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AREA FORM NO.

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WALTHAM, MA MRA

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET

NATIONAL REGISTER

Town Waltham



Address 50 Weston Street

Historic Name Nathan Warren House

Present private residence

Original private residence

Construction

Period 1889 - 1890

Deed research

Style Queen Anne

Architect unknown

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

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboards

Outbuildings well preserved late 19th century - stable/carriage house-C

Alterations (with dates) none

Condition good - excellent

Area no Date n/a

Size 41,851 sq.ft. 0.96 A 5B-20-2

Location set back from both Weston and

n Sts. on large, tree-shaded

Ample lawns on north and south



UTM REFERENCE 19/314470 / 4693580

USGS QUADRANGLE NATICK

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Edward W. Gordon

Organization Waltham Historical Comm.

Date June, 1986

revised by C. Jenkins 3/88

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

50 Weston Street is a large, well-designed Queen Anne house built ca. 1889-1890. It retains its original form, materials, large lot and carriage house. For many years it was the home of Nathan A. Warren, one of Waltham's most prominent late 19th/early 20th century citizens - he was a politician, historian, outdoorsman, and member of numerous social/ civic organizations. This house meets criteria A, B 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.

50 Weston Street ranks among the finest examples of the Queen Anne style in Waltham. Built c.1889-1890, this house's clapboard-clad form is of special interest - essentially rectangular in plan, its Weston Street facade (main facade), features a combination verandah/portecochere, whose ceiling possesses handsome tongue-and-groove woodwork. Its verandah exhibits Tuscan columns, while its port cochere possesses square posts. Particularly noteworthy are the colorful stained glass transoms above windows on the second floor of the main facade. The rear wall is distinguished by its varied, projecting facade elements including conically-capped, circular corner-tower, and square, projecting 2-story bay. In general, this house's bay, dormers and end-walls are surmounted by fully enframed, steeply pitched gables with deep eaves, which gives the house a vaguely medieval appearance.

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

For many years #50 Weston Street was the home of Nathan A. Warren. During the late 19th/early 20th century, he was "probably the most widely known citizen in the entire city." Prior to this house's ca.1890's construction, this lot was part of the extensive land holdings of Nehemiah Warren - the 1874 map indicates that Nehemiah Warren owned much of the land bordering South Street between Charles Street and Weston Street. For many years, a T-shaped house with semi-circular driveway was located just to the east of the property and belonged to George Warren. Middlesex deeds suggest that #50 Weston Street was built ca.1889-1890 - the house's distinctive form very clearly appears on the 1898 Bird's-eye-view of Waltham. Late 19th/early 20th century maps and atlases indicate that a stream crossed the western portion of #50's property near the intersection of Weston and Vernon Streets. On June 3, 1889, Nathan Warren Jr. purchased this lot from George W. Warren (see Middlesex Deed 1912:113). Nathan A. Warren paid George W. Warren \$2,818.00 for the large rectangular lot- the deed does not mention "the buildings thereon".

Nathan A. Warren (1838-1926) was descended on both sides of his family from early New England settlers. His father, Nehemiah Warren, was born in

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Nathan A. Warren was born in Waltham in 1838. He graduated from Waltham High School in 1855. During the Civil War he fought with the 45th Massachusetts Volunteers. After the Civil War he returned to Waltham and entered the shipping business, providing him with the opportunity to travel to Africa, the Cape Verde Islands, and other points. He became a well known outdoorsman, crossing the plains of the great northwest as a member of the Yellowstone Expedition of 1873 (this expedition was accompanied by General Custer's Regiment). Later he became active in state and local politics, serving as a member of the state Republican convention from 1881-1883. He represented Waltham in the state legislature from 1880-1887. He was also involved in the insurance business. In 1893, he was chosen president of the Boston Fire Underwriters Association. Nathan A. Warren was also an important late 19th century local historian. He wrote a well-detailed history of Waltham for D. Hamilton Hurd's 3-volume History of Middlesex County (published in 1890). He was one of the three who prepared the historical address for Waltham's sesquicentennial celebration in 1888, and was one of the orators at the memorial services, held in Waltham, for President William McKinley (1901). In addition, he was a member of Waltham's Farmer's Club, and was a guiding force in the development of the Waltham Public Library. He died in his home, at 50 Weston Street, in 1926.



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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Warren, Nathan, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Waltham MRA

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: 89001520

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: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 9/28/89 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Please specify applicable areas of significance which correspond to property's eligibility under criteria A+B; neither criteria ~~A~~ is sufficiently justified on inventory form. Also please specify pertinent period of significance in context of applicable areas + criteria.

