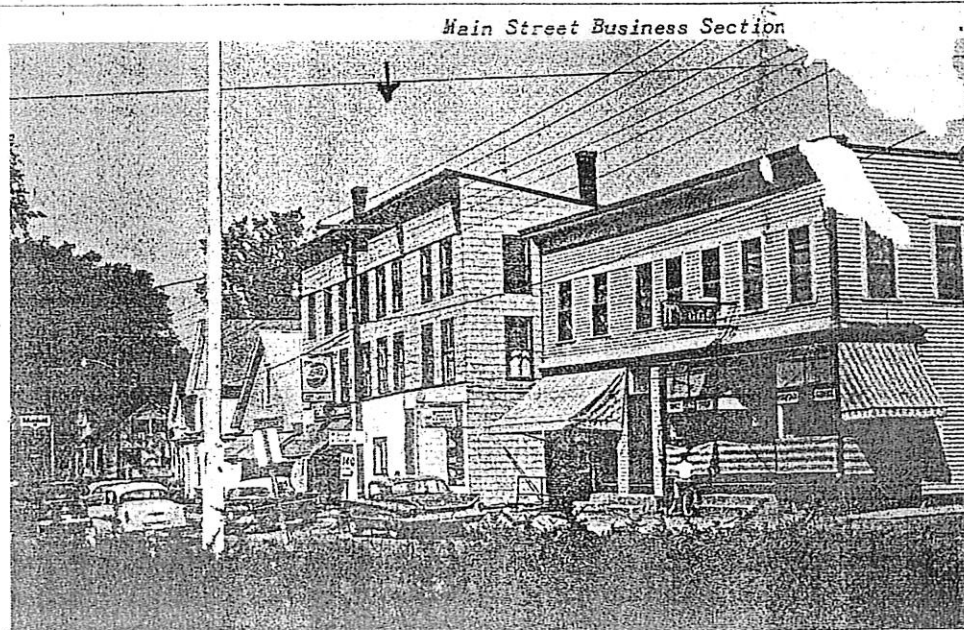
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Views of east side of Main Street, showing Johnson Block

Photographed 1950s

Collection of Wallace P. Rhodes



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NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: BEL 0061

Address: 135-37, Main St., Belmont Date taken: April 2002 Negative stored at: NHDHR

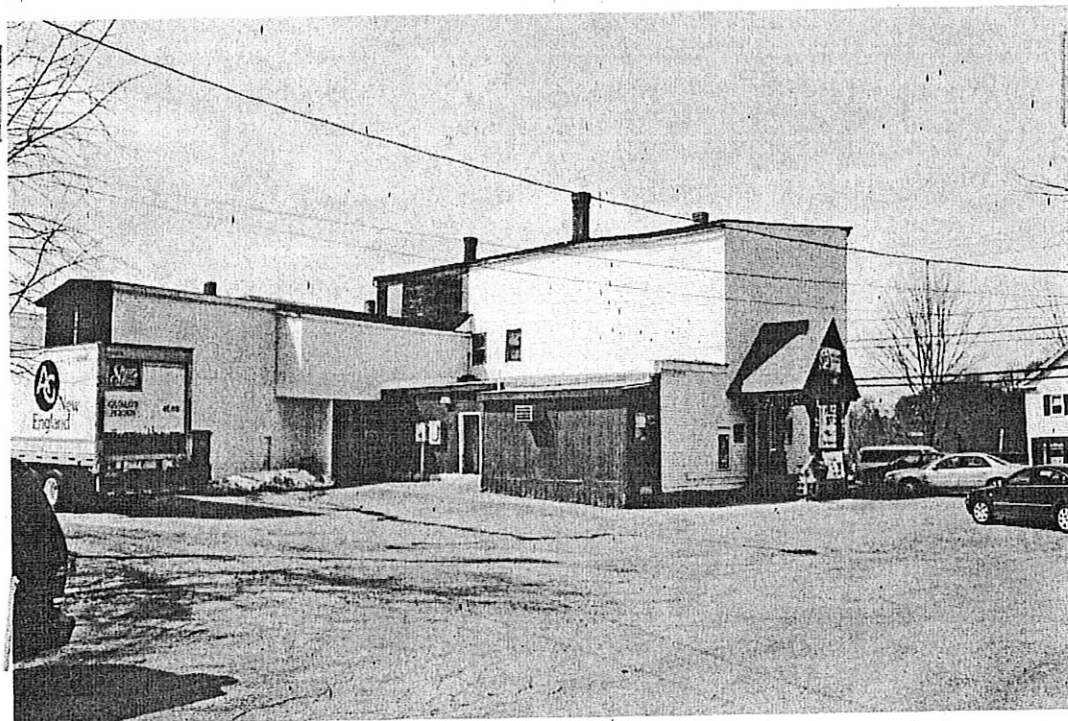


Photo 2 description: North elevation, showing new entrance, and rear
Roll: 1 Frame: 9 Direction: SW



Photo 3 description: Rear ell at south end of building
Roll: 1 Frame: 7 Direction: NW

INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: BEL 0062

Name, Location, Ownership

1. Historic name: Old Post Office
2. District or area: G
3. Street and number: 135-37 Main St.
4. City or town: Belmont
5. County: Belknap
6. Current owner: Susan & Steven Woodbury

Function or Use

7. Current use(s): retail & housing
8. Historic use(s): retail & housing

Architectural Information

9. Style: -
10. Architect/builder: Unknown
11. Source: _____
12. Construction date: ca. 1890
13. Source: visual analysis; research
14. Alterations, with dates: siding, sash, entrance locations, doors (post-1955)
15. Moved? no ☒ yes ☐ date: _____

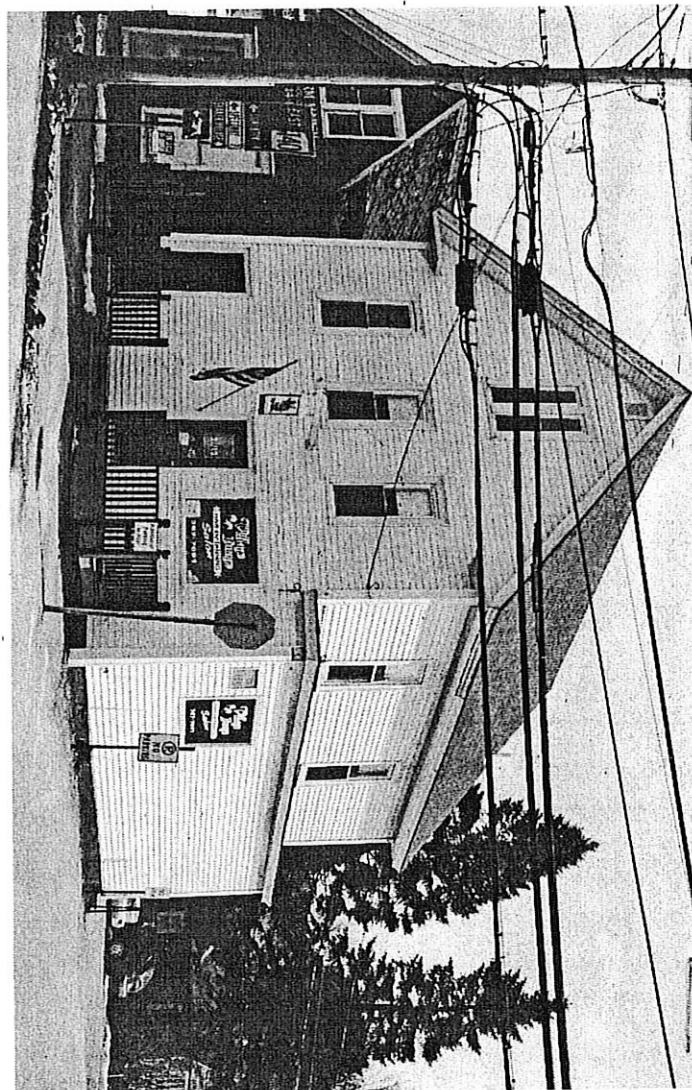
Exterior Features

16. Foundation: concrete cladding
17. Cladding: vinyl
18. Roof material: asphalt shingles
19. Chimney material: -
20. Type of roof: gable
21. Chimney location: -
22. Number of stories: 2½
23. Entry location: sidehall & off-center
24. Windows: 1/1

Replacement? no ☐ yes ☒ date: post-1955

Site Features

25. Setting: center of mill village
26. Outbuildings: none
27. Landscape features: none
28. Acreage: .07 acres
29. Tax map/parcel: 122/124



Description

35. Photo #1
36. Date April 2002
37. Roll #1 Frame #10 Direction: NE
38. Negative stored at: NHDHR

- 30 UTM reference: 19.299140/4812180
31. USGS quadrangle and scale: Belmont, 1:24000

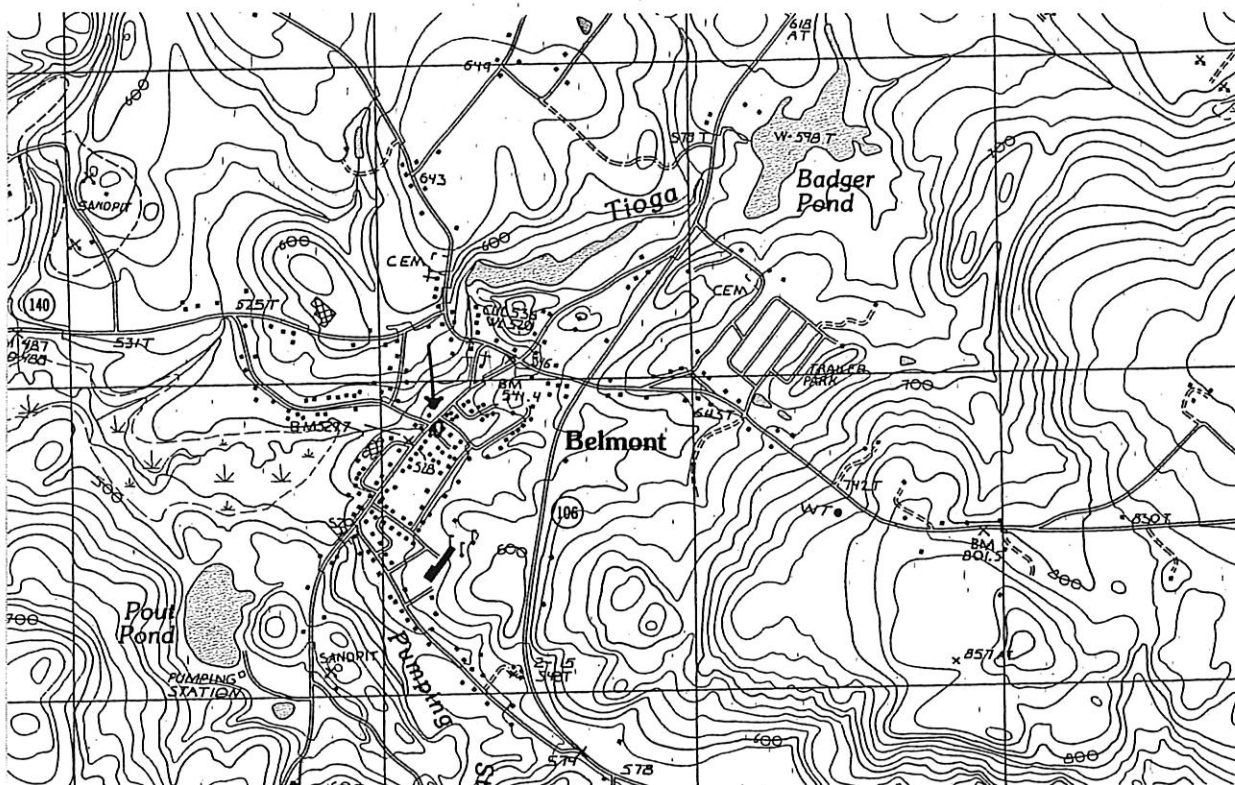
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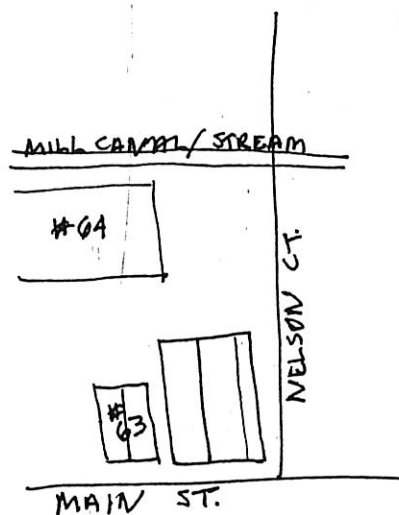
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39. LOCATION MAP:



40. PROPERTY MAP:



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Statement of Integrity

The Old Post Office retains integrity of location, setting, workmanship, feeling and association. Its integrity of design and materials have been compromised by alterations to the first story, synthetic siding and the subsequent loss of historic trim details, and replacement sash.

The Old Post Office retains sufficient integrity to be a contributing resource within Area G...

Additional Historical Information:

The Old Post Office was erected ca. 1890, a period of commercial growth in Belmont Village brought about by the arrival of the railroad in 1889 and the continued prosperity of the hosiery mill. It was probably built for the post office, as it appears on the 1892 map in this location. Previously, the post office was located in the business center at the north end of the village. Its relocation to a point farther south underscored the shift in village activity from the north end, where it historically had been centered, to a spot closer to the mill and railroad depot. The building was soon joined by three larger commercial blocks which still stand.

The post office was housed here until ca. 1968 when a new building designed for both the post office and a bank was erected nearby on the southwest corner of Main and Mill Streets.

Surveyor's Evaluation

NR listed: individual ☐
within district ☐

Integrity: yes ☒
no ☐

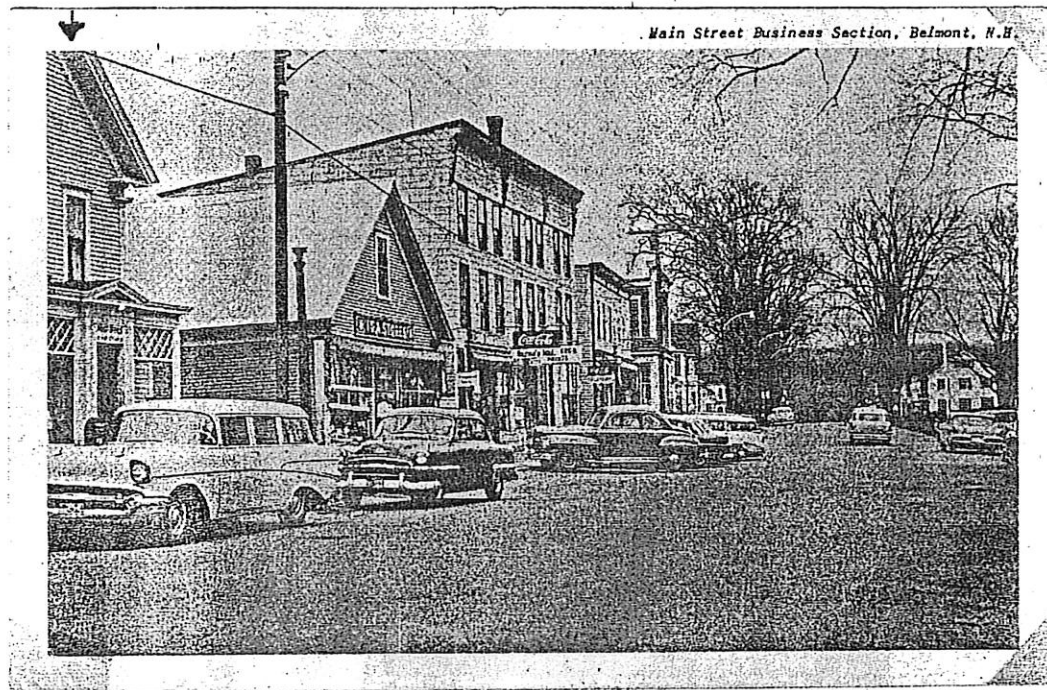
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within district ☒
not eligible ☐
more info needed ☐

NR Criteria: A ☒
B ☐
C ☐
D ☐
E ☐

INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: BEL 0062

View of east side of Main Street, looking south, showing Old Post Office at far left
Collection of Wallace P. Rhodes



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NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: BEL 0062

Address: 135-37 Main St., Belmont Date taken: April 2002 Negative stored at: NHDHR



Photo 2 description: Rear of building

Roll: 1 Frame: 11 Direction: W

INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: BEL 0063

Name, Location, Ownership

1. Historic name: -
2. District or area: G
3. Street and number: 133 Main Street
4. City or town: Belmont
5. County: Belknap
6. Current owner: James & Michael Marsh

Function or Use

7. Current use(s): vacant
8. Historic use(s): shop

Architectural Information

9. Style: -
10. Architect/builder: Unknown
11. Source: _____
12. Construction date: ca. 1890
13. Source: Visual analysis; research
14. Alterations, with dates: siding, ext. stairs, 2nd story door (early-mid-20th c.)
15. Moved? no ☒ yes ☐ date: _____

