

Worcester MRA

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

MAY 3 1984  
Worcester County

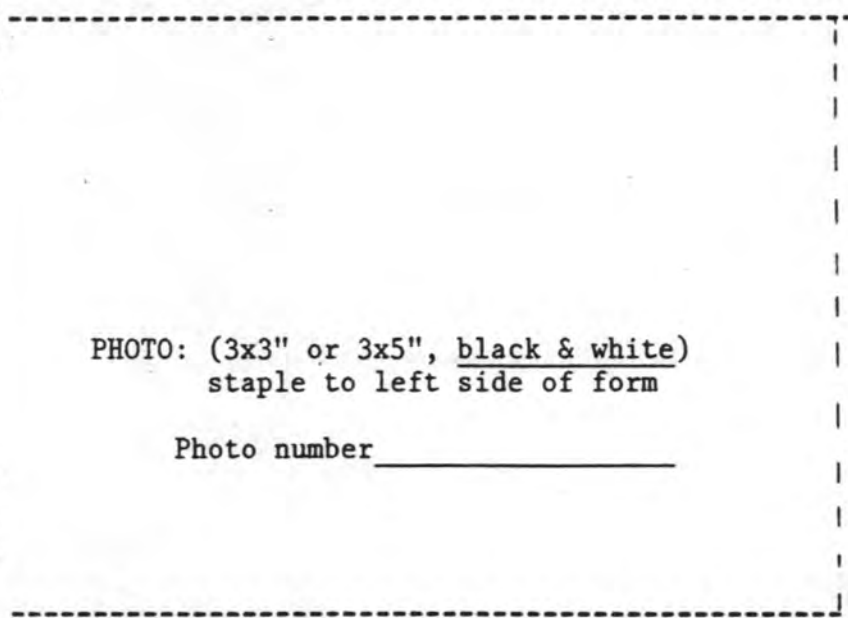


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Town Worcester

Address Malvern Rd. <sup>and</sup> ~~cnr.~~ Southbridge St.

Historic Name Malvern Rd. School <sup>Road</sup> (Worcester MRA)

owner: Michael Venincasa c/o Casa Builders & Developers Corp. 37 Elm St. Milbury, Ma. 01527

Use: Present vacant

Original school

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1896, addition 1907  
Annual Reports of Supt. of  
 Source Public Buildings, 1907

Style Renaissance Revival

Architect Fuller & Delano

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings None

Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_  
None after 1907 addition

Moved No Date n/a

Approx. acreage 36,975 sq. ft.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.

see attached assessors map

Recorded by Nora Pat Small (ed. Candace Jenkins) Setting mixed industrial and residential

Organization Worc. Heritage Pres. Society mostly early 20th century

Date January, 1984 UTM: 19/267550/4679540

Assessor's map: book 26 sheet 12

Lot 3

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**ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE** (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.) The Malvern Road School was built in 1896 and occupied in January of 1897. It faced to the northwest, overlooking Southbridge Street at the corner of Malvern Road. As with many other schools of the late 19th century it was designed to be built in two stages. The west two-thirds of the two story building were completed first, making it a four room school house. The east end was added in 1907 completing a symmetrical Beaux Arts scheme. The brick school is characteristic of structures of the American Renaissance period, incorporating such details as a full entablature at the cornice, Palladian window in the central entrance bay, and a classical porch consisting of Ionic order columns and entablature. The roof and porch cornice are wooden while the water table and belt course are marble. The Malvern Road (con't below)

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

The Malvern Road School of 1896-1907 possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship. As a civic building constructed to serve a developing South Worcester neighborhood it reflects Worcester's tremendous growth during the late 19th and early 20th centuries as well as its commitment to meet the educational needs of its populace. Additionally, the school is a well preserved local example of the Renaissance Revival style designed by the prominent local firm of Fuller & Delano. Thus, the Malvern Road School meets Criteria A & C of the National Register of Historic Places. As Worcester's population expanded in the late 19th century so did its school system. By the 1890s there was an extensive building program going on. In 1897 alone six new school buildings were occupied and in 1898 three more buildings were under construction. Most were of exceptionally high architectural quality, reflecting both Worcester's wealth and status as the county seat as well as its relatively large pool of competent local architects. The area around Malvern School was not extensively developed in 1896. To the east was Holy Cross College, to the west and north were open land and Hope and St. John's cemeteries. House lots had been laid out on streets surrounding Holy Cross and on streets southwest of the school but development of these lots was sparse. The school itself sat at the edge of an undeveloped 60 acre plot. The area today is mixed industrial and residential.

