

## FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

AUG 21 1989

REGISTER

AREA

FORM NO.

112

WALTHAM, MA MRA

Town Waltham, MAAddress 44 Harvard StreetHistoric Name Francis Buttrick HouseUse: Present Multi-family residentialOriginal Residential

## DESCRIPTION

Date Before 1852Source Deeds, mapStyle Greek Revival (temple-front)Architect unknownExterior Wall Fabric ShingleOutbuildings Stable/garage now aresidence C shed NCMajor Alterations (with dates) Columnremoved (n.d.) shingle siding E20thCondition FairMoved yes Date c1863-64Acreage 0.2 A. 8,922 sq. ft. 59-22-18Setting In residential neighborhoodwith closely-spaced late 19th c.multi-family housesRecorded by Nancy S. SeasholesOrganization Waltham Historical Comm.Date August 1986

revised C. Jenkins 2/88

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection(s).  
Indicate north

UTM REFERENCE 19/315250/4693570USGS QUADRANGLE NewtonSCALE 1:25,000

## NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Francis Buttrick House is one of four surviving temple-front Greek Revival style houses in the city. Its elaborate 2½ story form is characterized by fluted Doric columns carrying a full entablature and the gable pediment. Although it is now sided with wood shingles and regrettably has lost one of its columns, its Greek detail is the most correct of any of the four temple-fronts. The also illustrates the mid-late-19th century development of the central Main Street area as a home for workers, small businessmen and factory owners. It possesses integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations and meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

**ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE** Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

Set on a residential street of closely-spaced late nineteenth century multi-family houses, this is a good example of a temple-front Greek Revival and is one of only four of this type in the city. This house retains many of its original features: a pedimented attic, full entablature, a two-story portico supported by fluted Doric columns (one missing), full length windows on the first and second floors, and pedimented window heads and front door surround. At the rear is an Italianate barn with a center gable (now converted to a residence). Alterations include application of wood shingle siding (early 20th century) and the regrettable loss of one column. Original multi-pane sash is retained.

See forms #97, 115 and Area E

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE** Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

This house appears to have been built before 1852 and was originally located on Charles Street just east of Harvard Street, then called Brown's Lane. In 1863 and 1864 the Charles Street lot, as well as the one on Harvard Street where the house is now located, were acquired by Francis Buttrick, who apparently moved this house around the corner to its present site. The house seems to have been always used as a rental property, even after Buttrick sold it in 1886 to Arthur Hayes and George Wright. From 1899 to 1907 it was occupied by Edward E. Cutler, a "milkman" who later moved to Trapelo Road, and in 1923 by Samuel Margolis, a painter, Lewis Michelson, a produce dealer, and Albert Michelson, a peddler.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Middlesex Deeds - 643:195; 898:52; 915:163; 918:312; 939:397; 1741:226  
Maps and atlases - 1854, 1875, 1886, 1900, 1911, 1915, 1923  
Directories - 1886, 1899, 1903, 1907, 1923

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic GroupName Waltham MRA  
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Boston Manufacturing Company Housing (153--165 River St.) Entered in the National Register Keeper Helene Byers 9/28/89 Attest \_\_\_\_\_
12. Brigham House Entered in the National Register Keeper Helene Byers 9/28/89 Attest \_\_\_\_\_
13. Building at 202--204 Charles Street Entered in the National Register Keeper Helene Byers 9/28/89 Attest \_\_\_\_\_
14. Buttrick, Francis, House Entered in the National Register Keeper Helene Byers 9/28/89 Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- See 15. Buttrick, Francis, Library Substantive Review Keeper Betty Savage 9/28/89 Attest \_\_\_\_\_
16. Byam, Charles, House Entered in the National Register Keeper Helene Byers 9/28/89 Attest \_\_\_\_\_
17. Central Square Historic District Entered in the National Register Keeper Helene Byers 9/28/89 Attest \_\_\_\_\_
18. Charles Street Workers' Housing Historic District Entered in the National Register Keeper Helene Byers 9/28/89 Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- See 19. Christ Episcopal Church Substantive Review Keeper Betty Savage 9/28/89 Attest \_\_\_\_\_
20. Clough, Benjamin F., House Entered in the National Register Keeper Helene Byers 9/28/89 Attest \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Buttrick, Francis, House  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Waltham MRA  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 8/21/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/05/89  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/21/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/05/89  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89001566