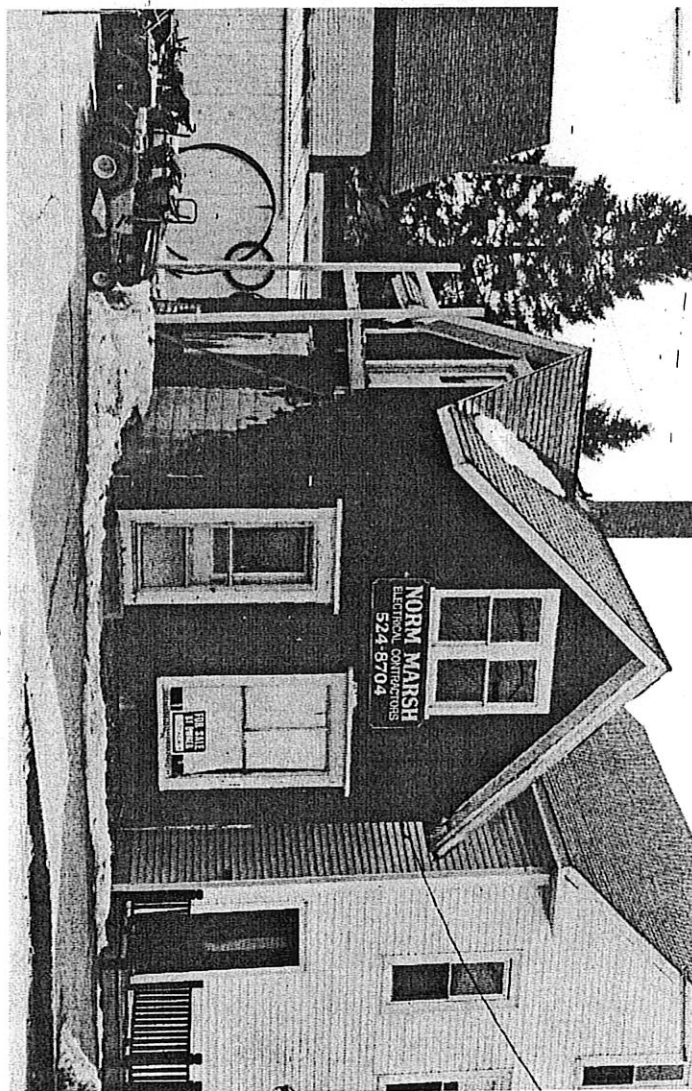
Exterior Features

16. Foundation: brick
17. Cladding: asbestos (over clapboard)
18. Roof material: asphalt shingles
19. Chimney material: brick
20. Type of roof: gable
21. Chimney location: ridge
22. Number of stories: 1½
23. Entry location: sidehall
24. Windows: 2/1, 1/1

Replacement? no ☒ yes ☐ date: _____

Site Features

25. Setting: village center; tight lot
26. Outbuildings: -
27. Landscape features: -
28. Acreage: .02 acres
29. Tax map/parcel: 122/123



Description

35. Photo #1
36. Date April 2002
37. Roll #1 Frame #14 Direction: SE
38. Negative stored at: NHDHR

- 30 UTM reference: 19.299120/4812780
31. USGS quadrangle and scale: Belmont, 1:24000

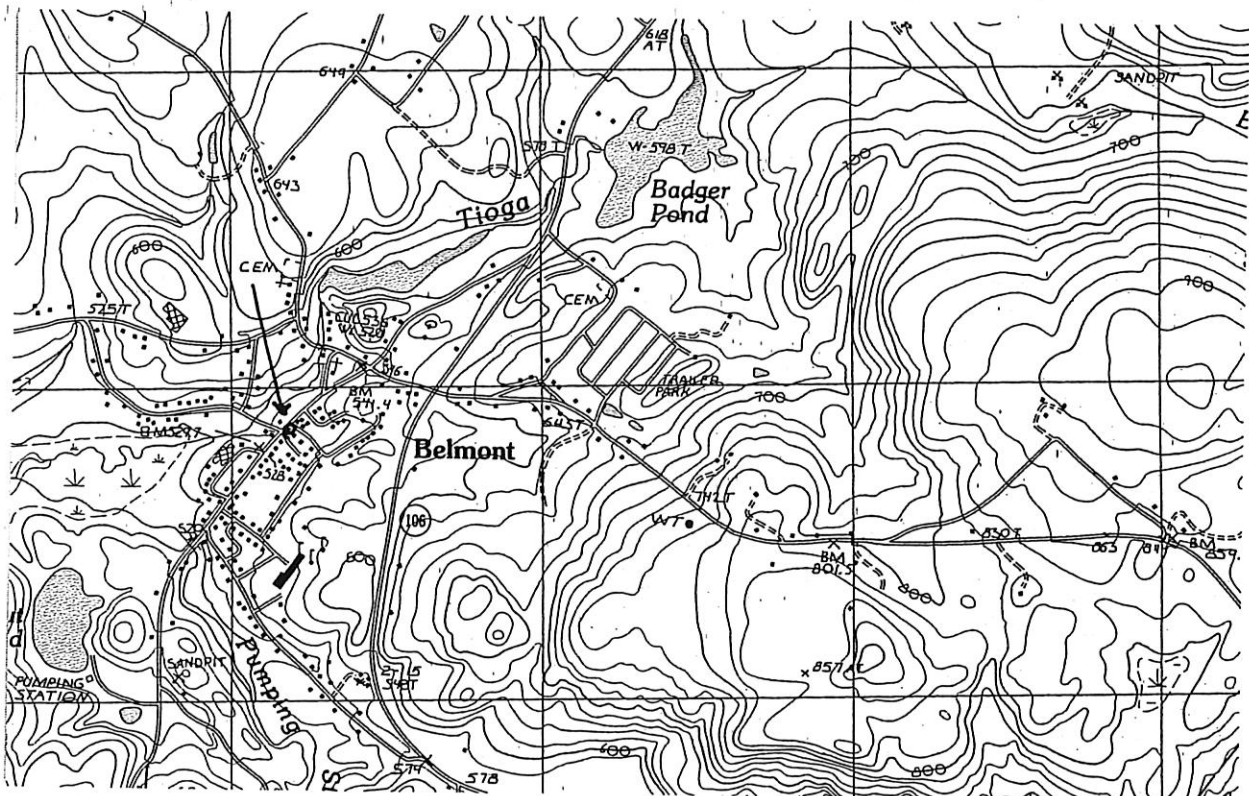
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32. Name: Elizabeth Durfee Hengen
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NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: BEL 0063

39. LOCATION MAP:



40. PROPERTY MAP:

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41. Historical Background and Role in the Town or City's Development:

This building was erected ca. 1890, a period of commercial growth in Belmont Village brought about by the arrival of the railroad in 1889 and the continued prosperity of the hosiery mill. Over the years, the building has housed shops of various types, including a harness shop (1912) cobbler shop and, in more recent years, a barber shop and electrical contractor's office. The building originally had a one-story addition to the rear that doubled its size and connected it to the southwest corner of the Moses Smith Barn (inv. #64). That addition disappeared in the mid-1920s. Sometime between 1904 and 1912, an exterior stairway was added to the north wall.¹

The history of the property is closely linked to that of 135-37 Main Street (inv. #62) immediately to the south. Circa the early 1920s, plumber William J. Barrett owned both properties, as well as that to the north (131 Main Street: inv. #64). (Barrett also erected the two-story commercial block at 141 Main Street: Inv. #60.) He installed gasoline pumps in front of this property. Circa 1934 Fred and Bessie LaFlam purchased this building and 131 Main Street. The LaFlams relocated the pumps ca. 1936 to 131 Main after demolishing the house on that site (the Moses Smith House). At that time, there were four commercial automobile garages in Belmont, all within the village.²

In 1957, the LaFlams split the two properties and sold this building to Henry and Irene Labrecque.³

42. Applicable NHDHR Historic Contexts:

none

43. Architectural Description and Comparative Evaluation:

Located on the east side of Main Street in the heart of Belmont Village, this is a 1-1/2 story, 2x2-bay, side-gable, high-posted, wood frame building that sits flush to the sidewalk and tight to its southerly neighbor. It rests on a brick foundation. The roof is clad with asphalt shingles; a brick stove chimney projects from the ridge. Eaves are boxed, with a moderate overhang, and the north eave broken by a wall dormer. Asbestos siding, applied over clapboards, covers the walls.

The facade has an entrance in the left bay; the door, which has a rectangular glass pane above two panels with raised molding, is probably original. The right bay contains a broad window with 2/1 sash. Both openings are trimmed with flat casings and molded caps. Paired windows with 1/1 sash are found in the gable peak. The north elevation has a boarded-up window on the first story and a door in the wall dormer, accessed via make-shift wooden stairs. (A stairway has been on this elevation since at least 1912.) The south elevation, only a foot from the adjacent building, lacks openings. The rear (east) elevation has Queen Anne sash in the gable window and an original door on the ground level.

¹ Rhodes interview; Assessors' records; Sanborn maps.

² Town directories; Rhodes interview; Book 159/211 (1921); Rhodes, 1969: 33-4.

³ Book 378/283 (1957).

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44. National or State Register Criteria Statement of Significance:

This property is a contributing resource within Area G, Factory Village, an eligible National Register Historic District under Criterion A. It is significant as a vernacular commercial structure that contributed to the economy of the mill village.

The property is not eligible individually for the National Register. Though it contributed to the village economy for many years, it lacks a sufficiently strong historical identity or role to render it eligible under Criterion A. With respect to Criterion B, it lacks associations with any persons known to have made major contributions to history. It is not eligible under Criterion C as it does not represent a defined village commercial building type, nor does it typify the commercial building types characteristic of Belmont Village (two or three-story, flat-roof, multi-bay facade, wood frame structures), nor is it representative of a particular architectural style.

45. Period of Significance:

ca. 1890 - 1952

46. Statement of Integrity:

This property retains integrity of location, setting, workmanship, feeling and association. Its integrity of design and materials have been moderately compromised by asbestos siding, alterations to the front gable window opening and the door within the wall dormer.

47. Boundary Discussion:

Within the district, the property's eligible boundary includes the entire .02-acre lot.

48. Bibliography and/or References:

Belknap County Registry of Deeds and Probate.

Directory of Ashland, Belmont, etc. Compiled and published by New England Directory and Blue Book Co., Salem, Mass. 1926.

Hackett, Allan J., "History of Belmont." *History of Merrimack and Belknap Counties*, New Hampshire. Philadelphia: J.W. Lewis & Co., 1885, pp. 717-24.

Lancaster, Daniel, *A History of Gilmanton*. Printed by Alfred Prescott, Gilmanton, 1845.

Manning's Franklin, Tilton-Northfield, Belmont, Boscawen Directory. Springfield, MA: H.A. Manning Company, 1937.

Monroe, Lynne Emerson, "Factory Village Historic Area," 1993. Area form on file at New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources.

Rhodes, Wallace P., *Reminiscences of a New Hampshire Town, The Belmont Centennial, 1869-1969*. Concord, NH: The Capital Offset Company, 1969.

Rhodes, Wallace P., "In the Beginning," 1999. Unpublished mss in author's collection.

Tilton, Belmont, New Hampton, Sanbornton Directory. W.E. Shaw, 1924.

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The Town Register. Meredith, Tilton, Gilmanton, Sanbornton, Gilford, Belmont, New Hampton. Augusta, Maine: Mitchell-Cony Co., Inc., 1908.

United States Census Records, Population Schedules, 1860, 1900.

Maps & atlases

- 1845 *A Plan of Gilmanton.* Drawn by D. Lancaster from earlier drawings made in 1772 and 1808.
1859 *Map of Belknap County, New Hampshire.* E.M. Woodford. Published by Smith & Peavy, Philadelphia.
1892 *Atlas of the State of New Hampshire.* Compiled by D.H. Hurd & Co., Boston.
1898, 1904, 1912, 1923, 1923/29 *Sanborn Insurance Maps*

Interviews

Wallace Rhodes, Belmont native and local historian, Summer 2002.

Surveyor's Evaluation

NR listed: individual ☐
within district ☐

Integrity: yes ☒
no ☐

NR eligible:
individual ☐
within district ☒
not eligible ☐
more info needed ☐

NR Criteria: A ☒
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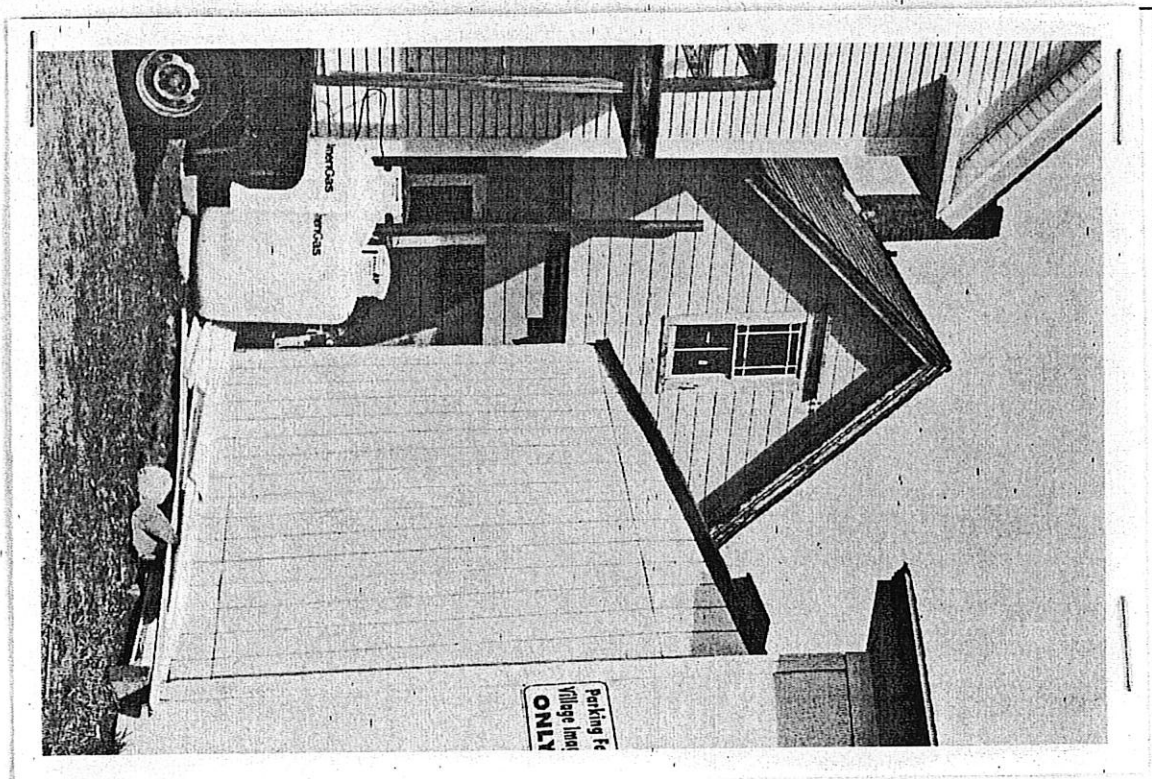


Photo 2 description: Rear of building
Roll: 1 Frame: 13 Direction: W

INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: BEL 0064

Name, Location, Ownership

1. Historic name: Moses Smith Barn
2. District or area: G
3. Street and number: 131 Main Street
4. City or town: Belmont
5. County: Belknap
6. Current owner: Charles & Eulogia Woodbury

Function or Use

7. Current use(s): storage & retail
8. Historic use(s): barn

Architectural Information

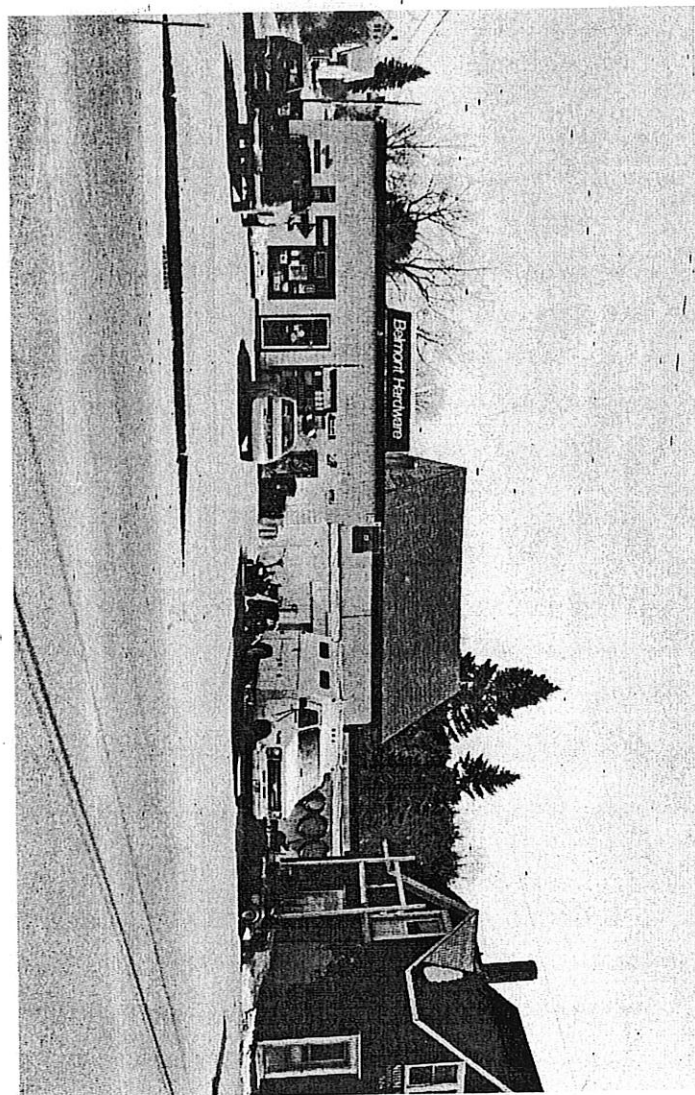
9. Style: -
10. Architect/builder: Unknown
11. Source: _____
12. Construction date: 2nd half 19th c.
13. Source: Visual analysis; hist. maps
14. Alterations, with dates: house removed; major additions (20th c)
15. Moved? no ☒ yes ☐ date: _____