ARCH. SIGN. (CON'T) - School was one of six new school buildings occupied in 1897, the styles of which varied but most of which remained within a classical idiom. The architectural integrity of the structure is high.

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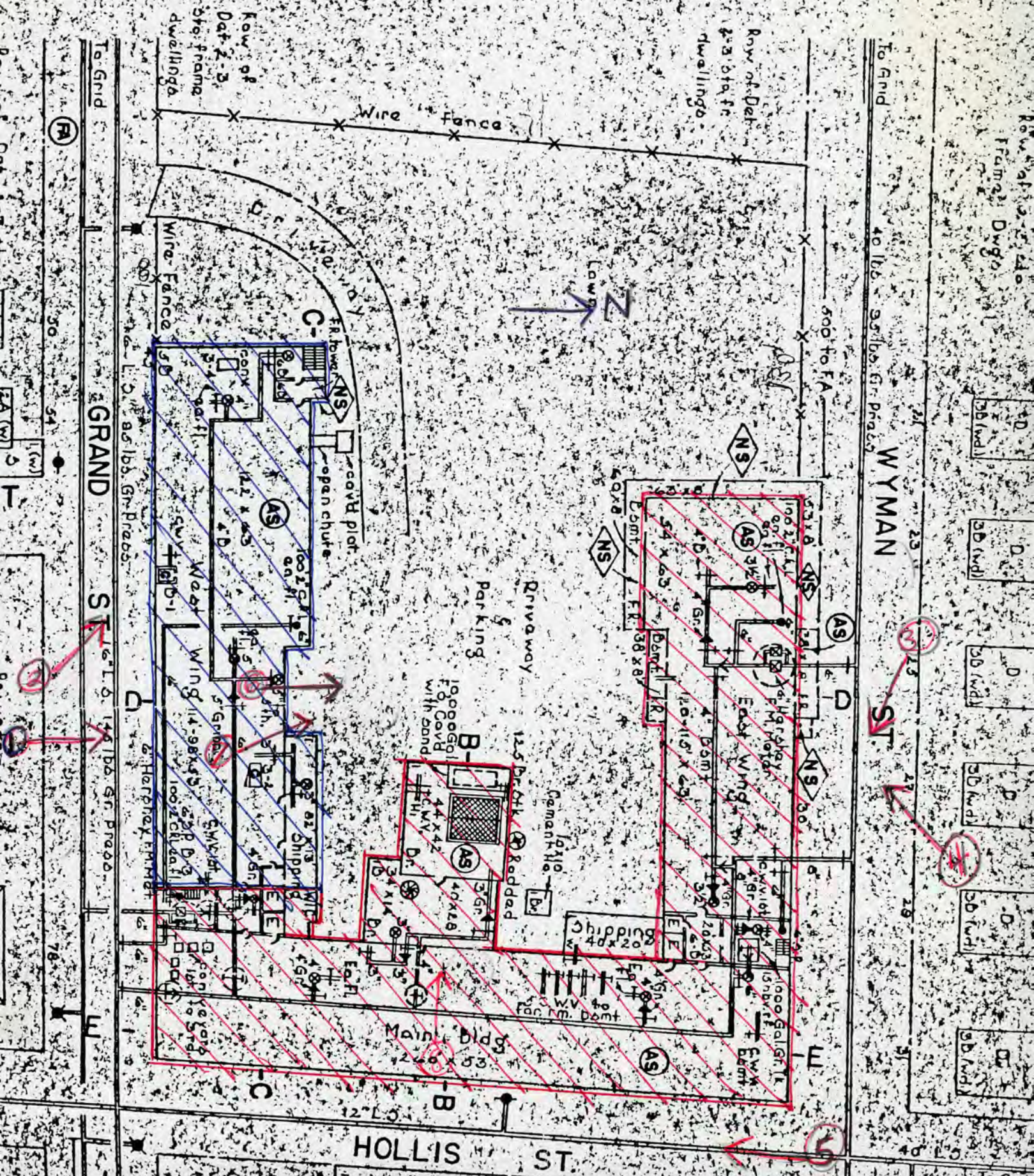
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5/3/84

