

FORM A - AREA

Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

34 BEAMAN LANE

Assessor's Sheets

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USGS Quad

Marlborough

Area Letter

AQ

Form Numbers in Area

1291-1293



337 STOW ROAD

town Marlborough

place (neighborhood or village) _____

name of Area Beaman Lane

present Use residential

construction Dates or Period 1850's through early 20th century

overall Condition _____
fair

Major Intrusions and Alterations _____

modern house between #337 Stow and 34 Beaman

Acreage ca. 1.5 acres

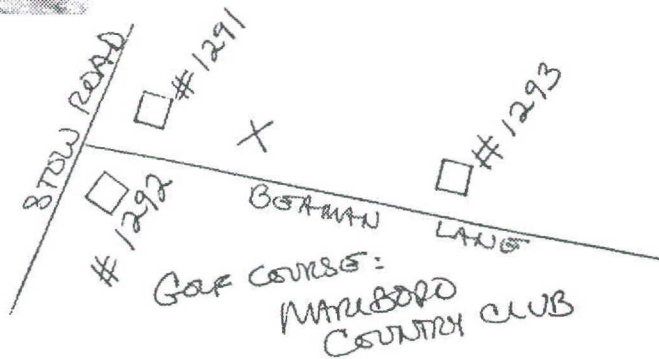
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Organization Marlborough Historical Comm.

Date (month/day/year) 7/27/95

Streets included:

Beaman Lane: #34
Stow Road: #337, and parcel #6



AREA FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION *see continuation sheet*

Describe architectural, structural and landscape features and evaluate in terms of other areas within the community.

Three small architecturally-significant buildings stand on Beaman Lane. #34 is a clapboarded, story-and-a-half, side-gabled cottage of the mid-nineteenth-century that is typical of many small farmhouses of its era. It has a two-story rear wing, one narrow ridge chimney, a boxed, molded cornice, and a small through-cornice dormer on the facade. The windows are later 6-over-1-sash, and a 20th-century enclosed porch spans the facade.

#337 Stow Road, though somewhat altered by an enclosed porch and some window changes, is a rare example in rural Marlborough of a wide, ca. 1920 Craftsman Bungalow with clipped gable ends and an exterior fieldstone chimney. The best-preserved of the three buildings here is a ca. 1920's Craftsman three-car garage across the lane from #337. Like the house, it was built with clipped gable-ends, and has a wide shed dormer. It retains its characteristic exposed rafter-ends and its original 6-over-1-sash windows and three-part, 6-pane- over 2-paneled doors.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE *see continuation sheet*

Explain historical development of the area. Discuss how this area relates to the historical development of the community.

The farming districts of Marlborough were once threaded with narrow lanes and paths that formed passages between the main roads or connected one farm with another. Many were in existence well before 1800. Some, including at least two that linked the early farmsteads in the northeast part of the city, have disappeared. Others, such as Cook Lane and the old "Ragged Lane" between Elm and the west end of Lincoln Street, gradually sprouted houses and eventually became town roads--in the latter case, the lane became Winter Street.

Beaman Lane, which is first shown on the map of 1803 as originating at Spoonhill Avenue, was undoubtedly named after the branch of the Beaman family that lived in the area. A house is first shown as early as 1830 at the southwest corner, belonging to the "Widow J. Bruce". By 1856 that house is gone, and another, positioned slightly to the east on the north side of the street at about the location of #34, is shown as belonging to C. Perry. This is likely to be farmer Charles Perry, who in 1860 is listed as owning a farm of 25 acres, or possibly another member of the Perry family. He evidently owned much of the land on both sides of the road until the 1890's. By 1900, the owner of #34 was W. Fitzgerald.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES *see continuation sheet*

Maps and atlases: 1856-7, 1875, 1889, 1900.
Marlborough directories and tax valuations.

Recommended as a National Register District. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Community: Marlborough
 Property: Beaman Lane
 Area(s): AQ
 Form Nos.: 1291-1293

AREA DATA SHEET

MHC#	Parcel #	Street Address	Historic Name	Approximate Date	Style/type
1291	33-96	337 Stow Road		ca. 1920	Craftsman cottage
1292	33-6	--- Stow Road		ca. 1920	Craftsman garage
1293	33-7	34 Beaman Lane	Perry House	mid-19th C.	side-gabled, 1 1/2-story cottage



garage, Stow + Beaman