Exterior Features

16. Foundation: stone
17. Cladding: clapboard
18. Roof material: asphalt shingles
19. Chimney material: brick
20. Type of roof: gable
21. Chimney location: n/a
22. Number of stories: 1-1/2
23. Entry location: n/a
24. Windows: n/a
- Replacement? no ☐ yes ☐ date: _____

Site Features

25. Setting: center of mill village
26. Outbuildings: n/a
27. Landscape features: deep setback from Main St.,
28. Acreage: .18 acres

**Description**

35. Photo #1
36. Date April 2002
37. Roll #1 Frame #31 Direction: E
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29. Tax map/parcel: 122/122
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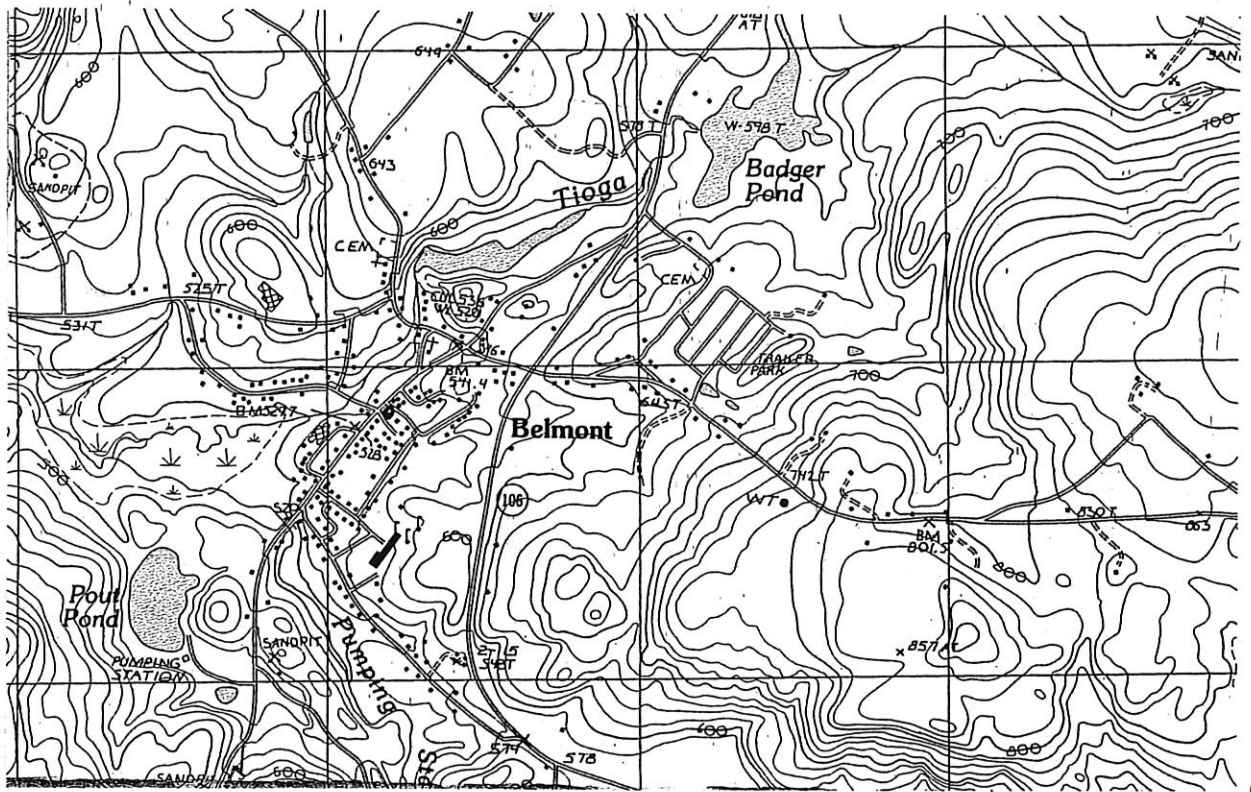
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32. Name: Elizabeth Durfee Hengen
33. Organization: Preservation Consultant
34. Date of survey: Spring 2002

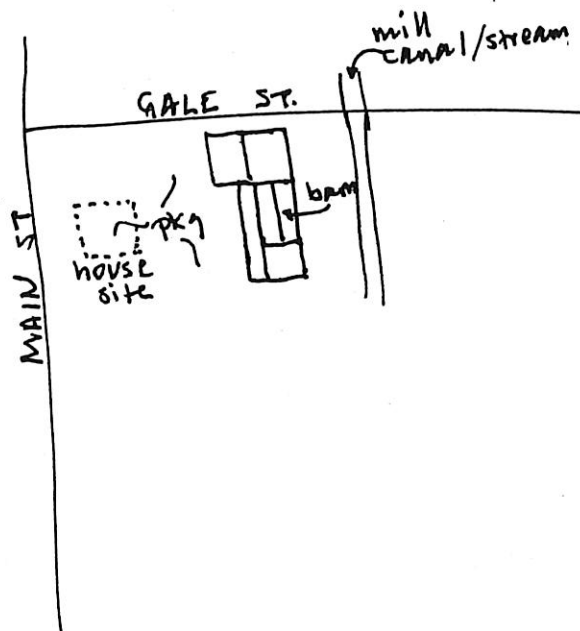
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NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: BEL 0064

39. LOCATION MAP:



40. PROPERTY MAP:



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Statement of Integrity

The Moses Smith Barn retains integrity of location, materials, and workmanship. Alterations to first story fenestration, major additions and loss of its associated residence have undermined its integrity of design, setting, feeling and association.

The property lacks sufficient integrity to be a contributing resource within Area G.

Additional Historical Information:

This is the site of the Moses Smith House, of which only the barn survives. In the late 19th century, the southwest corner of the barn connected to a rear addition of 133 Main (inv. #63). By 1923, the barn had been converted into an automobile garage. The Smith House was demolished in the mid-1930s by Fred and Bessie LaFlam (who also owned 133 Main). The LaFlams installed gas pumps in front of the barn and converted the ell into a gas station. At that time, there were four commercial automobile garages in Belmont, all within the village.¹ The ell ultimately burned. According to the current owner, the barn once had automobile bays along its west side.

In 1957, the LaFlams split the two properties and sold this property to Corriveau.² For the past several decades, it has been used for a hardware store, although gas pumps remained into the 1990s.

The stone-lined brook on the east edge of the property is a remnant of Judkins Brook, after it merged with a mid-1830s canal that originated below the mill pond and crossed Main Street, before curving back and terminating at the mill.

Surveyor's Evaluation

NR listed: individual ☐
within district ☐

Integrity: yes ☐
no ☒

NR eligible: individual ☐
within district ☐
not eligible ☒
more info needed ☐

NR Criteria: A ☐
B ☐
C ☐
D ☐
E ☐

¹ Town directories; Rhodes interview; Book 159/211 (1921).

² Book 378/283 & 285 (1957).

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Additional Information

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The hardware store was not built until after the LaFlams sold the property in 1957. Since the property is not yet 50 years old, it was identified as a non-contributing resource within Area G.

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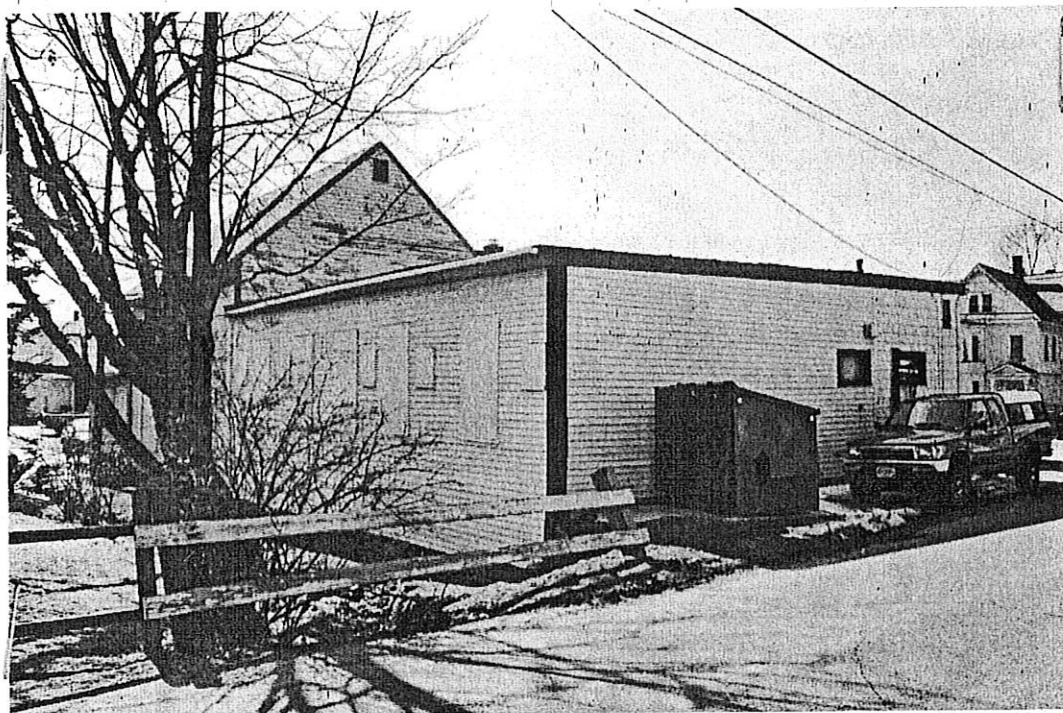


Photo 2 description: North & rear walls of auto garage addition, showing N. wall of barn in background
Roll: 1 Frame: 32 Direction: SW

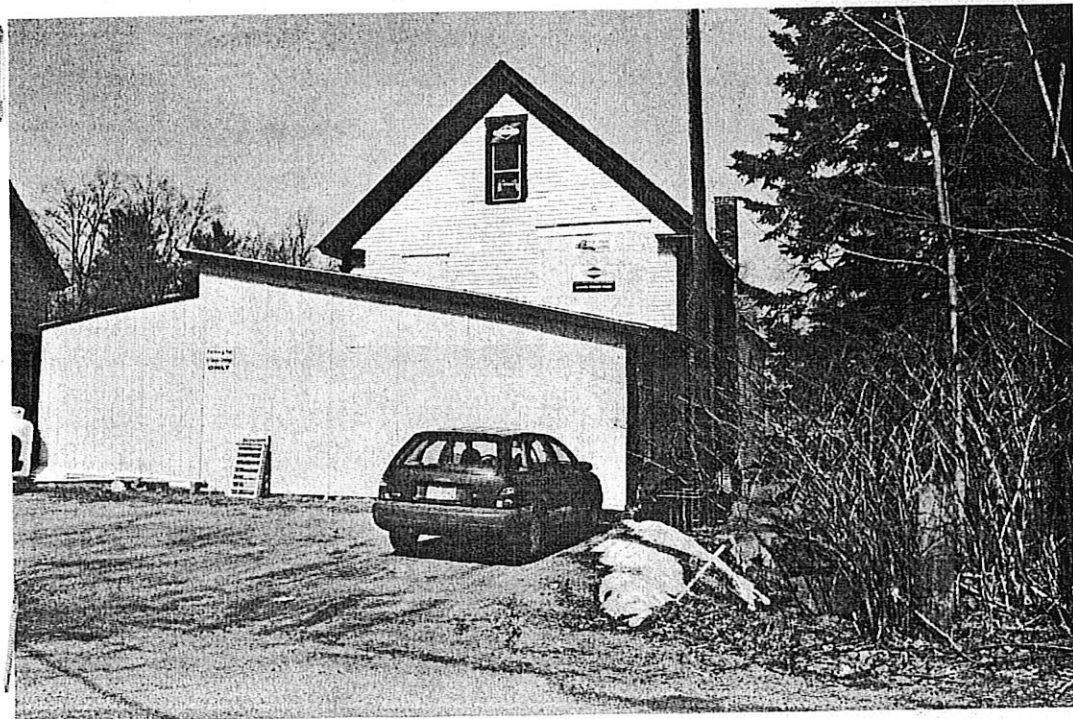


Photo 3 description: South wall of barn and 1930s addition
Roll: 1 Frame: 30 Direction: N

INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: BEL 0065

Name, Location, Ownership

1. Historic name: Clough Store
2. District or area: G
3. Street and number: 138 Main Street
4. City or town: Belmont
5. County: Belknap
6. Current owner: Noel Irrevocable Trust

Function or Use

7. Current use(s): retail & residence
8. Historic use(s): residence

Architectural Information

9. Style: -
10. Architect/builder: Unknown
11. Source:
12. Construction date: ca. 1884
13. Source: visual analysis; research
14. Alterations, with dates: siding, sash, doors (late 20th c.)
15. Moved? no ☒ yes ☐ date:

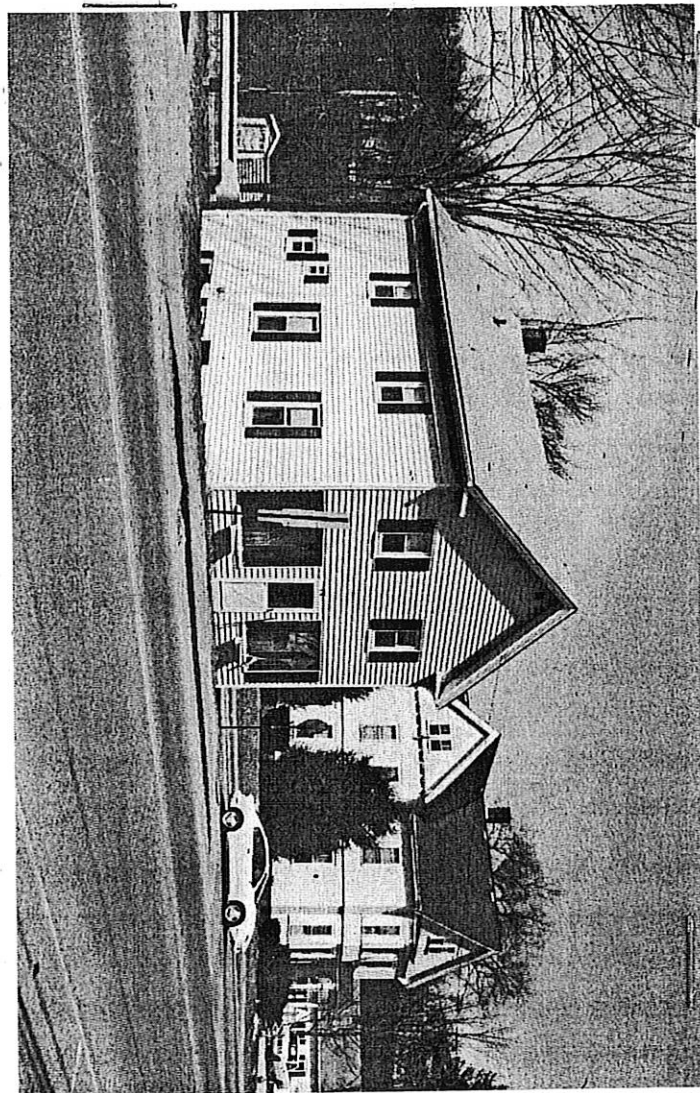
Exterior Features

16. Foundation: brick
17. Cladding: vinyl
18. Roof material: asphalt shingles
19. Chimney material: brick
20. Type of roof: gable
21. Chimney location: near ridge
22. Number of stories: 2½
23. Entry location: center
24. Windows: 1/1

Replacement? no ☒ yes ☐ date: late 20th c.

