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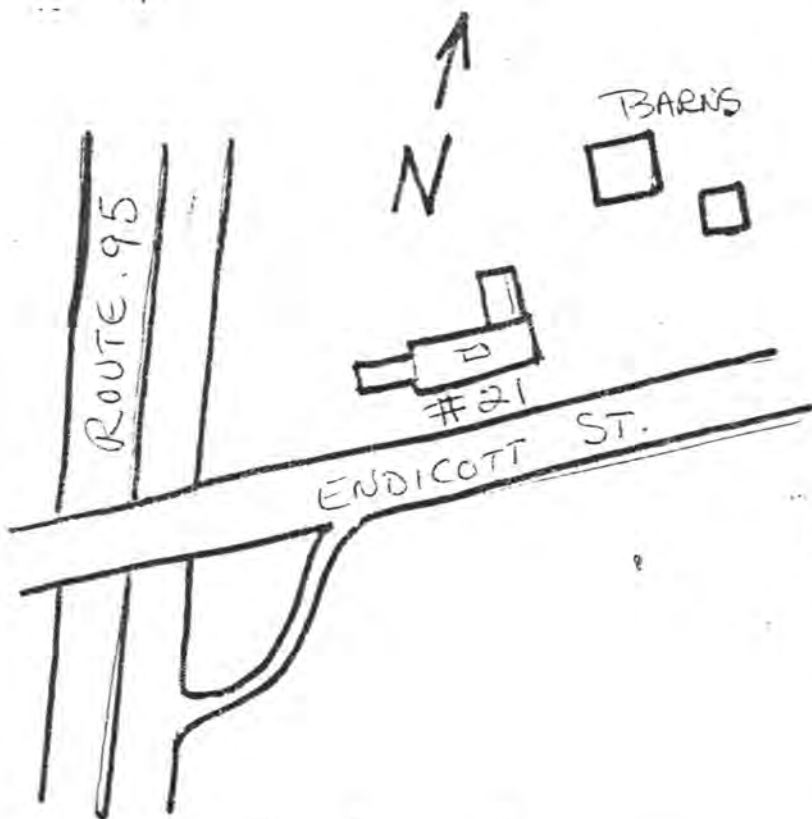
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

PHOTOGRAPHS:

- 60:34 Front and right facades
60:36 Rear facade
60:01 Longitudinal summer beam into boxed chimney girt in first-floor right room
60:36A Longitudinal summer beam into end prick post which molded and jowled in first-floor right room
60:24 Summer tie beam into rear concealed plate in right chamber
60:06 Detail of motise in principle rafter over right first-phase for collar beam

Sketch Map:



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M REFERENCE 19 / 337-850 / 4721-180

GS QUADRANGLE Georgetown (now Ipswich)

SCALE 1:25,000

Town BOXFORD 009Address 21 Endicott RoadHistoric Name Sawver HouseUse: Present residenceroom Original residence

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1700-25Source A. L. CommingsStyle First Period / Colonial RevivalArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric clapboardOutbuildings 2 barns - 20th century -foundation of 19th c. barn = walled gardenMajor Alterations (with dates) second-phase18th century; rear leanto - 18th century;dormer on rear leanto and rear ell - 19th C.;side ell and enclosed rear porch - 20th C.Condition goodMoved no Date n/aAcreage 2.1 acresSetting rural - at Route 95 interchangeopposite industrial complex - surrounded byfields - open space behindRecorded by James KyprianosOrganization Boston UniversityDate November 1985

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

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Property Name: Sawyer House	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Sawyer house retains integrity of location, setting, workmanship, and association. Its form and construction embody the distinctive characteristics that make it eligible under Criterion C, while the boxed elements of its possibly later addition are likely to yield more information on First Period construction, and qualifies under Criterion D.