RECOM./CRITERIA Return
REVIEWER Salase
DISCIPLINE Architectural History
DATE 9/28/89

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

Signed *Beth L. Savage* Phone (202) 343-9540
Date 9/28/89

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Waltham MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

91. Waltham Gas and Electric Company
Generating Plant
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
Attest _____

92. Waltham High School
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
Attest _____

93. Waltham Water Works Shop

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
Attest _____

94. Warren, Nathan, House
Substantive Review

for Keeper Robert H. Savage 3/9/90
Attest _____

95. Wellington, Benjamin, House
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
Attest _____

96. Wellington, William, House
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
Attest _____

97. Wellington--Castner House

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
Attest _____

98. Wetherbee House
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
Attest _____

99. White, Warren, House
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National Register

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Attest _____

100. Whitney--Farrington--Cook House

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Attest _____

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REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

PROPERTY NAME: Warren, Nathan, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Waltham MRA

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

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DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/09/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89001520

NOMINATOR: STATE

DETAILED EVALUATION: Y

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 3/9/90 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Locally significant Queen Anne
Residence.*

Initial return comments have been addressed.

** The cut and paste on the inventory form
is not acceptable. NPS will copy page 2
onto archival paper.*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept C
REVIEWER Javay
DISCIPLINE Architectural History
DATE 3/9/90

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

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OTHER COMMENTS

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Signed _____ Date _____



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WALTHAM, MA.

