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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Jabez Partridge Homestead

AND/OR COMMON

Same

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER 81 Partridge Road

CITY, TOWN

Gardner

N/A

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

Worcester

CODE

027

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

 DISTRICT BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

 PUBLIC PRIVATE BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

 IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

 OCCUPIED UNOCCUPIED WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

 YES: RESTRICTED YES: UNRESTRICTED NO

## PRESENT USE

 AGRICULTURE COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Irving P. Anderson

STREET &amp; NUMBER

81 Partridge Road

CITY, TOWN

Gardner

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Worcester County Registry of Deeds

STREET &amp; NUMBER

2 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Worcester

STATE

Massachusetts

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth #107

DATE

1977

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located in the rural southern section of Gardner, the Jabez Partridge Homestead occupies a slightly elevated site on the east side of Partridge Road. The house consists of a front two-storey section, built in 1826, and a one-and-half-storey rear ell, believed to have been built between 1772 and 1786 for Jabez Partridge.

Of vernacular, Federalist design, the Partridge Homestead's front section is of timber-frame construction, rectangular in plan with a central chimney. Resting on a hammered granite foundation, the house is covered with clapboards and enclosed by a pitched roof with end-wall gables. The house's symmetrical facade has a center entry and four windows at the first storey, five windows at the second storey and a boxed, moulded cornice at the roof line. The entry is framed by a simple architrave and moulded cap; above the door is a four-pane transom. Fenestration of the house's end-walls is symmetrical, consisting of two windows at each storey and one window centered in each gable. The house's south end also contains a secondary entry, located slightly east of the wall's center, at the first storey. This entry resembles that of the facade, but lacks a cap. Sash in the house varies from 6/6 to some original 12/12.

Set at right angles to the front section of the house is a rear ell of timber-frame construction. The ell, now used partly as a shed, is rectangular in plan with a small central chimney. The ell's exterior is covered with clapboard and enclosed by a pitched roof. Fenestration is asymmetrical, consisting of openings of varying size, some of which retain original 12/12 sash. Local tradition dates this wing of the house between 1772 and 1786 when Jabez Partridge is believed to have established a farm on this property. In addition to the Partridge Homestead, this property contains a dairy shed and barn of undetermined ages.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES 1772-1786; 1826                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Jabez Partridge Homestead retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship. Operated as a farm continuously since 1786, and perhaps as early as 1772, it possesses historical associations with the settlement and agricultural economy of South Gardner. In addition, the house's vernacular Federalist architecture and the surrounding farmland of nearly 28 acres remain much as they did in 1826, preserving important elements of Gardner's pre-industrial development.

Jabez Partridge, a farmer and early settler of Gardner, is noted in various records as having built a house on this site and established a farm as early as 1772, although no deed for this property was filed until 1786 when Partridge acquired it from Edmund Eaton. During this time, Partridge also took part in the town's affairs, appearing as a signer of the 1785 petition to incorporate Gardner as a town. Jabez Partridge retained possession of this property until 1811 when he sold the house and farm to his son, Adam. Until 1927, the property remained in the ownership of Partridge's lineal descendants, passing to Seneca Partridge (son of Adam Partridge) in 1832 and, subsequently, to Seneca's son, Adam II, and to Adam Partridge's II daughter, Idell Partridge Underwood. In 1927, the farm was acquired from Idell Underwood by August P. Anderson, whose son is the current owner.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Worcester County Registry of Deeds, Book 101, P. 242  
 Moore, E., History of Gardner  
 Herrick, W.D., History of Gardner  
 Anderson, Irving P., Present Owner

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

## UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 28.8.AQUADRANGLE NAME GardnerQUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>1, 9</u>	<u>2, 5, 6</u>	<u>1, 0, 0</u>	<u>4, 7</u>	<u>1, 5</u>	<u>8, 4, 0</u>
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING			

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING			

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### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please refer to the attached assessor's map