# Royal Worcester Coast Co Complex

 c. 1895

 c. 1906



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Malvern Road School (Worcester MRA)  
Worcester County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. MAY 3 1984

Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Due: 5/31/84 - 6/17/84

Action: ACCEPT

RETURN 6-15-84

REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_

Discipline \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below  
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
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- boundary selection

**8. Significance**

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

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

National Historic Landmark  
 National Register of Historic Places  
 National Park Service  
 U.S. Department of the Interior

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Form Prepared By**

**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_ national    \_\_\_\_ state    \_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

*Please provide original USGS maps*

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed *[Signature]* Date *6-15-84* Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Worcester Multiple Resource Area  
State Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Worcester Corset Company  
Factory

Substantive Review

Keeper

Thomas H. Dwyer 10-4-84

Attest

2. Malvern Road School

Substantive Review

Keeper

Thomas H. Dwyer 10-4-84

Attest

3. Claremont Street Historic  
District

Substantive Review

Keeper

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Attest

4. Richmond, Willard, Apartment  
Block

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Helena Byers 11/7/85

Attest

5. Russell (The)

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Helena Byers 11/7/85

Attest

6. Aurora Hotel

Substantive Review

Keeper

Patrick Ardus 4/28/88

Attest

Bob L. Sarge 4/28/88

7. Holy Name of Jesus Complex

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Helena Byers 6/8/88

Attest

8. Vendome and the St. Ives

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bob L. Sarge 02-08-90

Attest

9. Shaarai Torah Synagogue

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National Register

Keeper

5/10/90

Attest

10.

Keeper

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 RETURN  
 REJECT  
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Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria Accept/arc  
Reviewer Mr. [unclear]  
Discipline A-4  
Date 10/4/84  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