Site Features

25. Setting: major intersection in village center
26. Outbuildings: -
27. Landscape features: mill canal just south of property
28. Acreage: .06 acres



Description

35. Photo #1
36. Date April 2002
37. Roll #1 Frame #26 Direction: NW
38. Negative stored at: NHDHR

29. Tax map/parcel: 122/11
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31. USGS quadrangle and scale: Belmont, 1:24000

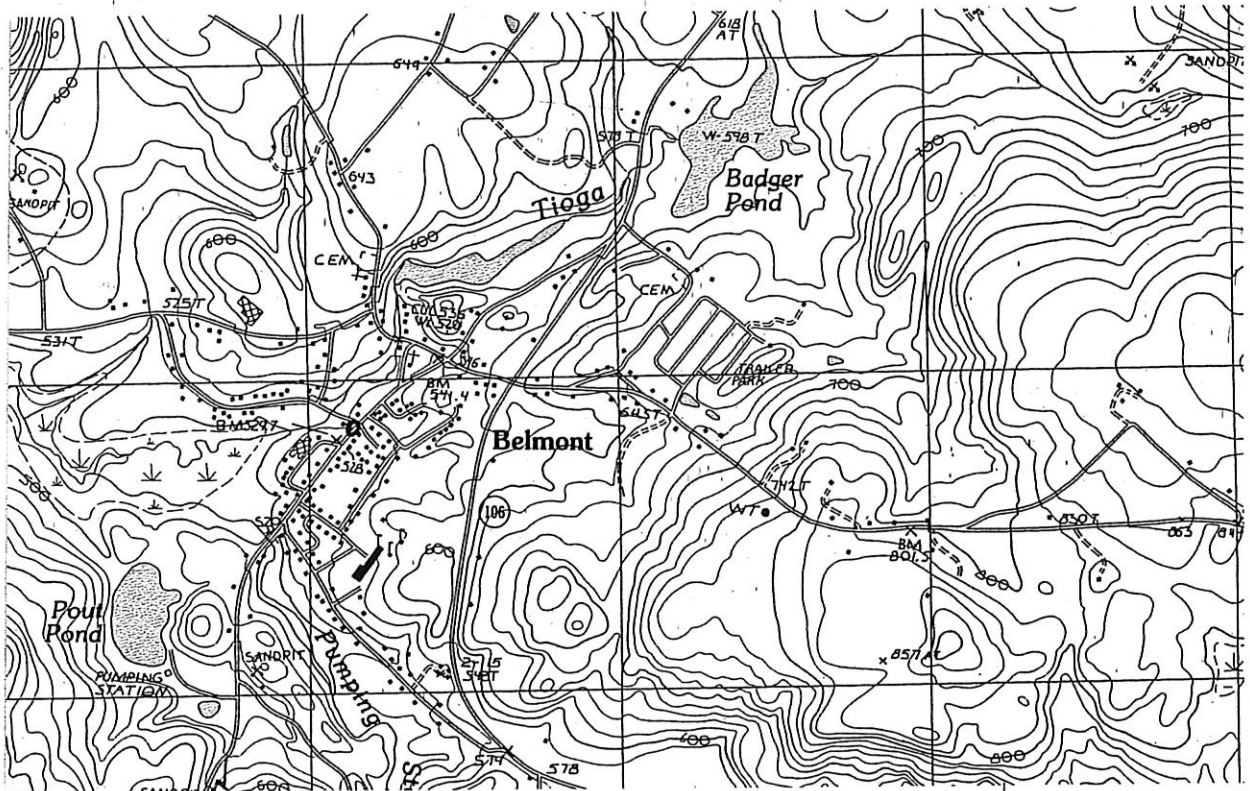
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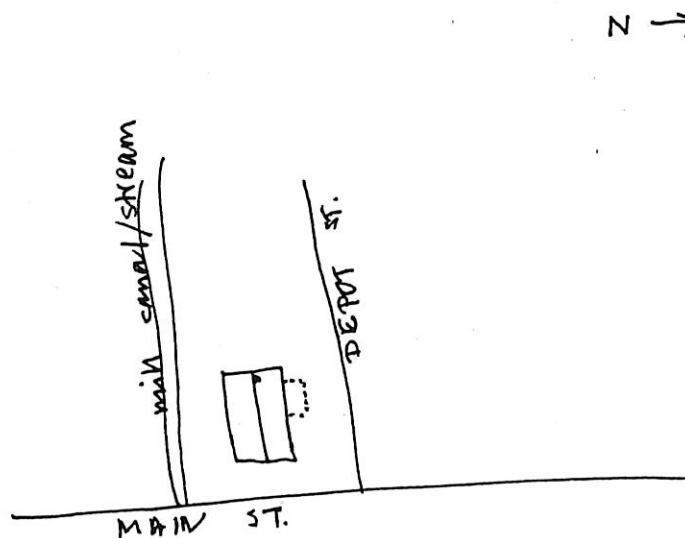
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NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: BEL 0065

39. LOCATION MAP:



40. PROPERTY MAP:



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41. Historical Background and Role in the Town or City's Development:

The building was built as a store, with dwelling unit above, and was standing by 1885. That year, it was sold by Nannie A. Clough to Timothy E. Clough, who ran it for seven years. During that time, the building also served temporarily as a schoolhouse, a situation brought about by overflow from the two schoolhouses in the village, a situation that ultimately led to the construction of Gale School. In the late 19th century, it was a cobbler's shop, when owned by True Twombly and others. In 1904 it was again a general store.¹

By 1912, a restaurant occupied the first floor and remained here for nearly the entire 20th century, though under various names and owners. Smith's Restaurant, Richard's Bakery, Nichols Restaurant (early 1940s), Dube's Restaurant and, for many decades in the second half of the 20th century, Noel's Restaurant, under Lincoln Noel, number among them. At times, a bakery accompanied the restaurant. During those times, the upper floor was a dwelling unit. For a period in the 1920s, the building was the headquarters of the Knights of Pythias, with a meeting hall upstairs, a game room on the first floor and kitchen in the basement.²

42. Applicable NHDHR Historic Contexts:

none

43. Architectural Description and Comparative Evaluation:

Anchoring the southwest corner of Main and Depot Streets, in the heart of Belmont Village, this is a 2-1/2 story, 3x3-bay, front-gable, wood frame building that sits flush to the sidewalk and close to the corner. It rests on a brick foundation. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles, and the cornice returns at the gable ends. A brick stove chimney rises from the rear of the building, just below the ridge. Walls are covered with vinyl siding, which obscures any surviving trim details. Windows have replacement 1/1 sash. The only exception are the two large, tripartite windows flanking the center entrance, which feature small panes in the upper section. A small, shed-roof, partially enclosed porch shelters a secondary entrance found on the north elevation; it was probably added in the mid-20th century to access the upper level. Until at least 1929, exterior stairs on the south side of the building led upstairs.

44. National or State Register Criteria Statement of Significance:

This property is a contributing resource within Area G, Factory Village, an eligible National Register Historic District under Criterion A. It contributed to the village economy and social life for many years and in a variety of ways, and is representative of a vernacular, front-gable, center-entrance

¹ Book 74/374 (1885), 88/504 (1892), 92/203 (1894); Sanborn maps.

² Book 153/148 (1918), 153/163 (1919), 240/265 (1939), 262/506 (1943), 265/483(1943); Rhodes interview; Sanborn maps.

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commercial building. Though it has suffered some loss of architectural integrity, it retains its historic massing and placement of window and door openings, including distinctive windows at the storefront.

Clough Store is not eligible individually for the National Register due to lack of a sufficiently high degree of integrity.

45. Period of Significance:

A: ca. 1884-1952

46. Statement of Integrity:

Clough Store retains integrity of location and setting. Its integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association have been compromised by synthetic siding and subsequent loss of historic trim details and replacement sash and doors. (In the absence of a clear historic photograph, it is unclear whether the building once had additional character-defining commercial features, though the Sanborn maps indicate it had a facade porch or canopy until at least 1929. An early 20th century photograph indicates the 2nd story window openings have been reduced in length – see attached.)

47. Boundary Discussion:

The eligible boundary is its .06-acre lot.

48. Bibliography and/or References:

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United States Census Records, Population Schedules, 1860, 1900.

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Maps & atlases

- 1845 *A Plan of Gilmanton*. Drawn by D. Lancaster from earlier drawings made in 1772 and 1808.
1859 *Map of Belknap County, New Hampshire*. E.M. Woodford. Published by Smith & Peavy, Philadelphia.
1892 *Atlas of the State of New Hampshire*. Compiled by D.H. Hurd & Co., Boston.
1898, 1904, 1912, 1923, 1923/29 *Sanborn Insurance Maps*

Interviews

Wallace Rhodes, Belmont native and local historian. Summer 2002.

Surveyor's Evaluation

NR listed: individual ☐
within district ☐

Integrity: yes ☒
no ☐

NR eligible: individual ☐
within district ☒
not eligible ☐
more info needed ☐

NR Criteria: A ☒
B ☐
C ☐
D ☐
E ☐

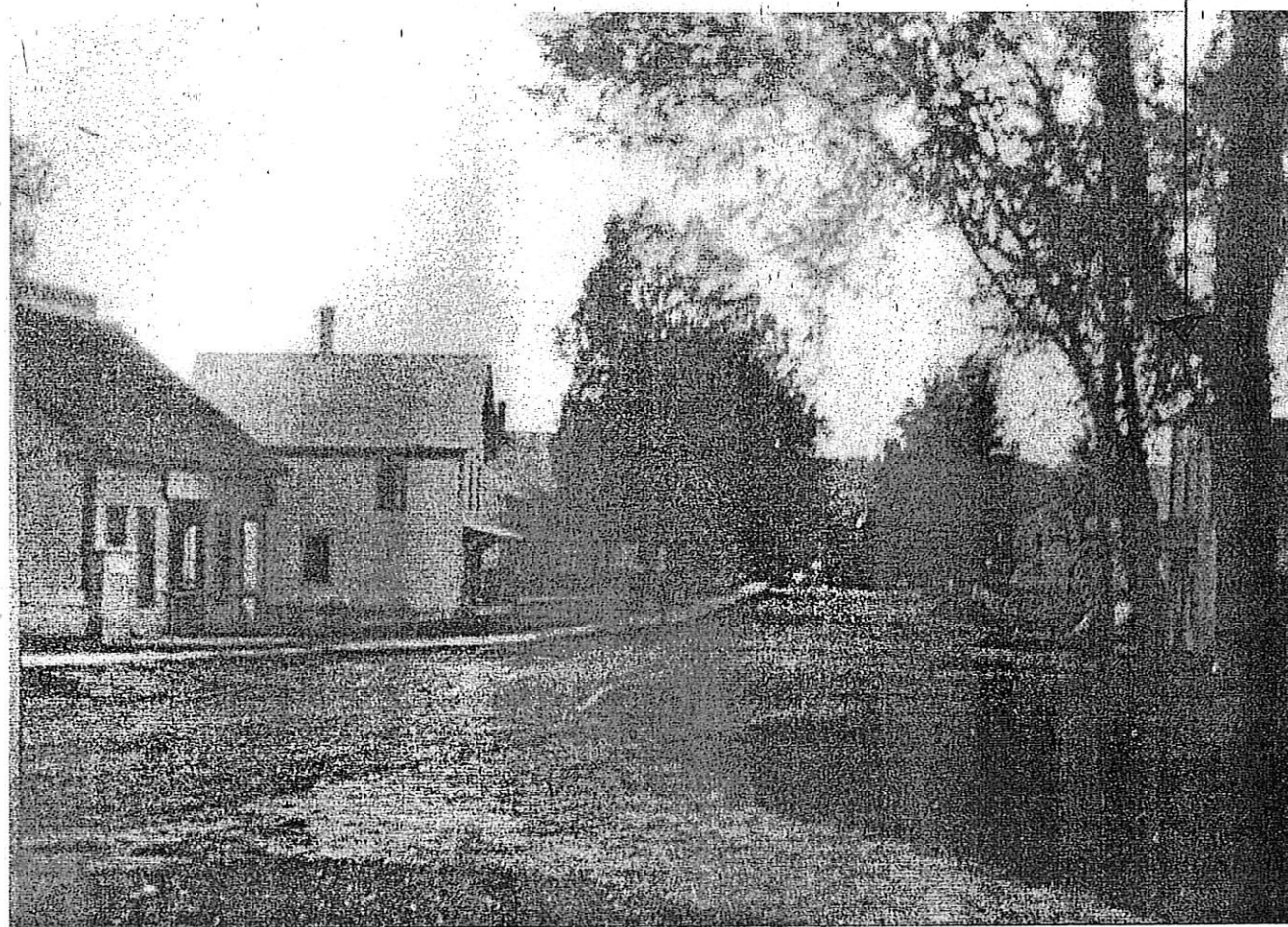
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View of Main Street, looking south, showing Clough Store at far right

Photographed early 20th century

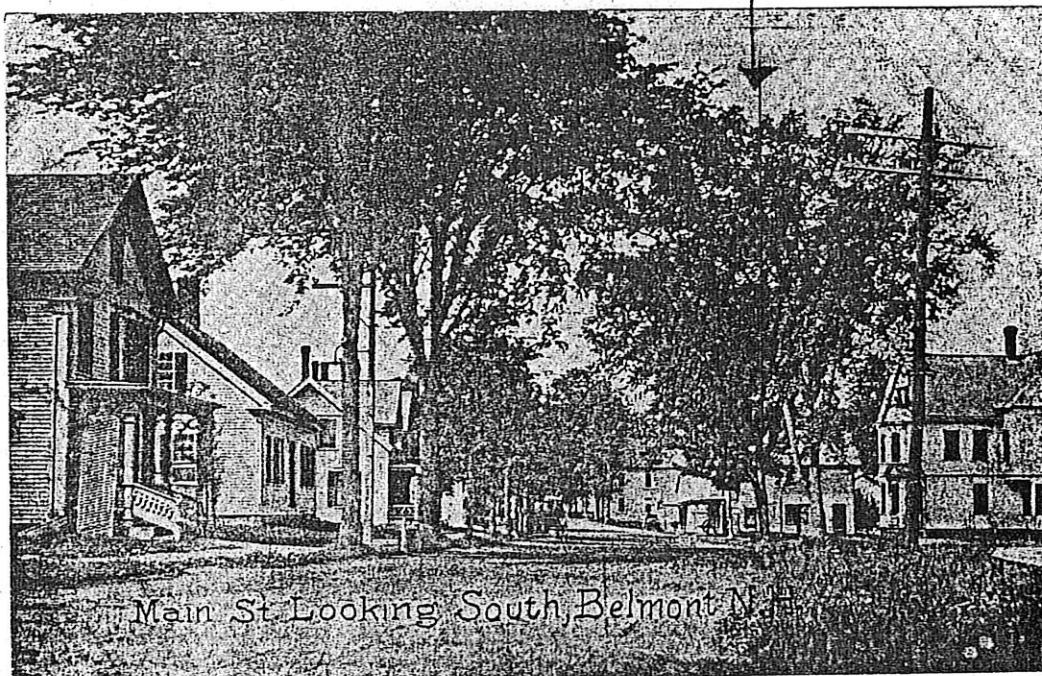
courtesy Wallace Rhodes



INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

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View of Main Street, looking south, showing Clough Store second from right
Photographed early 20th century
courtesy Wallace Rhodes



Main St Looking South, Belmont N.H.

INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: BEL 0065

Address: 138 Main Street, Belmont Date taken: April 2002 Negative stored at: NHDHR



Photo 2 description: Facade and north elevation
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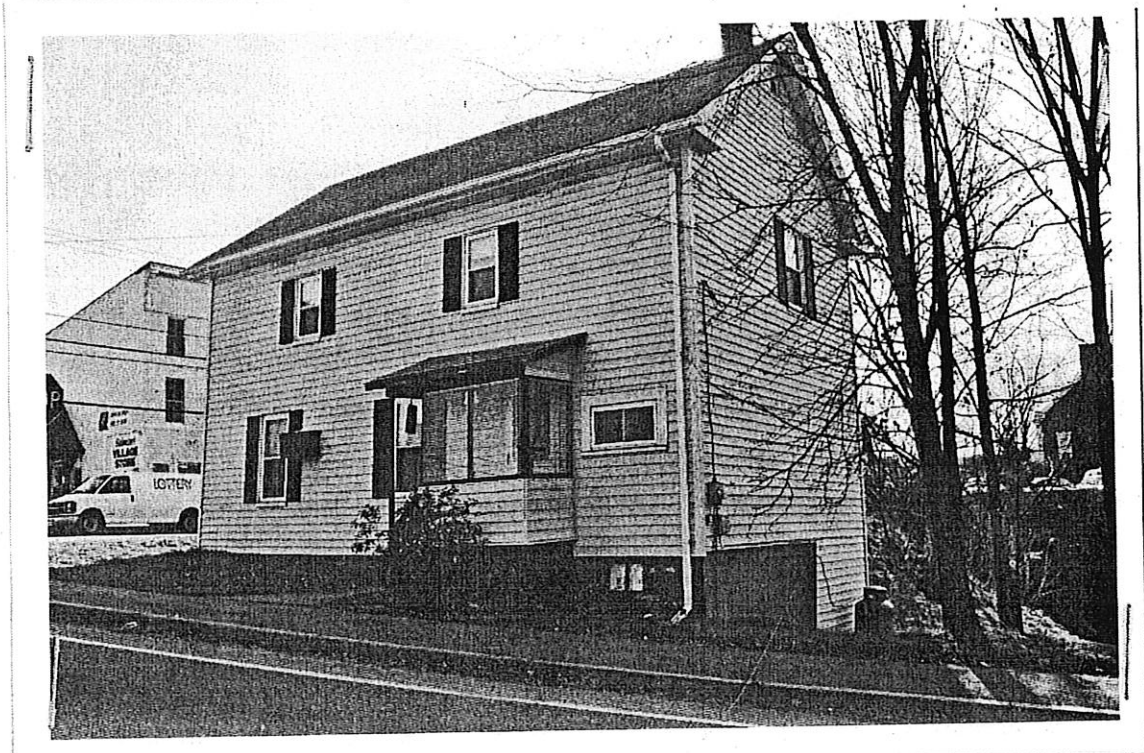


Photo 3 description: North & west elevations
Roll: 9 Frame: 4 Direction: SE

INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: BEL 0066

Name, Location, Ownership

1. Historic name: _____
2. District or area: G
3. Street and number: 11 Depot Street
4. City or town: Belmont
5. County: Belknap
6. Current owner: Charles Misserville

Function or Use

7. Current use(s): residence
8. Historic use(s): residence

Architectural Information

9. Style: -
10. Architect/builder: Unknown
11. Source: _____
12. Construction date: ca. 1870s-80s
13. Source: visual analysis; hist. maps
14. Alterations, with dates: siding, door
(post-1955); porch (ca. 1930s); deck
(1990)
15. Moved? no ☒ yes ☐ date: _____