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE Brian Pfeiffer, Consultant with Eric Engelson  
Gardner Historical Commission

ORGANIZATION Massachusetts Historical CommissionDATE June 1979STREET & NUMBER 294 Washington StreetTELEPHONE (617) 727-8470CITY OR TOWN BostonSTATE Massachusetts

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL 

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Steven Welton 9/14/79TITLE Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

### FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Sally G. Oedhen  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 12/6/79

ATTEST: Bruce M. Boyd (Sr)  
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 12/9/79

Property Partridge Jabez Homestead

State MA, Worcester Working Number 102792346

**TECHNICAL**

**CONTROL**

Photos 1  
Maps 1/1

**HISTORIAN**

<sup>AND FARMSTEAD</sup>  
THE HOUSE IS SIGNIFICANT AS AN EARLY SURVIVING  
EXAMPLE OF ITS TYPE <sup>AND ONE</sup> WHICH RETAINS A HIGH DEGREE OF ITS ORIGINAL INTEGRITY.

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

ACCEPT  
MAC DOUGAL  
12/4/79

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

ACCEPT  
MAC DOUGAL  
12/4/79

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_ Send-back \_\_\_\_\_ Entered DEC 6 1979  
Federal Register Entry 2-5-80 Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

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Gardner, Mass. DEC 6 1979

Jabez Partridge House *Homestead* DGE HOMESTEAD  
Eric Engleson 1978 #107

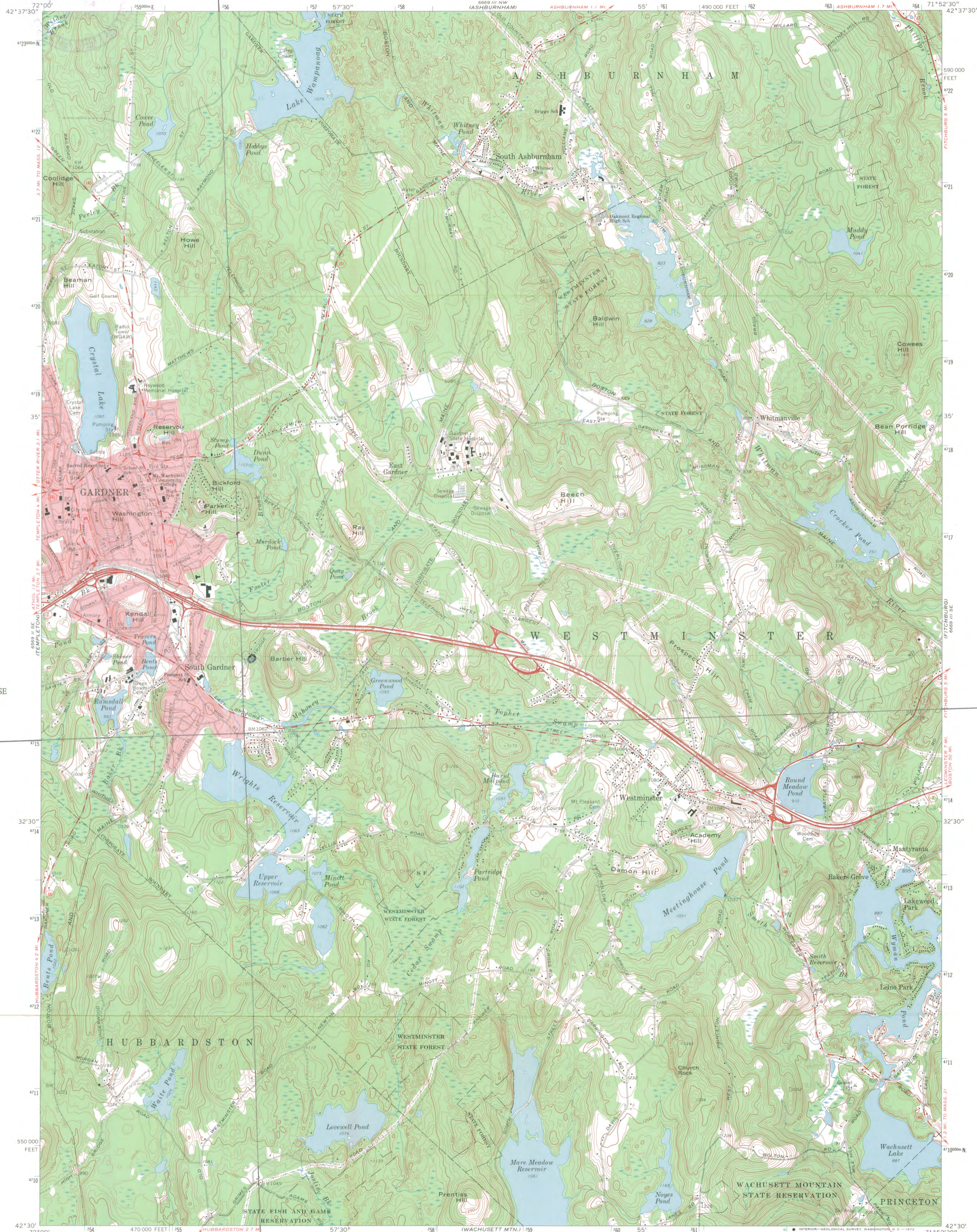
Gardner Historical Commission

Photo #1

*Worcester County*

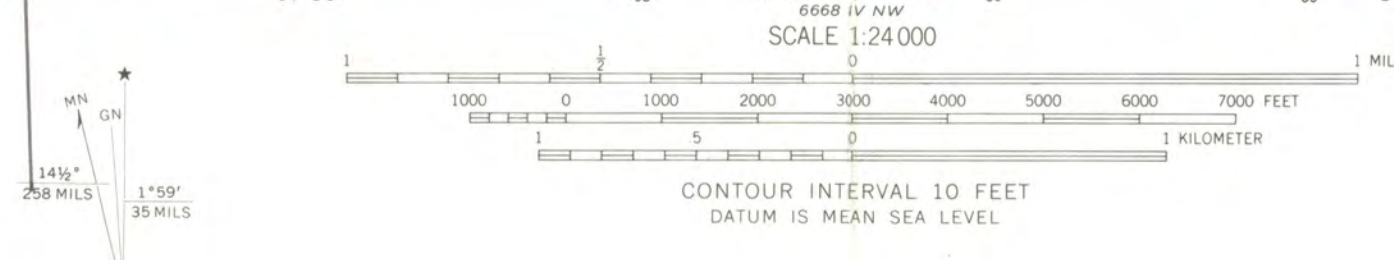
South Elevation

*OCT 2 1979*



GARDNER, MASS.  
JABEZ PARTRIDGE HOUSE  
UTM REFERENCES:  
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Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs  
taken 1939. Topography by planetable surveys 1943 and 1944  
Revised from aerial photographs taken 1968. Field checked 1970  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,  
mainland zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 19, shown in blue  
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings  
are shown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route

