

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AUG 21 1989

NATIONAL
REGISTER

AREA

FORM NO.

150

WALTHAM, MA MRA

Town Waltham, MAAddress 428 Lexington StreetHistoric Name Newell D. Johnson House

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

Use: Present ResidentialOriginal Residential

DESCRIPTION

Date 1894Source Sanderson 1927Style Queen AnneArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric Clapboard/shingleOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition GoodMoved no Date n/aAcreage 0.6A, 25.585 sq. ft., 42-4-7

Setting At corner of two major thoroughfares in residential area of 19th and 20th c. houses

Recorded by Nancy S. SeasholesOrganization Waltham Historical Comm.Date August 1986

revised by C. Jenkins 3/88

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

see attached map

UTM REFERENCE 19/315650/4695400USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTONSCALE 1:25,000

The Newell D. Johnson House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is a significant as the most elaborate and well-preserved example of the Queen Anne style in the Piety Corner area, and one of the best in the entire city. . It meets criterion 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 corner with a great deal of traffic in a residential area of large nineteenth and early twentieth century houses, this is the most elaborate Queen Anne house in the area. It retains many of its original features and finishes: an octagonal tower with arched windows and butted shingles; butted and fishscale shingles on the three-sided bay; curved brackets with drops under the cornice of the cutaway bay on the south; small rectangular windows with bull's eyes flanking the tower; stepped windows on the north side; fluted turned porch posts; and a molded decoration under the eyebrow roof on the porch. Like other similiar examples of the style (#s 32, 41, 58, 121, 173) it successfully camouflages its boxy hip-roof form with lively projecting turrets, cross-gables and porches.

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 was built in 1894 on the site of the house of Deacon Jonathan Sanderson, Sr. (1646-1735), one of the earliest settlers in Piety Corner (see Piety Corner Historic District form) and one of the deacons after whom the area was named. Jonathan Sanderson, Sr. was also one of the largest landowners in the Piety Corner area: in the 1680s he had bought 160 acres, and in 1689 he built a house at the corner of Lexington and Lincoln Streets. Jonathan Sanderson Sr.'s property was sold to his grandson, Deacon Jonathan Sanderson III (1700-1790), who in turn deeded it to his son Josiah. Ca. 1771 Josiah built a new house east of the original dwelling, making the old house an ell of the new one, and in 1822 left the property to his daughter Sybil. The latter sold off most of the land, but in 1851 left the house and five acres to her cousins Grace and Polly Sanderson. Grace died in 1855 and Polly sold the property to George Green, a protege of her brother Thomas and a farmer, trapper, and neighborhood "character." Polly reserved the right to live in the east section of the house until her death, which occurred in 1881, and Green continued to occupy the house until 1893 when he sold it to Fannie M. Johnson, the wife of Newell D. Johnson, a dentist on Moody Street. In 1894 the Johnsons took down the old Sanderson house and built this one on the site and still owned the property in 1923.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

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

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

51. Johnson, Newell D., House

National Register

Keeper A. Loree Byers 9/28/89

Attest _____

52. Lawton Place Historic District

Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper A. Loree Byers 9/28/89

Attest _____

53. Libby, Nelson F., House

Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper A. Loree Byers 9/28/89

Attest _____

54. Linden Street Bridge Substantive Review

Keeper Betty L. Savage 9/28/89

Attest _____

55. Lord's Castle

Entered in the
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56. Lyman Street Historic District

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National RegisterKeeper A. Loree Byers 9/28/89

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57. Martin, Aaron, Houses

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58. Martin, Aaron, House
(786 Moody St.)Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper A. Loree Byers 9/28/89

Attest _____

59. Moody Street Fire Station

Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper A. Loree Byers 9/28/89

Attest _____

60. Moody Street Historic District

Substantive Review

Keeper Betty L. Savage 3/9/90

Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Johnson, Newell D., 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: 89001564

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

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
☐ UTMs ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____