The early exposed frame of the east main rooms is clearly of the first decades of the 18th century, and the width of the framing and the proportions of the west rooms suggest a similar or slightly later construction date for that section. The molded post heads suggest a ca. 1700 date, for the right-hand core at least, on the basis of comparison with other houses in the survey area. A roof fire in the attic has confused evidence there, but it now appears that the main front rooms of the house were of two builds.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The Sawyer House, built in the first quarter of the 18th century, may have begun as a single-cell house that was enlarged to a 5-bay, central-chimney, lobby-entrance, two-story, double-cell structure, as the principal rafters show evidence of collars on only the left side for the principal and purlin system. The right side appears to be the earliest core of the much-enlarged house. 19th and 20th century additions include a 2-story ell with a brick chimney stack at the juncture with the rear northeast corner of the main block, a 2-story sun porch with another rear 2-story shed-roofed addition along the rear wall, and a 1 1/2-story ell extending from the west gable-end to the depth of the rear addition. Across the facade of the house, a 2-story portico of seven square posts was added in the 1860's. Beneath the portico, a lobby entrance and two Victorian bay windows protrude from the original plane of the building.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

The rooms at both stories to the right of the lobby entrance and stairs show clear evidence of First Period framing. They are 20' x 25' in size. On the first floor, there is a 20.5'-long longitudinal summerbeam, supported on the east gable wall by a 12"-wide prick post with wide flat chamfers and lamb's tongue stops and an elaborately carved and molded post head. The 12"-wide summer is decorated with quarter-round chamfers ending in 3"-long lamb's tongue stops. Added width beyond the boxed, 17"-wide chimney girt suggests that the chimney was replaced, perhaps when the left section was built. The ceiling is plastered, but the summer is exposed 7" below it. The four corner posts are boxed.

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At the second story, the 22'-long tie beam, (10.5" wide; 6.5" exposed below the ceiling,) acts as the summer in the normal fashion. It is decorated with a 2" flat chamfer and 3"-long lamb's tongue stops, which terminate 5" from the plates and gunstocked story posts. The posts have simple chamfers; the remaining frame is boxed.

The left-hand rooms are boxed, but show evidence of summers and other beams of nearly the same width. The lower left room has a 18.5' boxed summer, 12" wide; the chamber has a 10"-wide tie beam, also boxed. This similarity of proportion may suggest that the rooms are either original or were added during the First Period.

SIGNIFICANT LATER FEATURES

The central chimney is of later date, brick above the fieldstone foundation. In the central stairway there is a 19" x 31" smoke closet at the landing, with horizontal wooden poles for hanging meat still in place.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The house was apparently built on land formerly part of the Gov. Endicott grant of the 17th century. The early ownership is confused, at best, as Sidney Perley assigns the date of first construction to Stephen Gould ca. 1750. The farm was later owned by the Kilham family until 1802, when it was purchased by Dr. George Sawyer. It was in the Sawyer family until 1940, during which time it acquired the Mt. Vernon-like portico.

REFERENCES

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1/24/90

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR
State _____

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

71. Putnam, Deacon Edward, Jr., House
Entered in the National Register
Keeper *Melrose Byers* 3/9/90
Attest _____

72. Putnam, James, Jr., House
Entered in the National Register
Keeper *Melrose Byers* 3/9/90
Attest _____

73. Ross Tavern
Substantive Review
Keeper *Betty L. Sawase* 3/9/90
Attest _____

74. Sawyer House
Entered in the National Register
Keeper *Melrose Byers* 3/9/90
Attest _____

75. Smith House
Entered in the National Register
Keeper *Melrose Byers* 3/9/90
Attest _____

76. Smith, Hazariah, House
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79. Tufts, Rev. John, House
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80. White--Ellery House
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Sawyer House
NAME:

MULTIPLE First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Essex

DATE RECEIVED: 1/24/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 2/07/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/23/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/10/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000194

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 3/9/90 DATE Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

summary paragraph
 completeness
 clarity
 applicable criteria
 justification of areas checked
 relating significance to the resource
 context
 relationship of integrity to significance
 justification of exception
 other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



Boxford
Sawyer House
21 Endicott Road
Rear facade
1985

1st Period Buildings of E. Mo., TR

(60-36)



21 Endicott Rd, Boxford

Boxford

Sawyer House

21 Endicott Road

Front + Right Facades

1985

1st Period Buildings of E. Me., TR

(60-34)



Boxford
Stuyvesant House
21 Endicott Road
Summer the beam

(60-24)