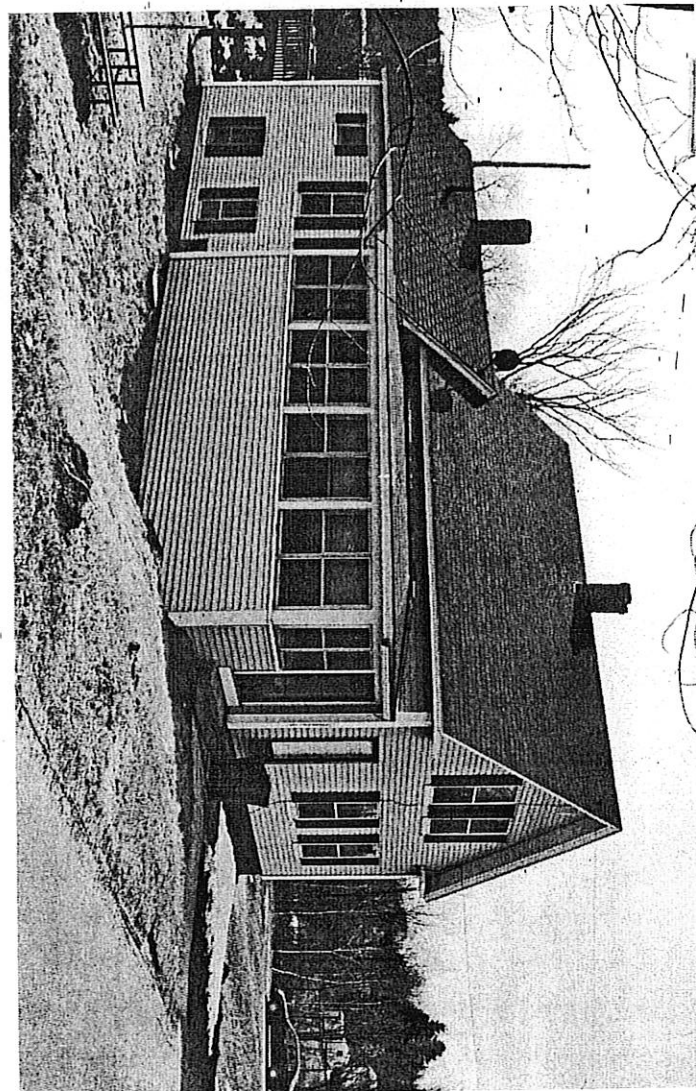
Exterior Features

16. Foundation: brick, stone (ell)
17. Cladding: vinyl
18. Roof material: asphalt shingles
19. Chimney material: brick
20. Type of roof: gable
21. Chimney location: ridge
22. Number of stories: 1½
23. Entry location: sidehall
24. Windows: 6/6

Replacement? no ☒ yes ☐ date: _____

Site Features

25. Setting: center of village; set below
grade of street
26. Outbuildings: garage (ca. 1930s)
27. Landscape features: mill canal behind
house
28. Acreage: .28 acres



Description

35. Photo #1
36. Date April 2002
37. Roll #1 Frame #27 Direction: SW
38. Negative stored at: NHDHR

29. Tax map/parcel: 122/12
30. UTM reference: 19.299110/4812870
31. USGS quadrangle and scale: Belmont, 1:24000

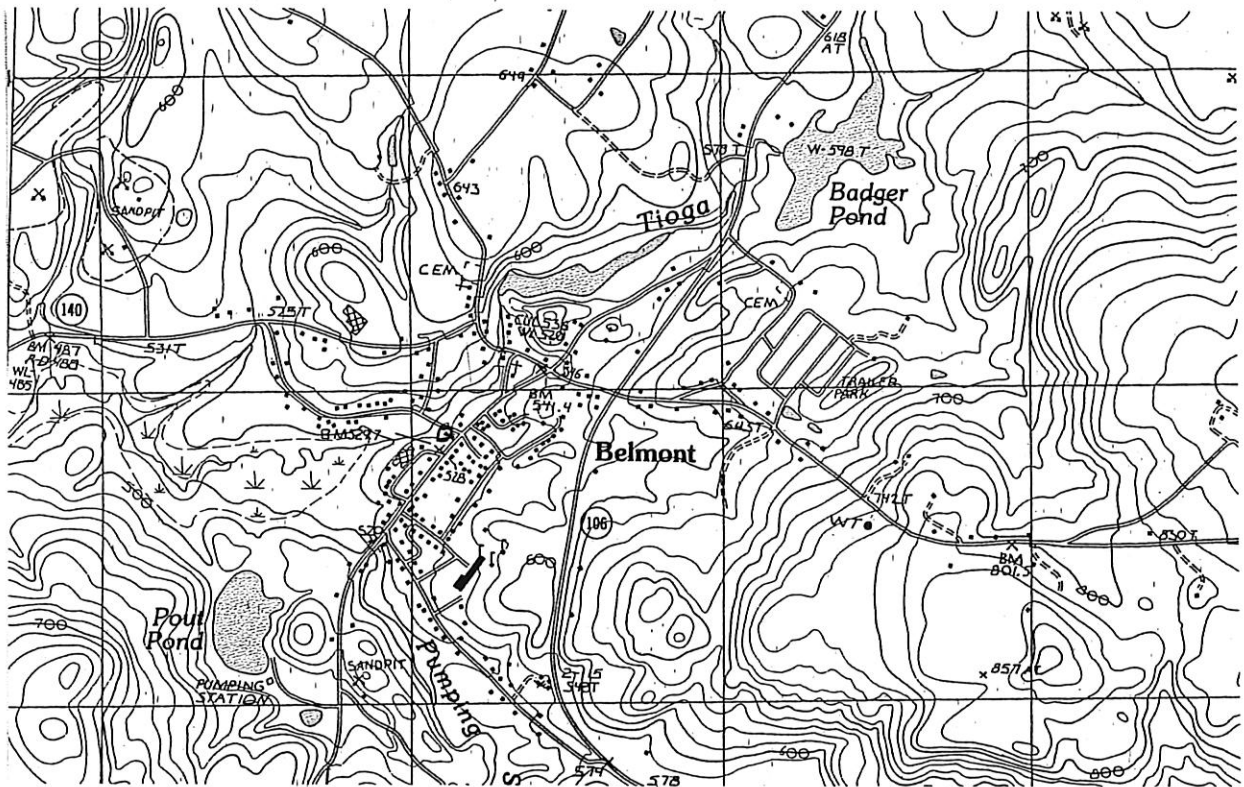
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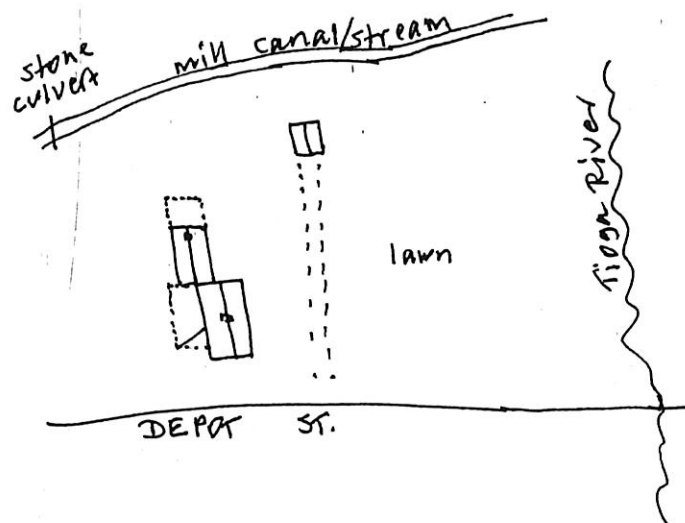
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NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: BEL 0066

39. LOCATION MAP:



40. PROPERTY MAP:



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Statement of Integrity

This property retains integrity of location, setting, workmanship, feeling and association. Its integrity of materials has been compromised by synthetic siding and subsequent loss of any historic trim details, and its integrity of design by mid-20th century alterations to the porch.

The property retains sufficient integrity to be a contributing resource within Area G.

Additional Historical Information:

The 1892 map shows T.E. Clough owning this house. Timothy Clough also owned the adjacent store at the corner of Main Street (see inv. #65); whether he occupied this as a residence is not known.

Surveyor's Evaluation

NR listed: individual ☐
within district ☐

Integrity: yes ☒
no ☐

NR eligible:
individual ☐
within district ☒
not eligible ☐
more info needed ☐

NR Criteria: A ☒
B ☐
C ☐
D ☐
E ☐

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NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: BEL 0066

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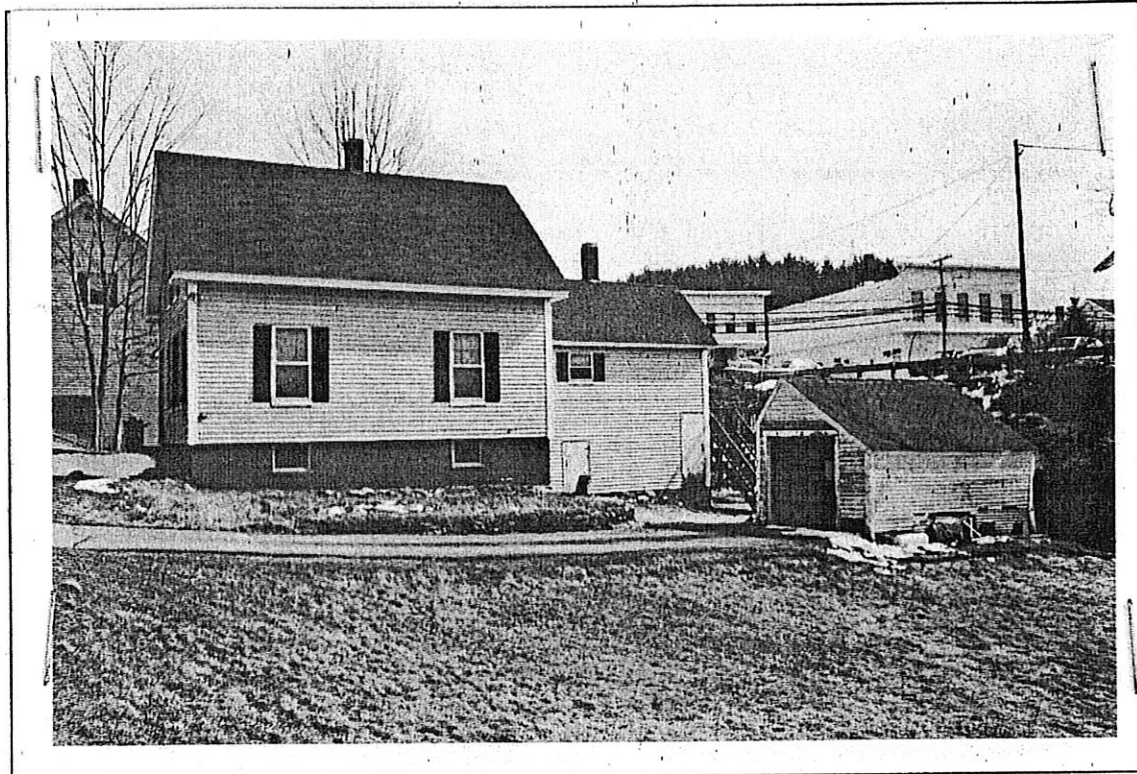


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Roll: 1 Frame: 28 Direction: E

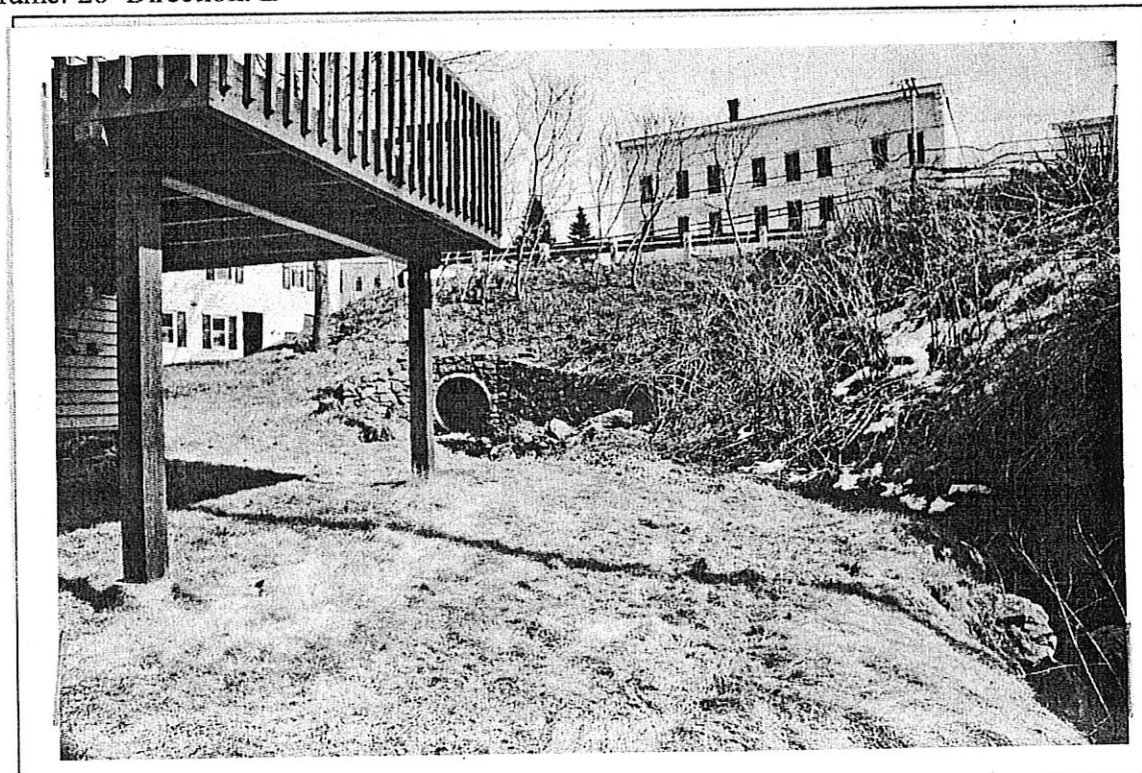


Photo 3 description: Mill canal behind house
Roll: 1 Frame: 29 Direction: E

INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: BEL 0067

Name, Location, Ownership

1. Historic name: Stevens Fifield House
2. District or area: G
3. Street and number: 134 Main Street
4. City or town: Belmont
5. County: Belknap
6. Current owner: Open Arms Outreach

Function or Use

7. Current use(s): transitional housing
8. Historic use(s): residence

Architectural Information

9. Style: Queen Anne
10. Architect/builder: Unknown
11. Source: _____
12. Construction date: ca. 1887
13. Source: Visual analysis; research
14. Alterations, with dates: siding, front entrance, ramp, barn addition
15. Moved? no ☒ yes ☐ date: _____

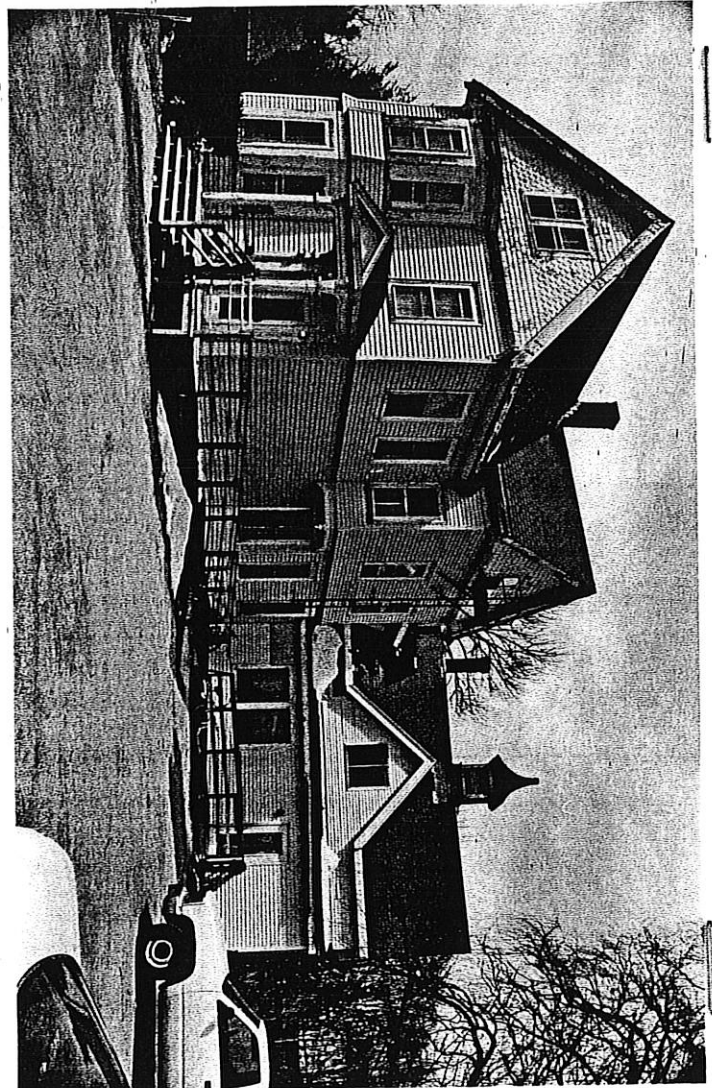
Exterior Features

16. Foundation: brick
17. Cladding: vinyl, wooden shingle
18. Roof material: slate
19. Chimney material: brick
20. Type of roof: gable
21. Chimney location: ridge
22. Number of stories: 2½
23. Entry location: sidehall
24. Windows: 2/2

Replacement? no ☒ yes ☐ date: _____

Site Features

25. Setting: major intersection in village center
26. Outbuildings: attached barn
27. Landscape features: -
28. Acreage: .34 acres
29. Tax map/parcel: 122/42