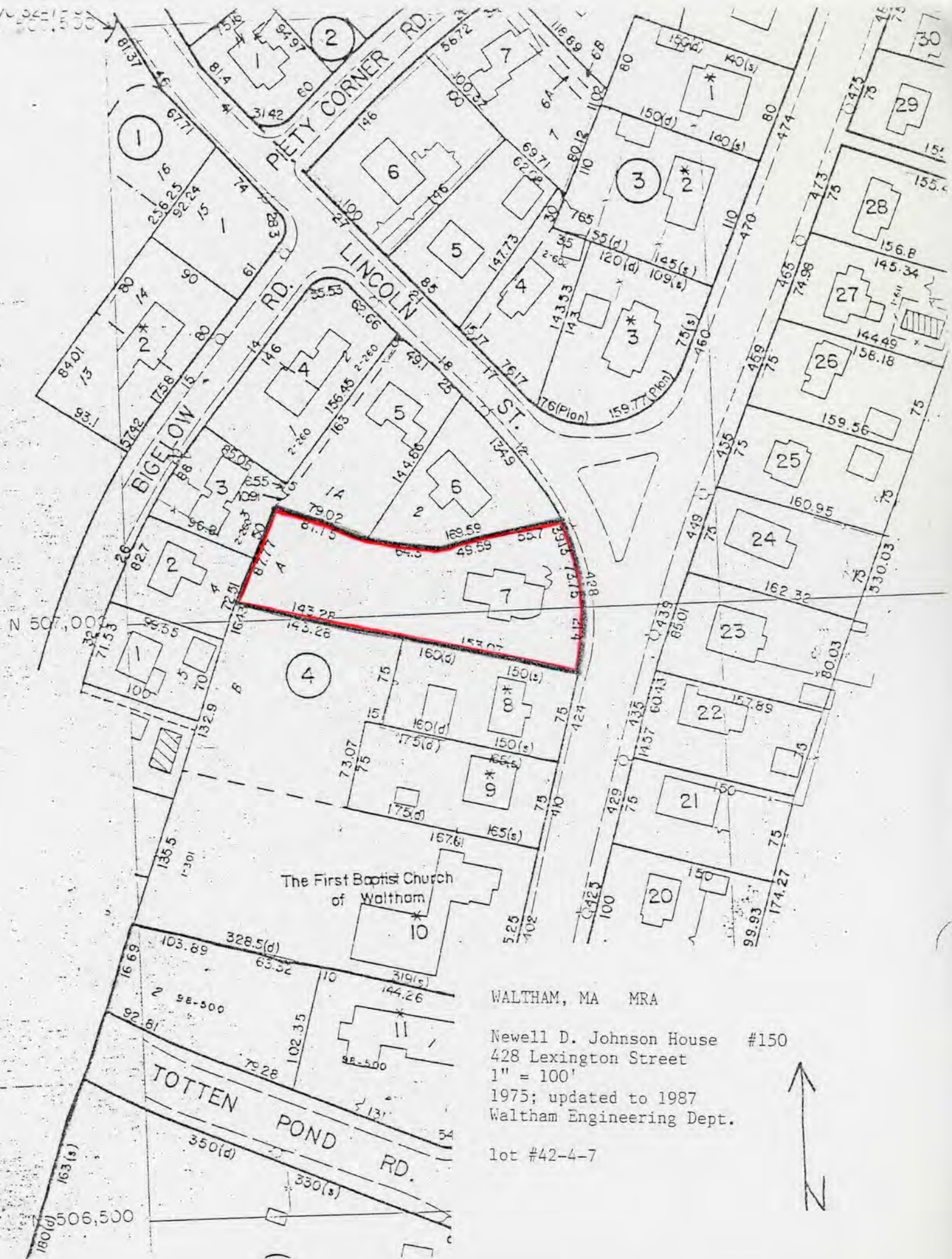


428 LEXINGTON ST.

WALTHAM, MA, MRA

#150 - Johnson Hq

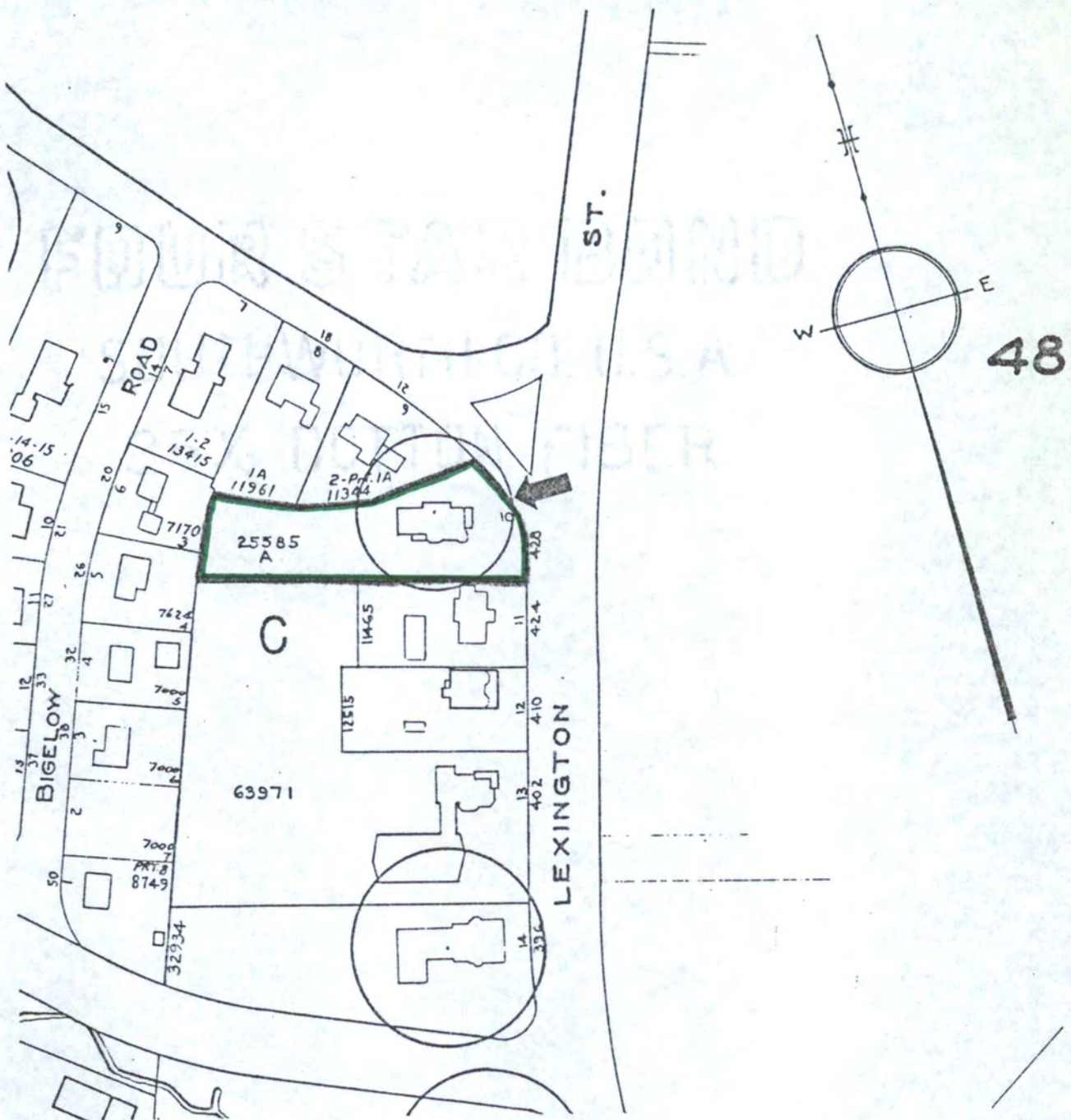
Johnson Newell D, House



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Newell D. Johnson House #150
428 Lexington Street
1" = 100'
1975; updated to 1987
Waltham Engineering Dept.

lot #42-4-7



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

Waltham, Massachusetts MRA
 428 Lexington Street
 Newell D. Johnson House
 49-C-10

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000301