1st Period Buildings of G. Mo., PR



Boxford
Sawyer House
21 Edicott Road
Longitudinal summer
1985

(60-36A)

1st Period Buildings of E. May, TR



Boxford
Sturges House
21 Endicott Road
Longitudinal summer - boxed girt
1985

1st Period Buildings of E. Ma., TR

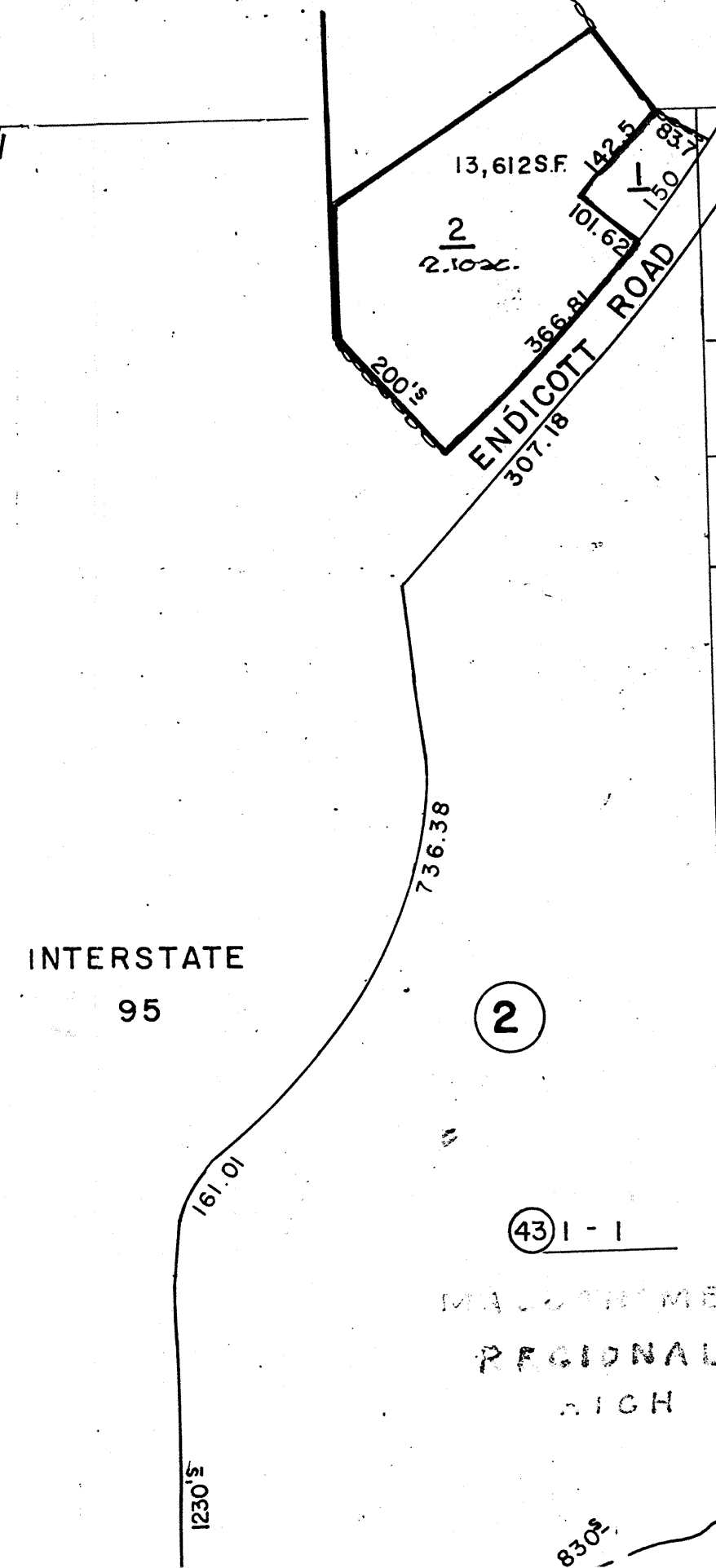
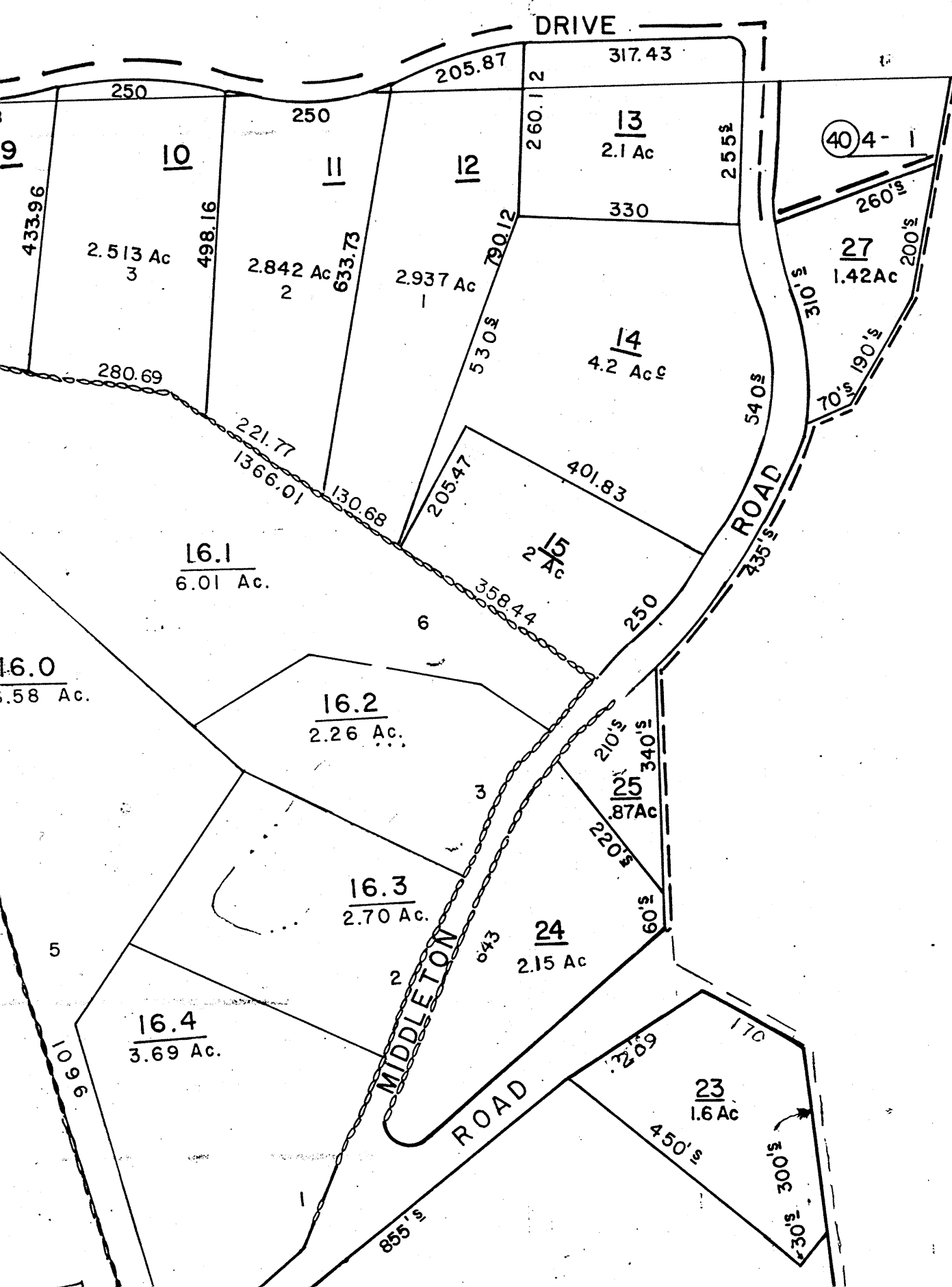
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Boxford
Sawyer House
21 Endicott Road
Northside detail
1985

1st Period Buildings of E May, TR

(60-06)



TOWN OF BOXFORD
BOXFORD, MASS.

21 Endicott Road
Tap 42 Parcel 02
Sawyer House



SCALE 1" = 200'

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	42	43

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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

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