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 9/28/89 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



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CLASSIFICATION

\_\_\_ count      \_\_\_ resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

\_\_\_ historic      \_\_\_ current

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DESCRIPTION

\_\_\_ architectural classification

\_\_\_ materials

\_\_\_ descriptive text

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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

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

\_\_\_ acreage      \_\_\_ verbal boundary description

\_\_\_ UTM's      \_\_\_ boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

\_\_\_ sketch maps    \_\_\_ USGS maps    \_\_\_ photographs    \_\_\_ presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_



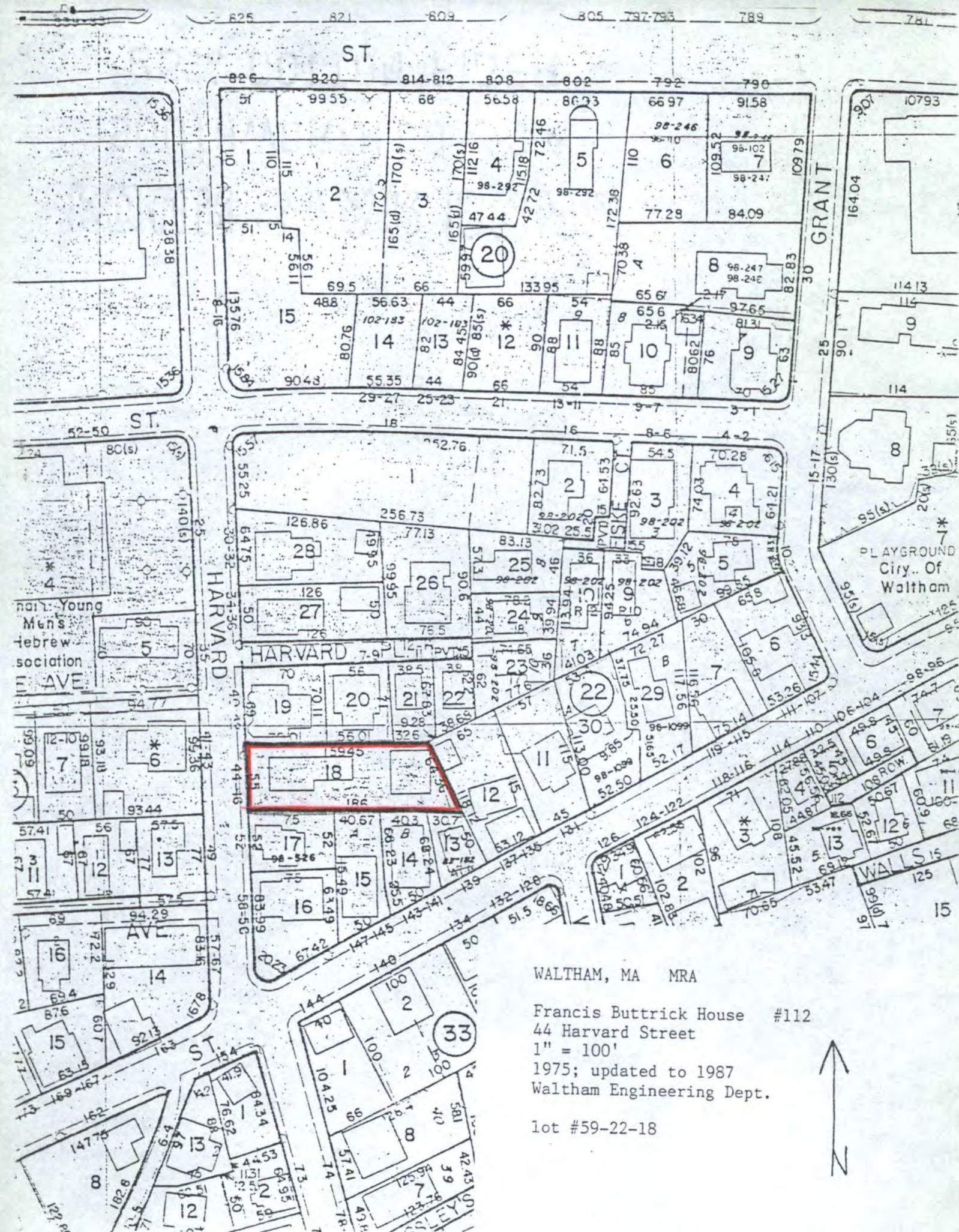
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44 HARVARD