Description

35. Photo #1
36. Date April 2002
37. Roll #1 Frame #15 Direction: W
38. Negative stored at: NHDHR

- 30 UTM reference: 19.299160/4812880
31. USGS quadrangle and scale: Belmont, 1:24000

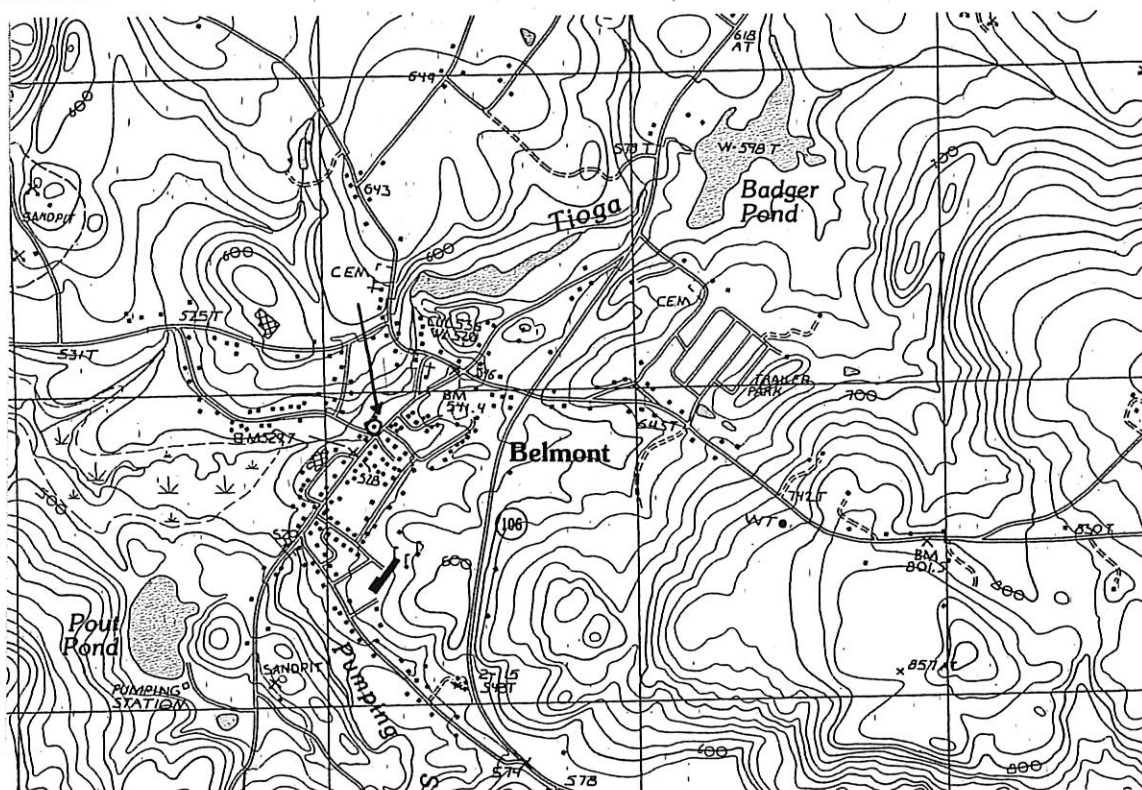
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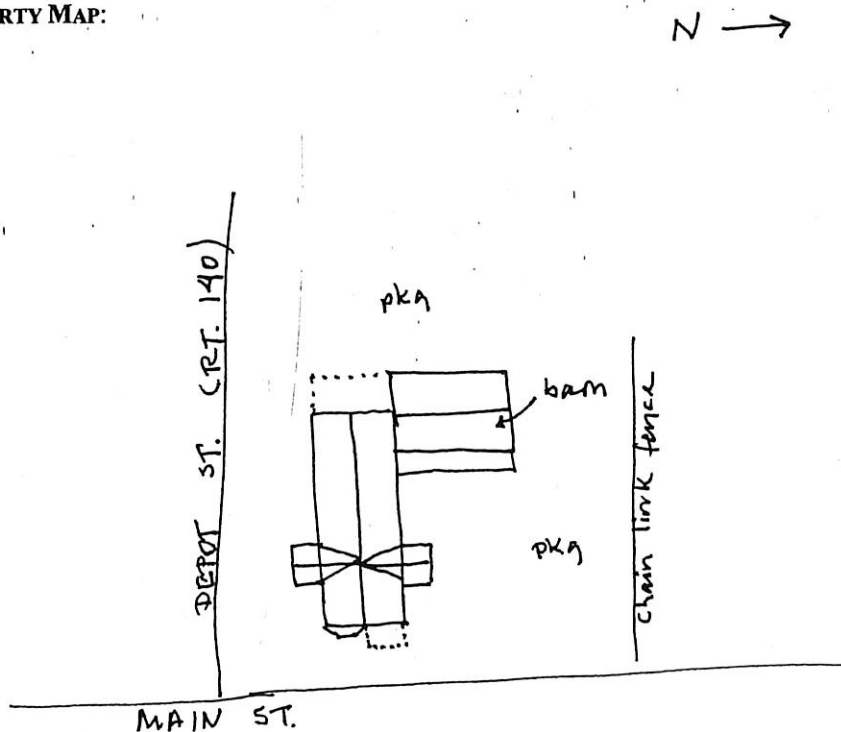
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39. LOCATION MAP:



40. PROPERTY MAP:



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41. Historical Background and Role in the Town or City's Development:

Prior to the construction of this house, its land was part of the adjacent property (128 Main St., inv. #68) to the north, where Daniel Lakeman built a house ca. 1830. Lakeman's heirs sold 1/3 acre at the south end of their land to Stevens S. Fifield in 1886, who erected this house shortly afterward.¹

Virtually nothing is known of Fifield, who was born in 1819 and a self-described capitalist by the time he was living here. When the railroad arrived in Belmont Village in 1889, the welcoming cannon was fired from the front yard of his house.²

In 1897, Fifield purchased the Lakeman's property. The two properties remained in the Fifield family until ca. 1932. The subject house passed from Fifield, who died ca. 1906, to his unmarried daughter, Abbie (1855-1931), who made it her residence until her death. Her caretaker and gardener, Charles Chaplin, occupied the other house (inv. #68) and inherited it upon her death. Miss Fifield left this house to her banker and financial advisor, Charles Smith, who owned it until 1945, after which it passed through a number of successive owners.³

42. Applicable NHDHR Historic Contexts:

none

43. Architectural Description and Comparative Evaluation:

Prominently sited at the northwest corner of Main and Depot Streets in the heart of Belmont Village, this is also one of the more imposing residences in the village, built at the height of its industrial prosperity. It is a 2-1/2 story, 2x6-bay, wood frame, front-gable building with 2-1/2 story projecting side bays and an attached carriage house. The main house rests on a brick foundation. The roof is clad with slate shingles. (This is the only residence in the village with an extant slate roof.) Two corbeled brick chimneys rise from, or near, the ridge, and a hip-roof dormer with 3 (vertical)/1 sash is found toward the rear of each slope. Walls are covered with vinyl siding, though decorative wood shingles and vergeboards, brackets and dentil molding remain fully exposed on the three pedimented gables (facade and two sides). Windows have historic 2/2 sash.

The facade has a side entry with an ornamental portico supported by chamfered posts and brackets. Its pedimented gable features denticulated cornices and a sunray in the field. The entrance, probably once with double doors, has been modified by a new door and adjacent sidelight. Left of the portico is a two-story bay window with original, heavily molded casings and eave brackets.

¹ Book 21/37 (1853), 76/79 (1886); 1892 map.

² 1900 census; Rhodes, 1969: 33.

³ Book 274/355 (1945); Town directory; Rhodes interview.

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The lengthy south elevation has regularly spaced window openings. The west (rear) elevation has an open shed-roof porch supported by turned posts. The porch railing has been replaced. Other alterations include a new railing on its roof, a fire escape, and a new stairway leading from the porch to parking below. The north elevation terminates at the attached carriage house, which is sited laterally to the street. The facade of the carriage house has been altered within the past 50 years, primarily through a one-story, shallow, full-width addition. Surviving historic details include a central wall dormer, square ventilator and slate roof. The rear elevation of the carriage house retains horse stall windows and, in the exposed cellar level, original paneled doors.

44. National or State Register Criteria Statement of Significance:

The Fifield House is a contributing resource within Area G, Factory Village, an eligible National Register Historic District under Criterion A. It is significant as a dwelling built during the village's greatest growth period and is typical of those built during those decades in its front-gable form and attached barn/carriage house. Despite its alterations, it remains one of the more architecturally sophisticated dwellings in the village – one historically occupied by prominent citizens.

The Fifield House lacks sufficient architectural integrity to be individually eligible for the Register under Criterion C. Although the main house retains most of its Queen Anne character-defining stylistic features, alterations to the carriage house undermine its overall integrity. Within the village are several other examples of Queen Anne dwellings with attached barns/carriage houses that retain a higher degree of integrity, including a house on the south side of Gale Street and a house on the west side of Church Street, just above Dearborn Street. Five Sargent Street, though a slightly more vernacular example of the style, also retains a high level of integrity. (Photographs of these houses are included in the revised Area G form; the house on Church Street is included in the Townwide Area Form.)

45. Period of Significance:

ca. 1887 - 1952

46. Statement of Integrity:

The Fifield House retains integrity of location, design, setting, workmanship, feeling and association. Its integrity of materials has been somewhat compromised by synthetic siding and the subsequent loss of some historic trim, but the most prominent trim details survive. The carriage house addition has compromised the design integrity of that portion of the building, as well as some integrity of feeling, but its form and ventilator clearly express its original function.

47. Boundary Discussion:

The eligible boundary for this property is the .34-acre parcel on which it sits.

48. Bibliography and/or References:

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Interviews

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Surveyor's Evaluation

NR listed: individual ☐
within district ☐

Integrity: yes ☒
no ☐

NR eligible:
individual ☐
within district ☒
not eligible ☐
more info needed ☐

NR Criteria: A ☒
B ☐
C ☐
D ☐
E ☐

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Stevens Fifield and his family posing in front of their house

Photographed ca. 1900

Collection of Belmont Old Home Day Association



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View of Main Street, looking south,
showing north elevation of Fifield House at far right
Photographed early 20th century
courtesy Wallace Rhodes



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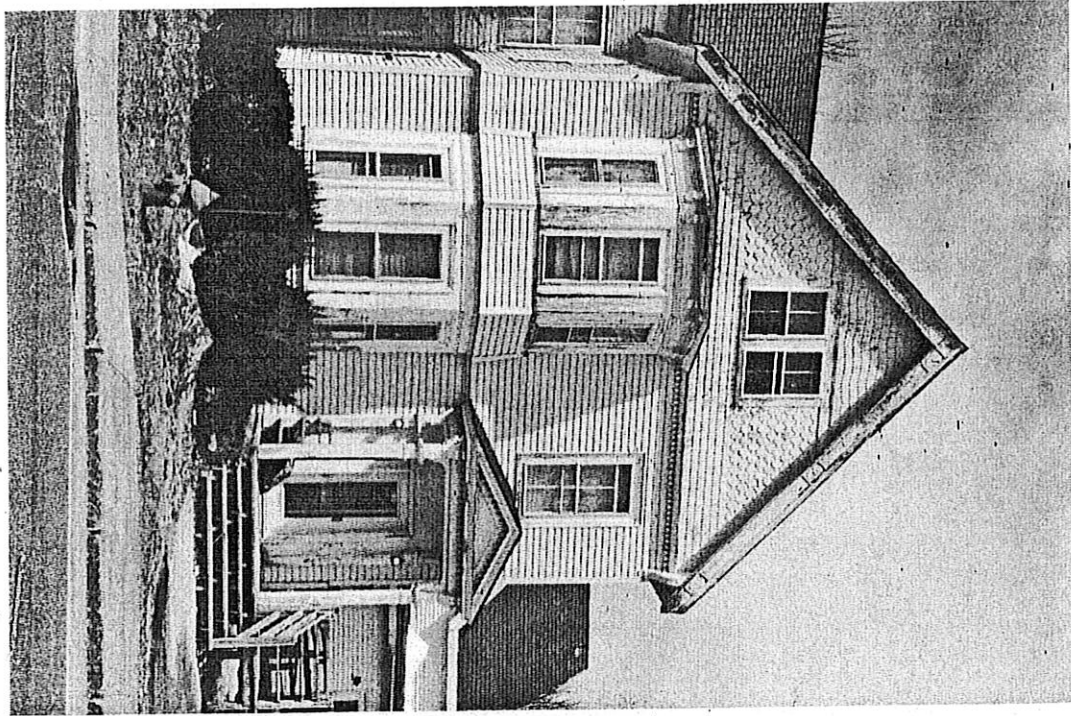


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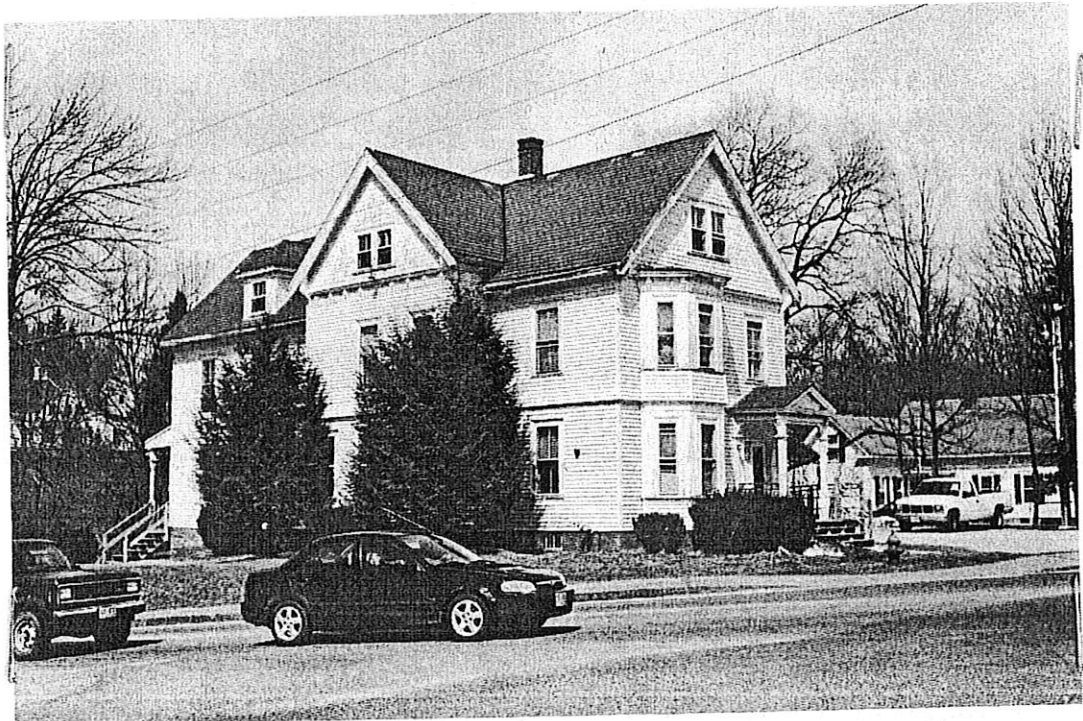


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Photo 5 description: South and west (rear) elevations of ell; rear of barn
Roll: 1 Frame: 16 Direction: NE

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Name, Location, Ownership

1. Historic name: Benjamin T. Lakeman House
2. District or area: G
3. Street and number: 128 Main Street
4. City or town: Belmont
5. County: Belknap
6. Current owner: Alan & Patricia Freedman

Function or Use

7. Current use(s): residence
8. Historic use(s): residence

Architectural Information

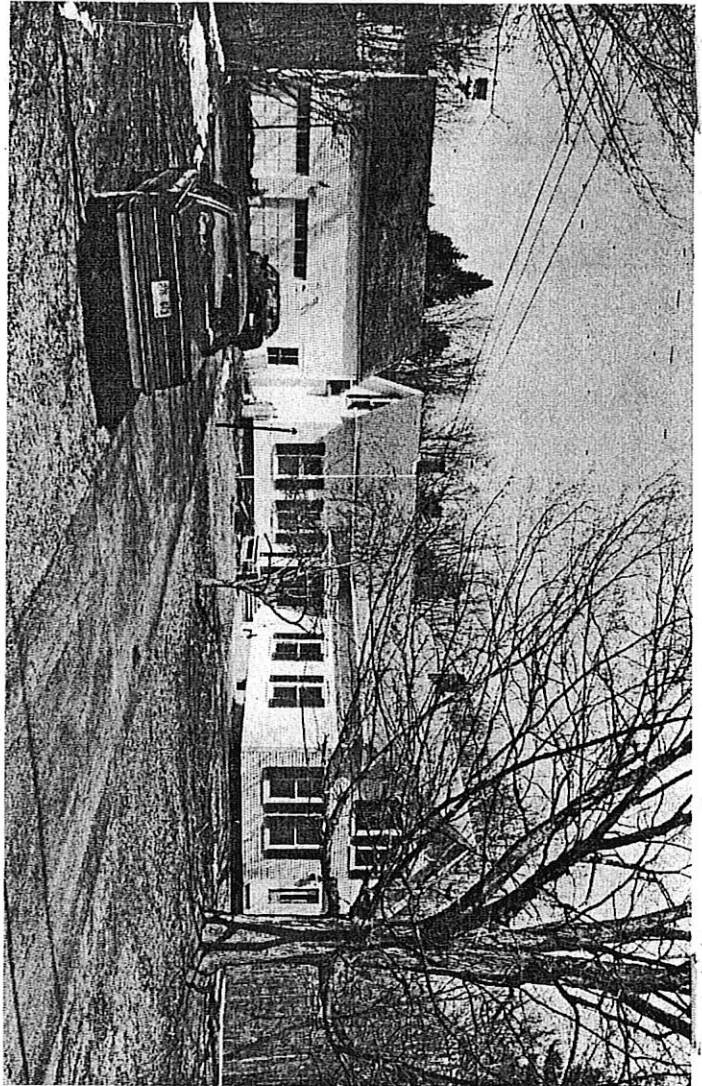
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10. Architect/builder: Unknown
11. Source: _____
12. Construction date: ca. 1890
13. Source: Visual analysis; research
14. Alterations, with dates: sash, shed converted to garage
15. Moved? no ☒ yes ☐ date: _____

Exterior Features

16. Foundation: brick
17. Cladding: clapboard
18. Roof material: asphalt shingles
19. Chimney material: brick
20. Type of roof: gable
21. Chimney location: near ridge
22. Number of stories: 1½
23. Entry location: sidehall
24. Windows: 1/1
- Replacement? no ☐ yes ☒ date: late 20th c.