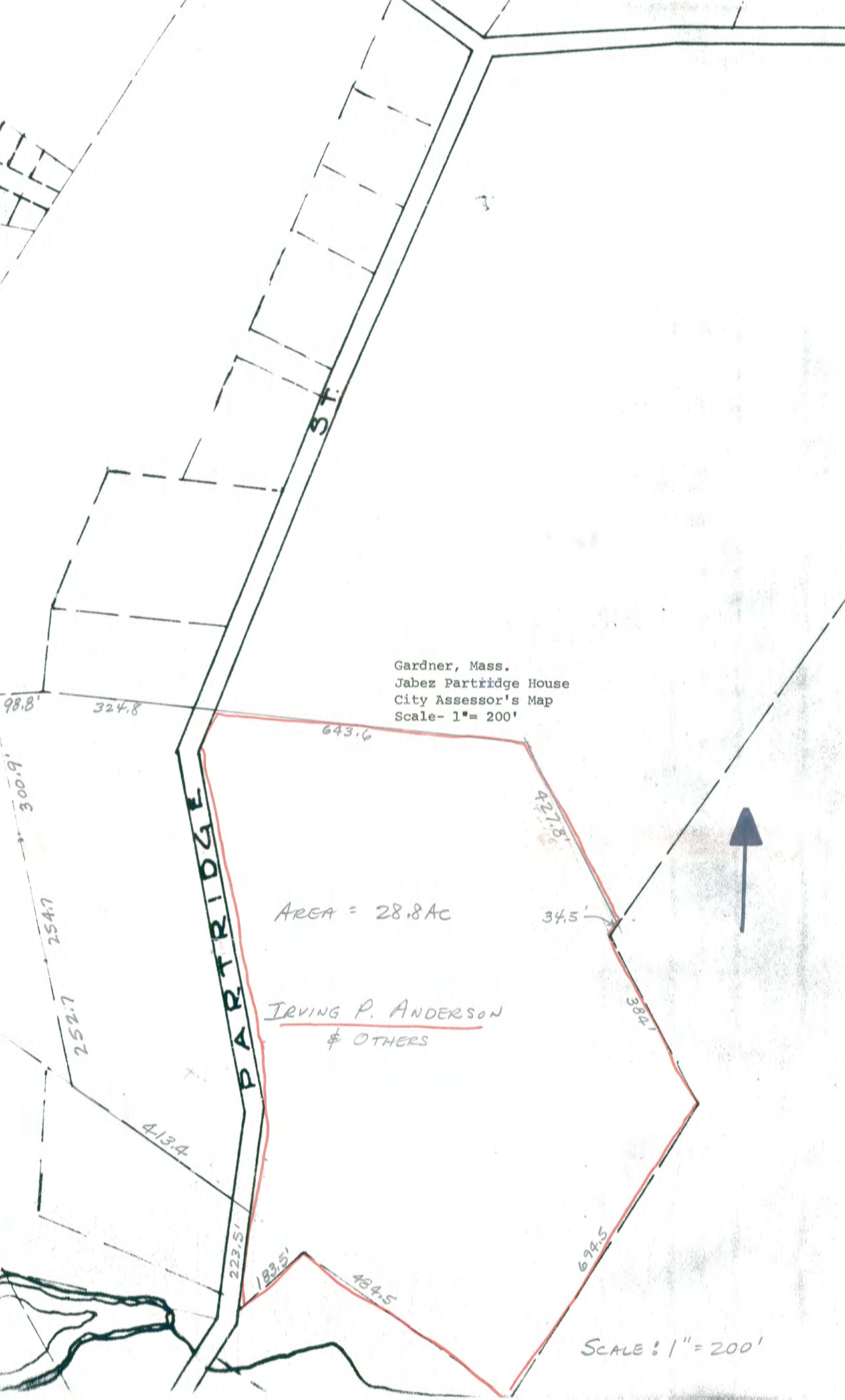


THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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Gardner, Mass.  
Jabez Partridge House  
City Assessor's Map  
Scale- 1" = 200'

AREA = 28.8 AC

IRVING P. ANDERSON  
& OTHERS

SCALE: 1" = 200'

PARTRIDGE ST.



98.8'  
300.9'  
254.7  
252.7  
413.4  
223.5'

643.6

427.8'

34.5'

384.1'

694.5'

484.5'

183.5'



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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered DEC 6 1979

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Partridge, Jabez, Homestead	Gardner Worcester County
Heywood, Levi, Memorial Library Building	Gardner Worcester County
Peirce School	Newton Middlesex County

Also Notified

Honorable Paul G. Tsongas

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy  
Honorable Robert F. Drinan

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski  
Executive Director  
Massachusetts Historical Commission  
294 Washington Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

NR Byers/bjr 12/12/79

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