WALTHAM, MA MRA

#112





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Francis Buttrick House #112

44 Harvard Street

1" = 100'

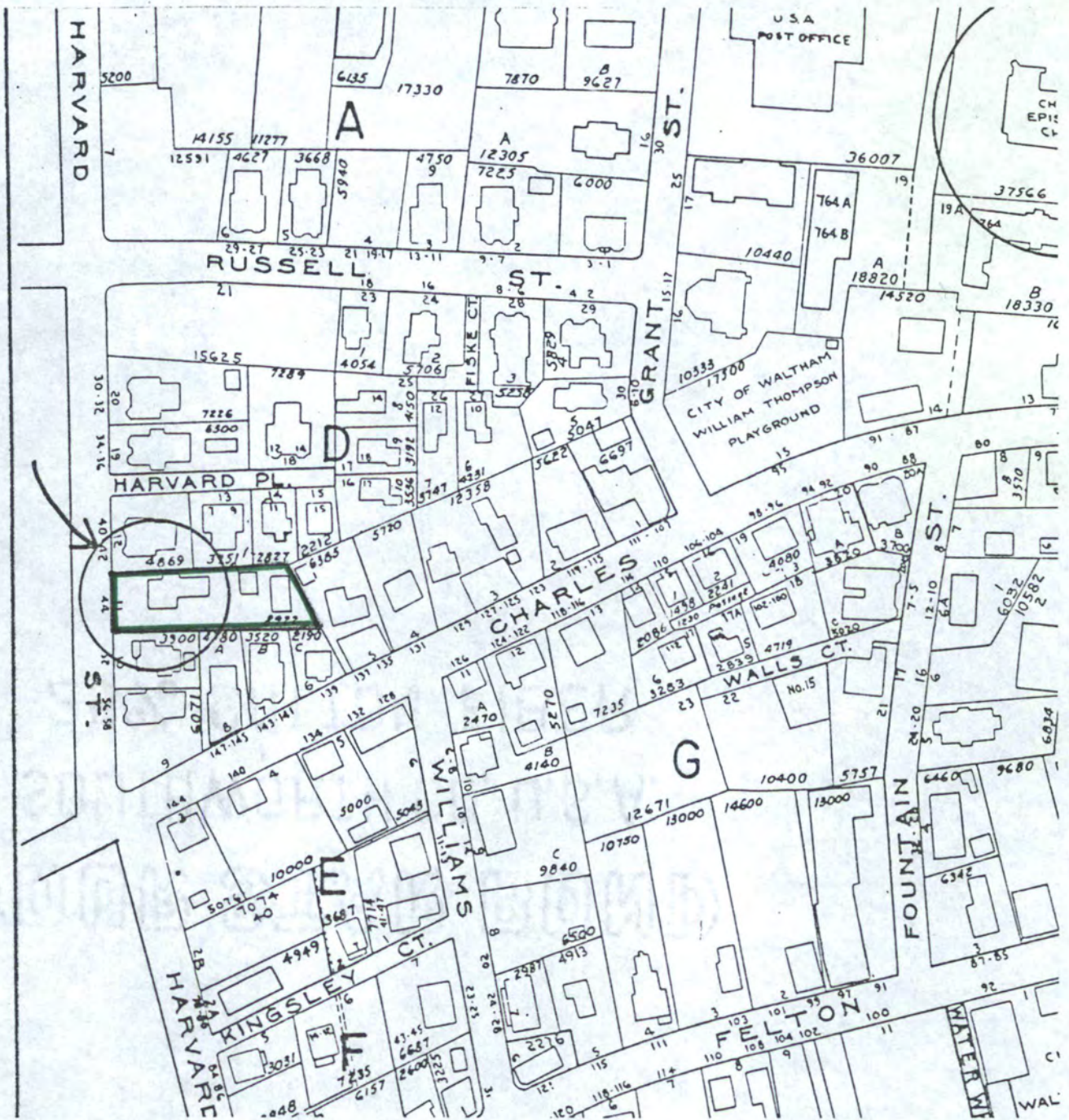
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Waltham Engineering Dept.

lot #59-22-18







1970 Atlas, City of Waltham  
 Compiled by the Waltham  
 Engineering Division  
 Scale: 1 inch = 140 feet

Waltham, Massachusetts MRA  
 44 Harvard Street

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000301