Site Features

25. Setting: village center
26. Outbuildings: attached barn/garage
27. Landscape features: mature trees, deep front lawn

**Description**

35. Photo #1
36. Date April 2002
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28. Acreage: 1.1 acres
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31. USGS quadrangle and scale: Belmont, 1:24000

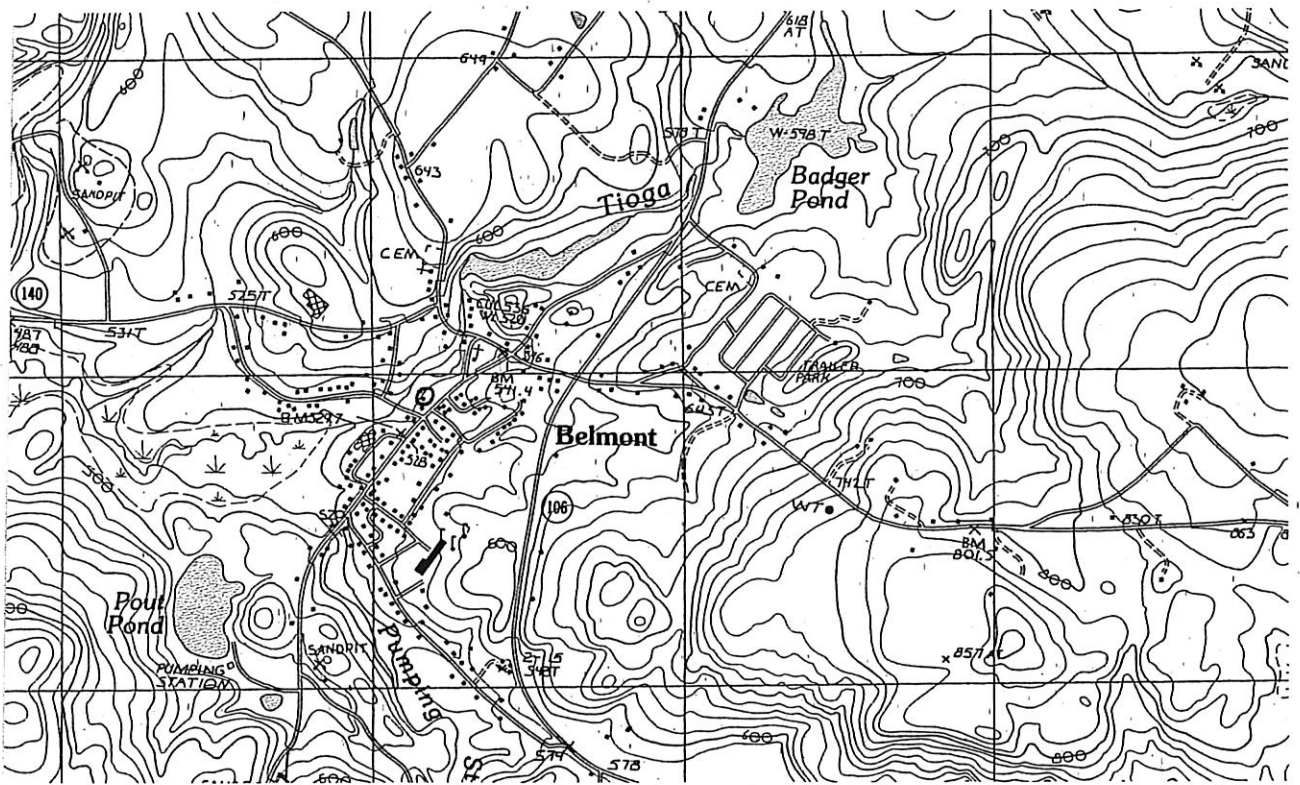
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33. Organization: Preservation Consultant
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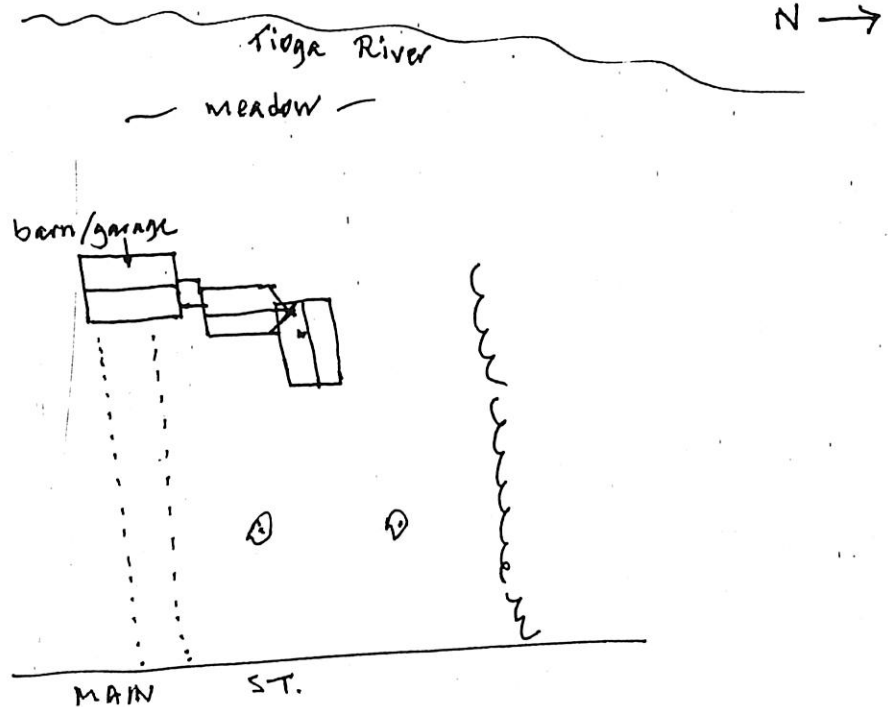
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39. LOCATION MAP:



40. PROPERTY MAP:



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Statement Of Purpose

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41. Historical Background and Role in the Town or City's Development:

This parcel, like virtually all the land in Belmont Village, belonged to Joseph Fellows, Sr. at the time of his death in 1817. His son Joseph Jr. inherited the land on the west side of Main Street, south of Church Street.

In 1829, Daniel Lakeman (1802-51) purchased a portion of this property. For \$50, John C. Tebbets sold him 1 acre, plus 29 square rods that encompassed this property, as well as 134 Main (see inv. #67) immediately to the south. Lakeman soon erected a cape house close to the street where he and his wife Mary Ann, whom he married in 1830, raised their family. Their oldest (and perhaps only) child, Benjamin T. Lakeman (1831-98) inherited the property upon his father's death, but quitclaimed it to his mother who lived, presumably in that house, until 1889. At about that time, Benjamin moved the house to Spring Street (where it still stands at no. 17, though since raised to two stories) and erected the existing house set back farther from the road. Benjamin Lakeman worked in the cotton factory and was later the overseer at the hosiery mill. By the time he and his wife moved into this house, their two surviving children were fully grown.¹

In 1886, Benjamin sold .34 acres at the southern end of the homestead property to Stevens S. Fifield, who built 134 Main Street (inv. #67). In 1897, a year before Benjamin died, the Lakemans sold the remainder of the property, including their house, to Fifield.²

The Fifield family retained ownership of this parcel until the death of Fifield's daughter, Abbie, in 1931. During much of that time, this house was occupied by her caretaker and gardener, Charles Chaplin, who inherited it upon her death and continued to live here.³

42. Applicable NHDHR Historic Contexts:

none

43. Architectural Description and Comparative Evaluation:

Situated well back from Main Street and set off by lawn and mature trees, this house is a 1-1/2 story, 3x4-bay, front-gable, sidehall building with a side ell and attached barn/garage. The house and ell rest on a brick foundation. The roofs are clad with asphalt shingles and walls with clapboards. Brick stove chimneys are found on the south slope of the main house and ridge of ell. Trim includes simple corner pilasters, flat frieze board, molded cornice with returns, and flat window and door casings with caps. Sash is replacement 1/1. The front entrance has a molded cornice and original four-panel

¹ SCD Book 12/544 (1829), BCRD Book 21/37 (1853); 1860, 1880, 1890 census records; Wallace interview; Cemetery records. Prior to building this house and as early as 1859, Benjamin Lakeman lived on Fuller Street. He and his wife, Ann Twombly (1831-1907) had two other children: John Taylor (b. 1861; "died young") and Sarah Frances (1849-63). In 1860, Sarah was living with her grandmother.

² Book 76/79 (1886), 98/506 (1897).

³ Wallace interview; Town directory.

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door with clipped corners in the upper, glazed panels. A secondary entrance, access via a modest, hipped-roof porch tucked in the juncture of the house and ell, leads into the ell.

The barn/garage is sited laterally to the street and connected to the main house via a shallow link. It rests on a stone foundation. The front (east) and south walls are clad with clapboards; the rear with shingles. Two modern overhead doors are found on the front, as well as a 2/2-sash window. The cellar is exposed and partially open on the south.

Behind the barn, the land drops sharply, leading to meadow and the Tioga River.

44. National or State Register Criteria Statement of Significance:

The Benjamin Lakeman House is a contributing resource within Area G, Factory Village, an eligible National Register Historic District under Criterion A. It is significant as a late 19th century vernacular dwelling erected during a period of great growth within the village and whose occupants were directly tied to the local industry.

The Lakeman House is not eligible individually for the National Register. It lacks strong associations with a significant local historical context, and none of its owners prior to 1955 are known to have made major contributions to history. Architecturally, it represents a common late 19th century building type (gable-front house, side ell, attached barn), but alterations within the past 50 years, specifically replacement sash and barn/garage doors, have compromised its integrity sufficiently to render it ineligible individually under Criterion C.

45. Period of Significance:

ca. 1890-1952

46. Statement of Integrity:

The Lakeman House retains integrity of location, setting, workmanship, feeling and association. Its integrity of materials and design have been somewhat compromised by replacement sash and overhead doors in the barn/garage.

47. Boundary Discussion:

The eligible boundary is the 1.1-acre lot.

48. Bibliography and/or References:

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within district ☐

Integrity: yes ☒
no ☐

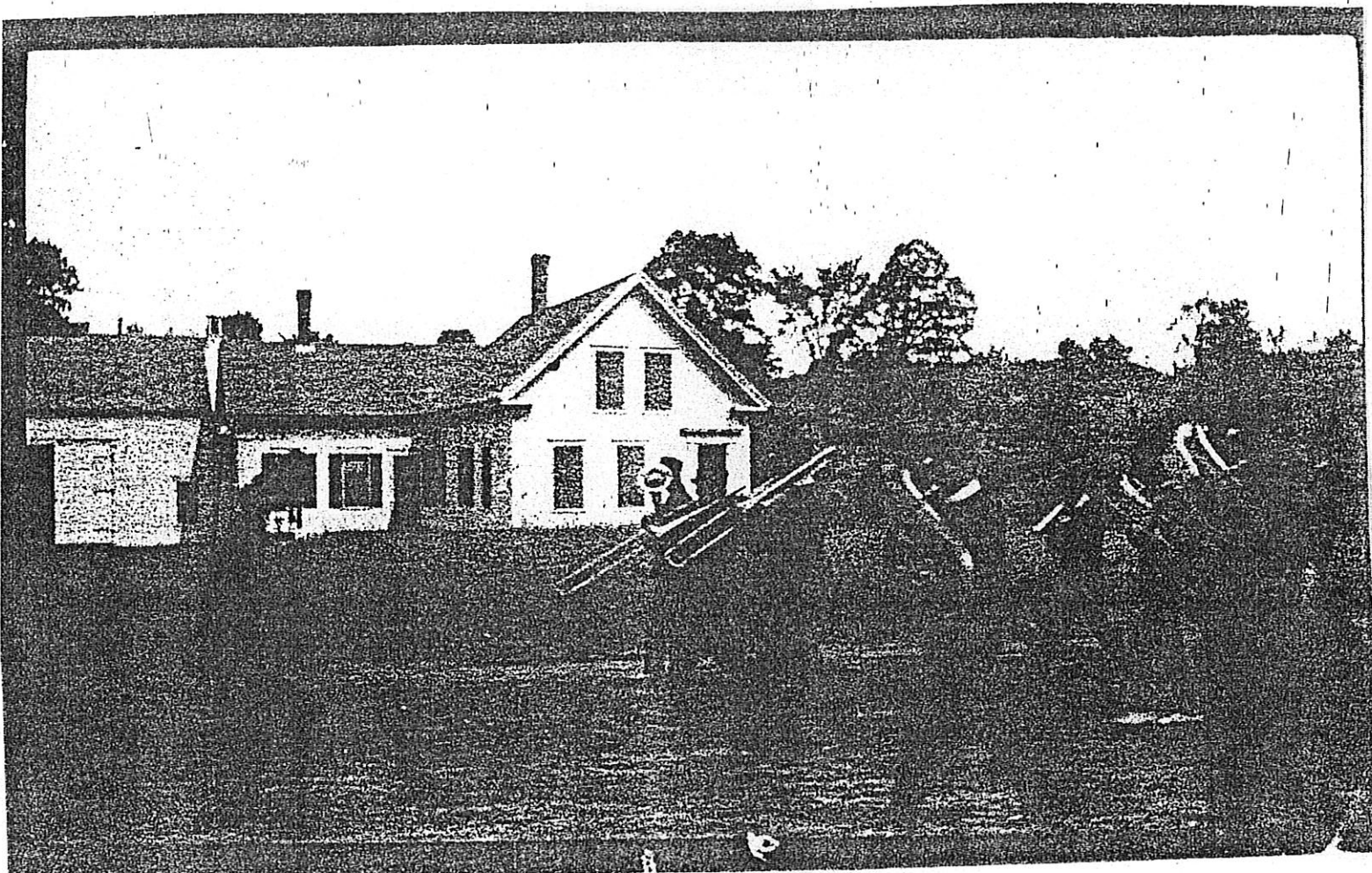
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more info needed ☐

NR Criteria: A ☒
B ☐
C ☐
D ☐
E ☐

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Benjamin T. Lakeman House,
Photographed early 20th century
courtesy Everett Weeks, Jr.