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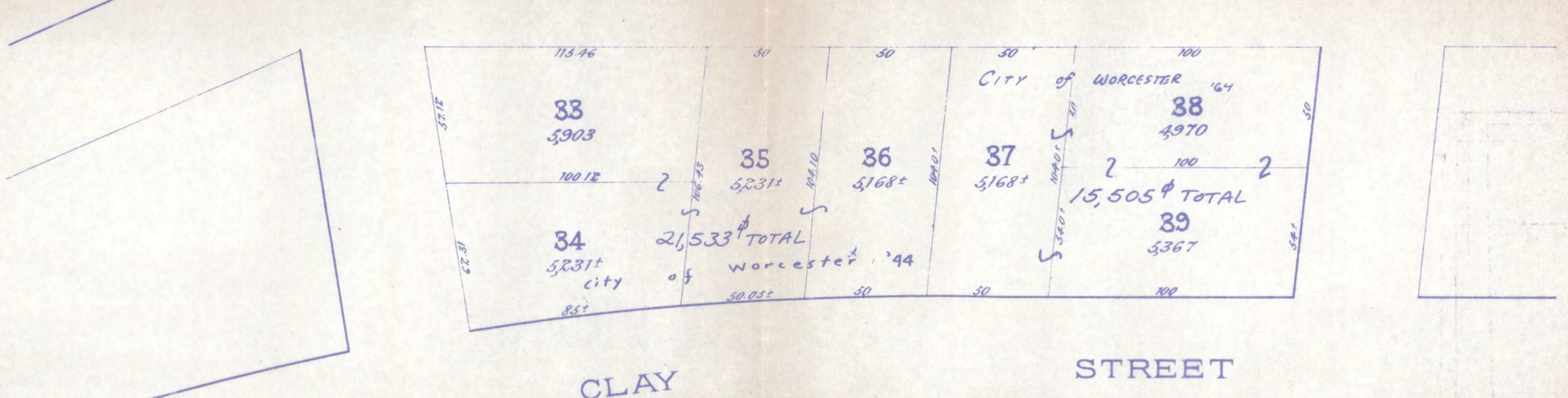
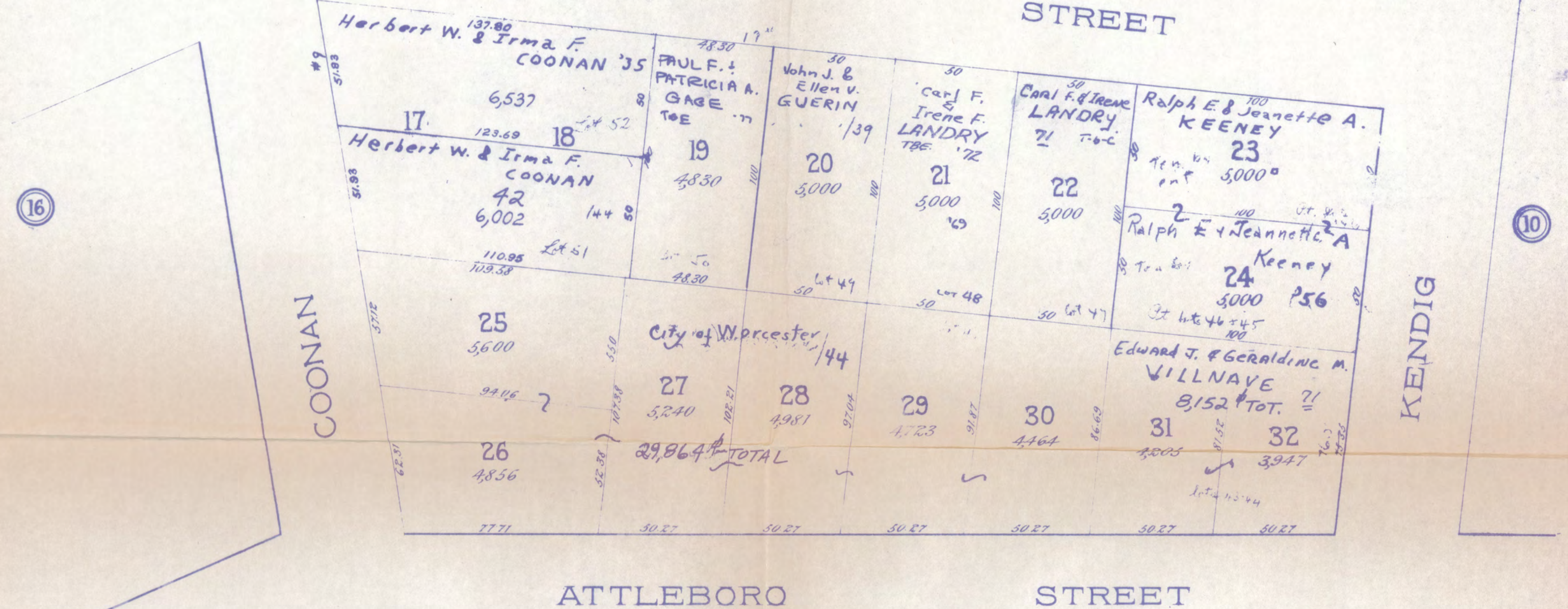
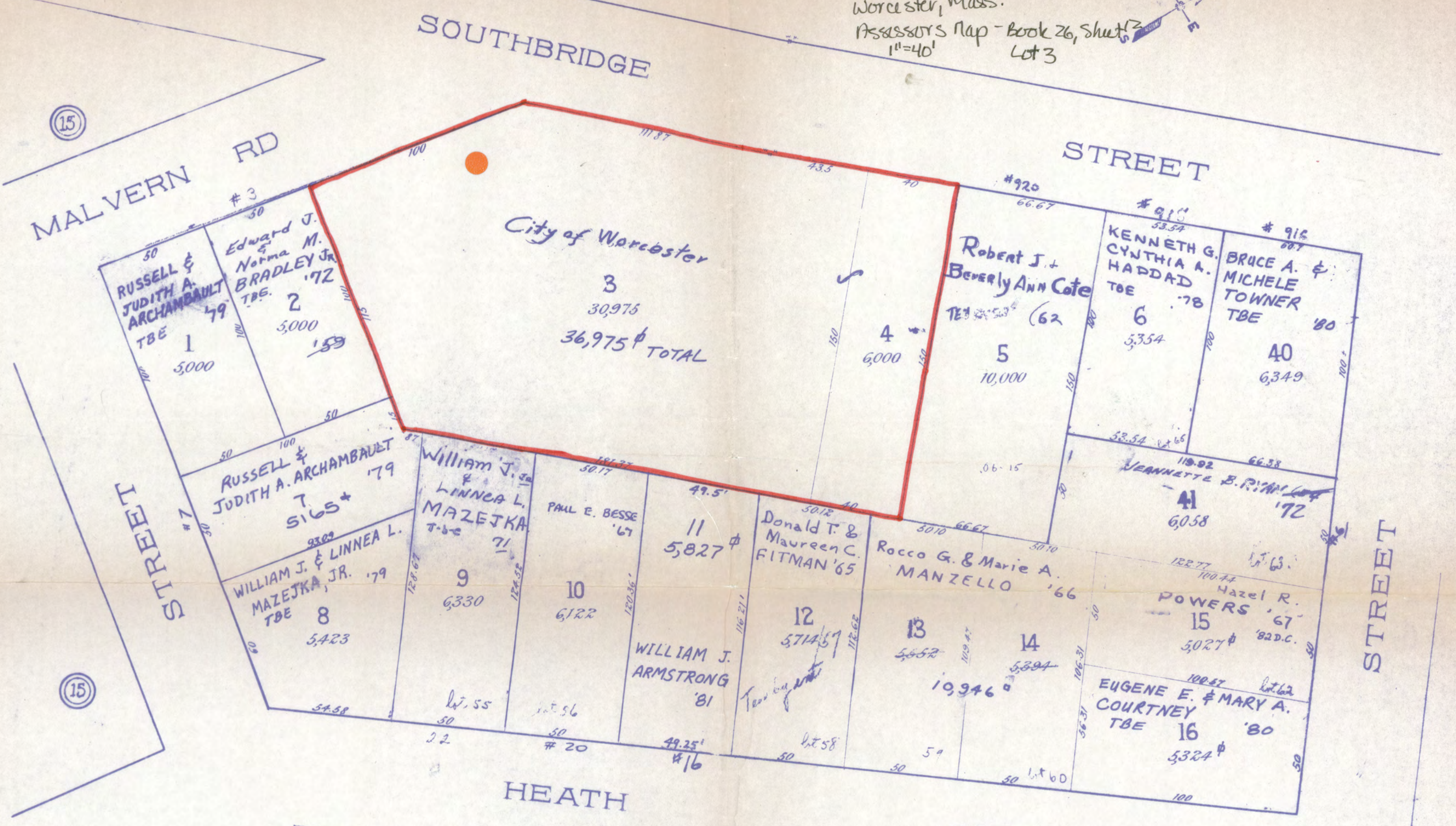




Malbon Road School

Worcester County, MA, Ma

Malvern Road School  
Malvern Road  
Worcester, Mass.  
Assessor's Map - Book 26, Sheet 12  
1"=40' Lot 3



DATE: 1/1/63	ASSESSING DEPT. WORCESTER, MASS.
TRACT:	
BLOCK:	
PLOT:	
DRAWN BY:	SCALE: ONE INCH = 40 FT.
	BOOK No. 26 SHEET No. 12

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

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