Warren, Nathan, Home

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Waltham, Ma. MRA—

50 Weston St.



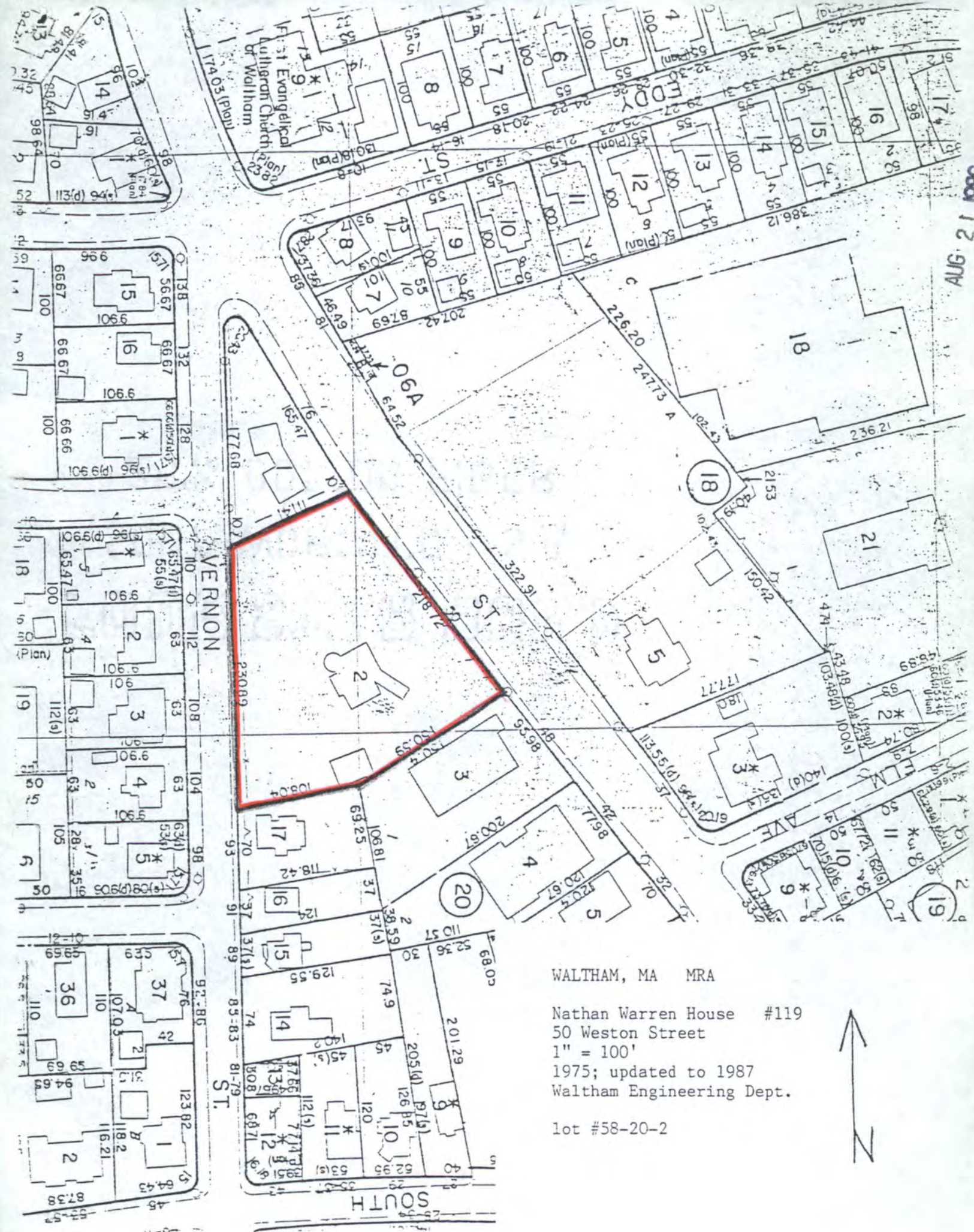
Walter, Nathan, House

Vernon St. facade

MTC # 119

Wright, Mr. MRA

50 Weston St



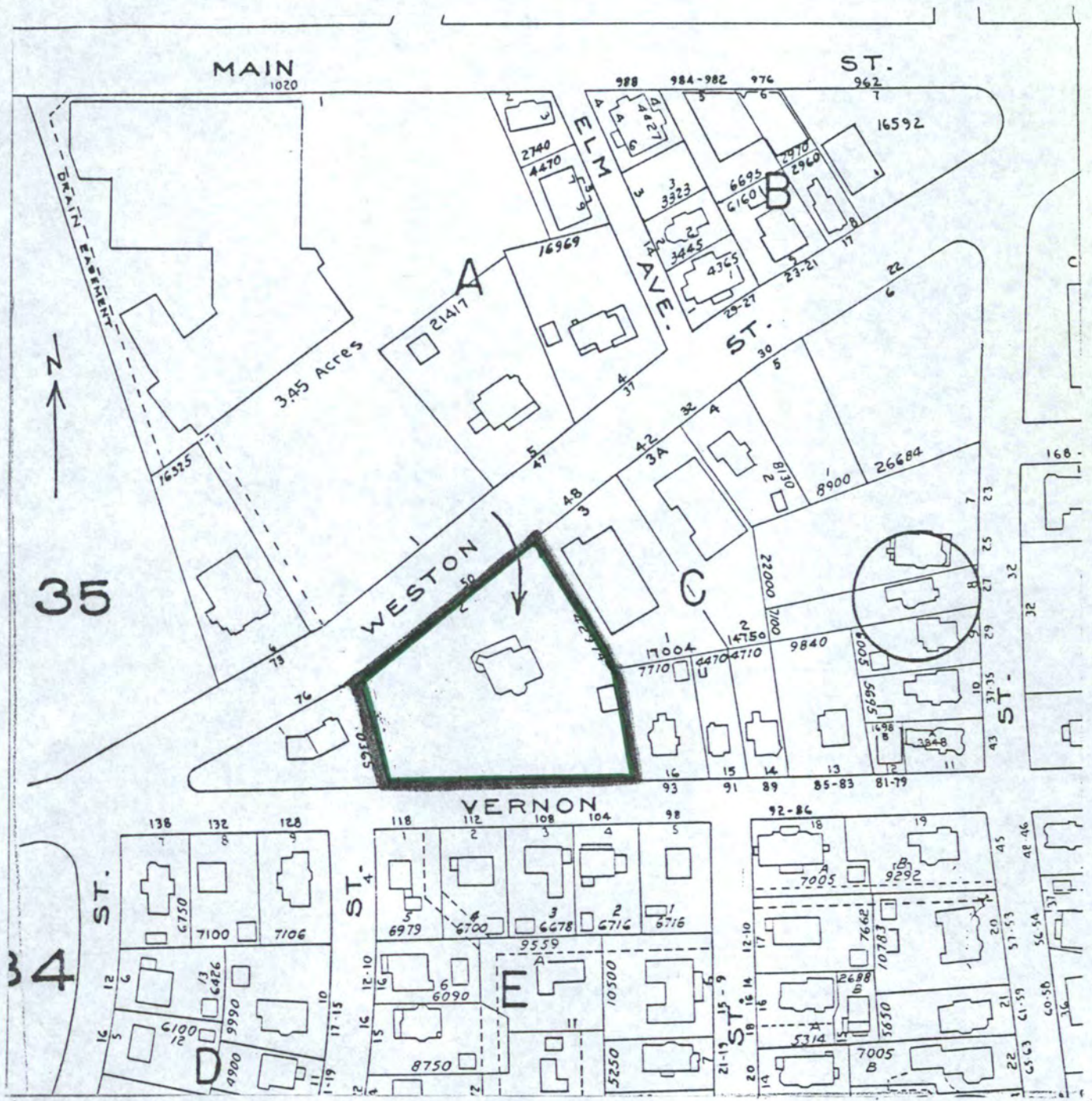
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Nathan Warren House #119
 50 Weston Street
 1" = 100'
 1975; updated to 1987
 Waltham Engineering Dept.

lot #58-20-2



AUG 2 1987



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

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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