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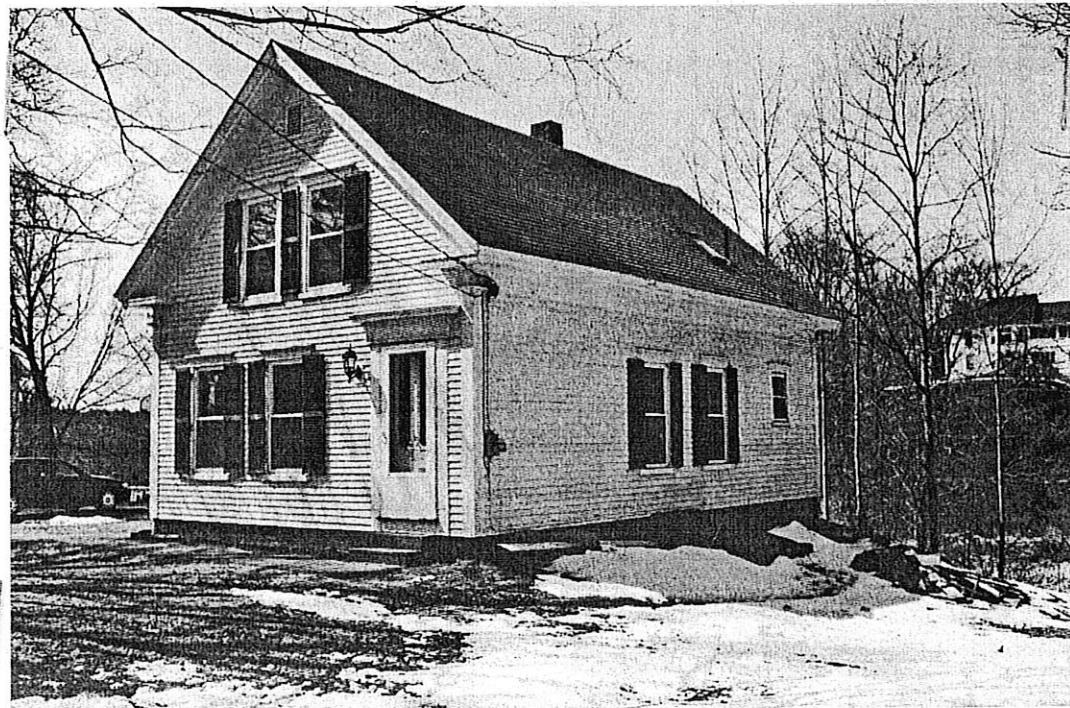


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Photo 4 description: Facade & south elevation of shed/garage
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NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: BEL 0069

Name, Location, Ownership

1. Historic name: Forrest House
2. District or area: G
3. Street and number: 129 Main Street
4. City or town: Belmont
5. County: Belknap
6. Current owner: James Woodbury

Function or Use

7. Current use(s): residence
8. Historic use(s): residence

Architectural Information

9. Style: Greek Revival
10. Architect/builder: Unknown (Ludd)
11. Source: _____
12. Construction date: ca. 1839
13. Source: Visual analysis; research
14. Alterations, with dates: front entrance;
rear dormer & entry addition
15. Moved? no ☒ yes ☐ date: _____

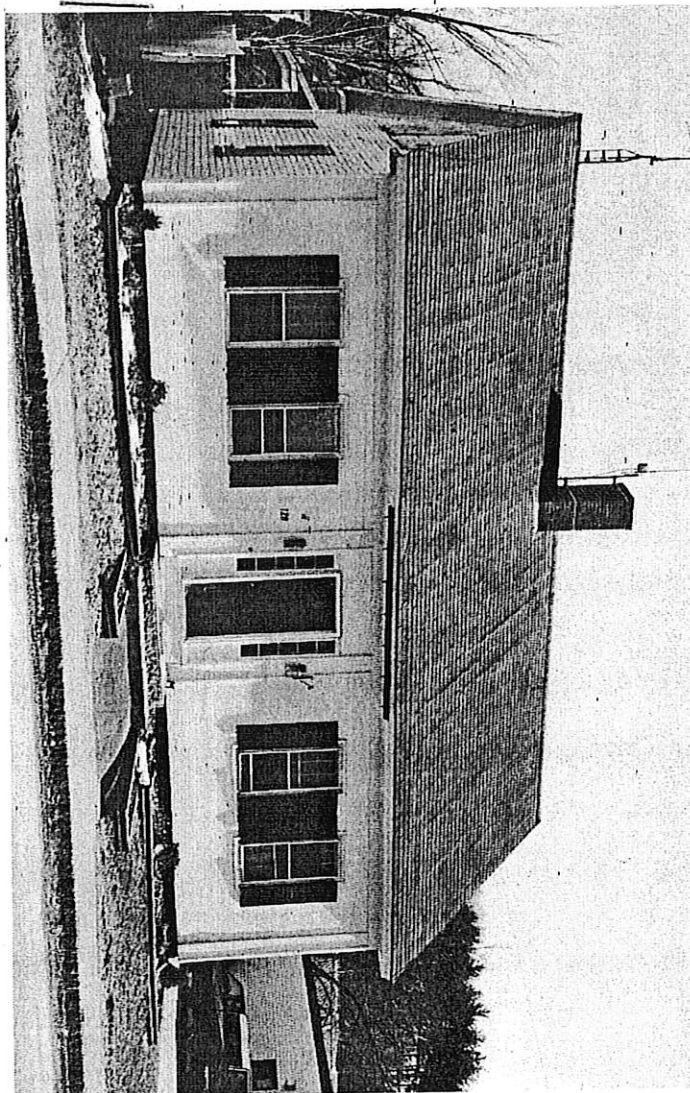
Exterior Features

16. Foundation: granite block
17. Cladding: clapboard
18. Roof material: asphalt shingles
19. Chimney material: brick
20. Type of roof: gable
21. Chimney location: center on ridge
22. Number of stories: 1½
23. Entry location: center
24. Windows: 9/6, 6/6

Replacement? no ☒ yes ☐ date: _____

Site Features

25. Setting: village center
26. Outbuildings: garage
27. Landscape features: -
28. Acreage: .1 acres
29. Tax map/parcel: 122/100



Description

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36. Date April 2002
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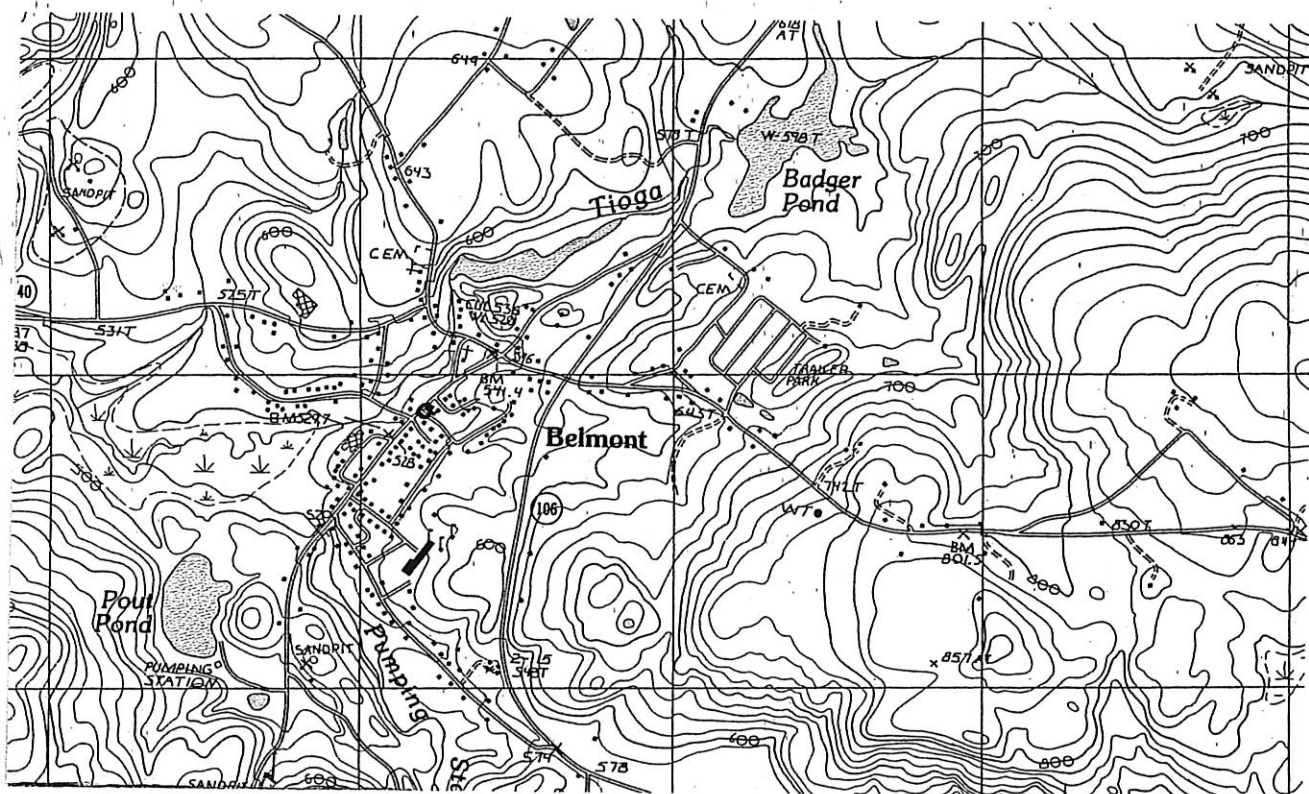
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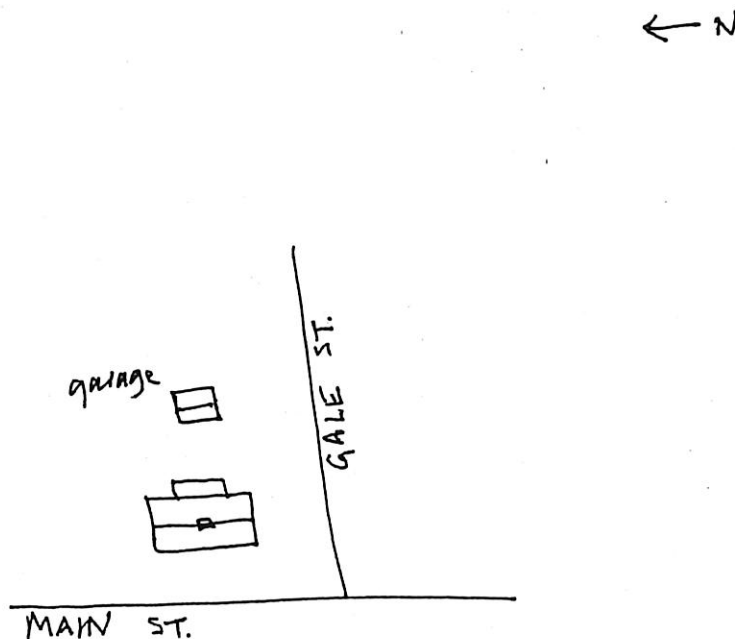
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41. Historical Background and Role in the Town or City's Development:

This parcel, like virtually all the land in Belmont Village, belonged to Joseph Fellows, Sr. at the time of his death in 1817. His grandchildren, Simeon and Mary Copp, received all of his holdings on the east side of Main Street, or approximately 100 acres. The Copps conveyed it to Allan Hackett, who created house lots fronting on Main (then known as Walker) Street, which had been laid out in 1821 and began to develop in the 1830s, as the area started to emerge as a cotton manufacturing village. In 1838 stonecutter Josiah Ladd purchased the three lots between Gale and Spring Streets from Hackett and is likely the one who built a house on each (see also inv. #70 & 71.¹

By the late 1840s, Sydney Forrest was residing here. Forrest was the village blacksmith, and his shop, built ca. 1819, stood just west of the Catholic Church parking lot between the road and the river. Forrest's brother, Franklin, was the husband of Ladd's sister, Hannah. When Sidney Forrest moved to Ohio, he sold his shop to Franklin.² The property remained in his family until 1923, when it was subdivided, and the portion on which this house and the building immediately behind it stands was conveyed to the Central New Hampshire Telephone Company.

The telephone company was formed in 1919, when the town's two exchanges merged. The company was one of the first in the state to convert to dial service, in 1941. The house served as its headquarters until 1941, when it was sold to Ira and Viola Rhodes.³ The company relocated to the small, brick building it erected behind the house.

42. Applicable NHDHR Historic Contexts:

Communications in NH - telephone

43. Architectural Description and Comparative Evaluation:

The Forrest House is located on the east side of Main Street in the heart of Belmont Village. It is a 5x2-bay cape on a granite block foundation. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles; a stove chimney rises from the center of the ridge. The boxed cornice returns at the gable ends. Walls are clad with beaded flush board siding on the facade and clapboards on the remaining walls. Greek Revival type trim includes paneled corner boards and "pilasters" at the center entrance. (It appears that the entrance was originally recessed: the modern metal door is set within new infill, and behind the non-historic sidelights are historic sidelights.) Windows have 9/6 sash on the 1st story and 6/6 in the gable ends. Openings are framed with narrow, molded casings and historic blinds on the facade and south elevation. The rear elevation has a shed-roof shed extension and a shed-roof dormer, both dating from post-1929, at which time the house had a 19th century rear ell.⁴

¹ Rhodes interview.

² 1859 map; Rhodes interview. The blacksmith shop is pictured in *Reminiscences of a New Hampshire Town* (p. 17).

³ Historic maps; Book 168/343 (1923), 170/370 (1923), 250/477 (1941); Rhodes, 1969: 89.

⁴ Sanborn maps.

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The one-bay front-gable garage behind the house is mid 20th century.

44. National or State Register Criteria Statement of Significance:

The Forrest House is a contributing resource within Area G, Factory Village, an eligible National Register Historic District under Criterion A. It is significant as one of the few extant residences built shortly after the village was established in the 1830s; it continues to convey its historical associations. It is also significant for its association with Sydney Forrest, the first and long-time village blacksmith.

The Forrest House is also eligible individually for the Register under Criterion C, as one of the few properties from Belmont Village's first decade to survive and retain a relatively high degree of integrity. Its style and form, a Greek Revival cape, reflects the type of dwellings built in the village in the 1830s and '40s and illustrates the vernacular nature of Belmont's residential architecture, both within the village and in outlying areas. Though its entrance has been modified, at least some of its Greek Revival elements survive beneath more recent layers, and the style is still expressed in its form, flush board siding, and paneled corner boards. The rear alterations do not adversely affect the building's architectural significance.

45. Period of Significance:

A: ca. 1839 - 1952

C: ca. 1839 (date of construction)

46. Statement of Integrity:

Despite modifications to its primary entrance and the loss of its rear ell, the Forrest House retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.

47. Boundary Discussion:

The eligible boundary, either as a contributing or an individually eligible resource, is the .1-acre lot.

48. Bibliography and/or References:

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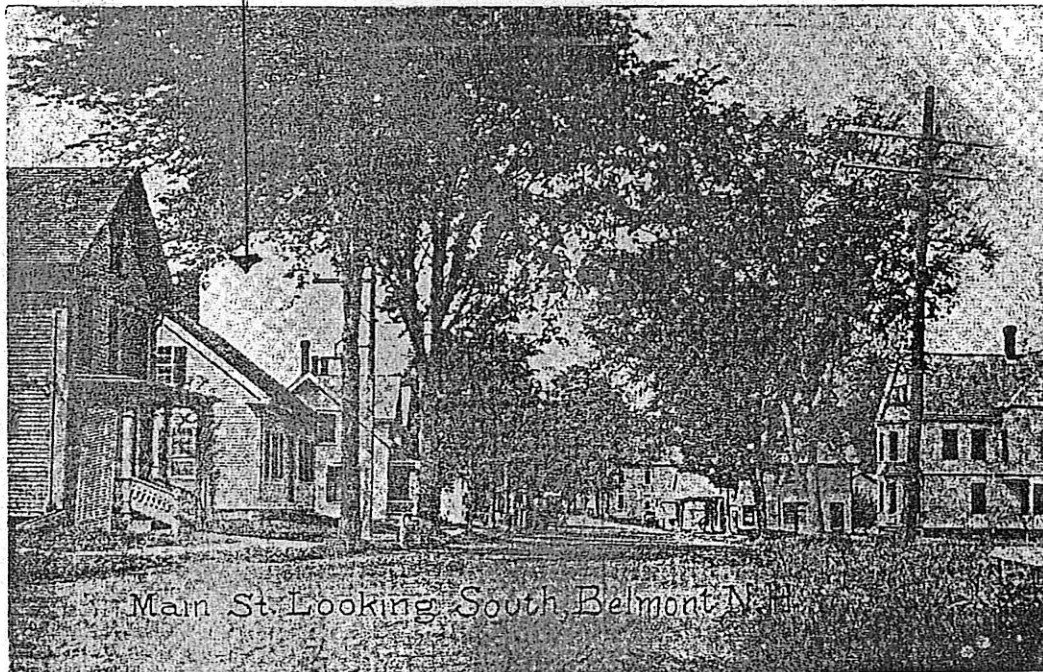
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View of Main Street, looking south, showing Forrest House second from left

Photographed early 20th century

courtesy Wallace Rhodes



Main St Looking South, Belmont N.H.

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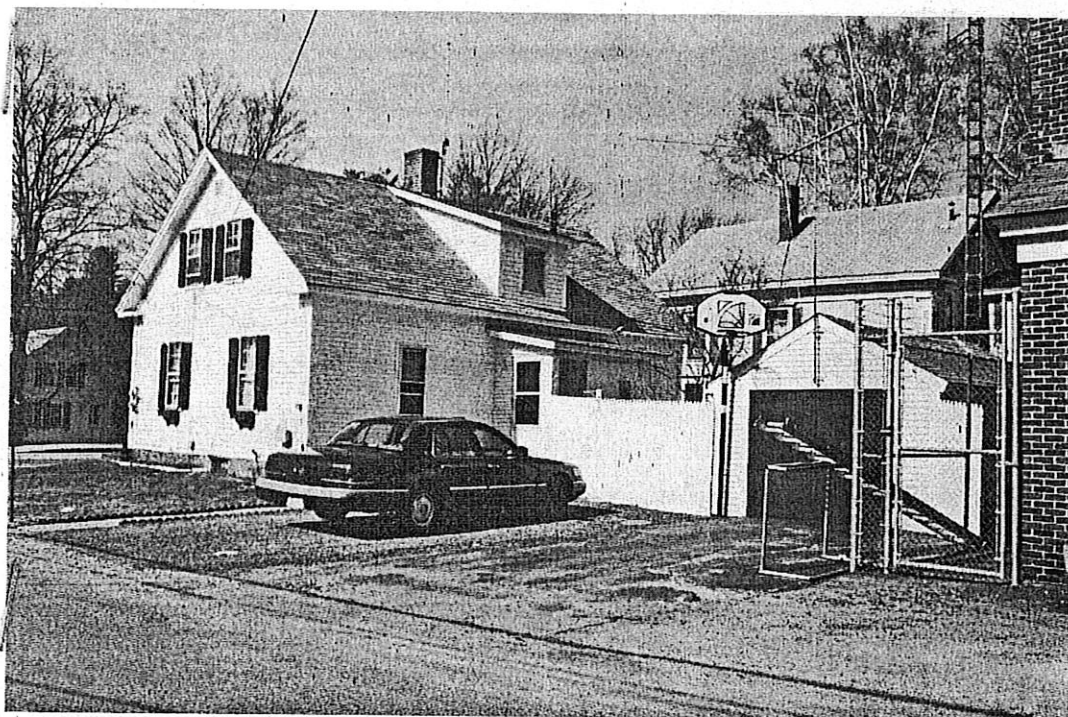


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