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AREA FORM NO.

93

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

WALTHAM, MA MRA
Waltham, Massachusetts

Address 55 School Street

Historic Name Waltham High School

Use Present High School

Original High School

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

DESCRIPTION

Date 1902, 1935 (east, west wings)

Source School Committee Reports

Style elements of Romanesque Rev. and NeoClassical

Architect Samuel Patch
builder: Robert Glancey

Exterior Wall Fabric brick

Outbuildings NONE

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

Major Alterations (with dates) additions dating to 1935, 1960's

Condition good-excellent

Moved no Date n/a 60-5-1

Acreage less than one acre-see boundary just.

Setting Focal part at head of Liberty St., surrounded by mid-19th

houses. Across Church Street from First Parish Church

Recorded by Edward W. Gordon

Organization Waltham Hist. Comm.

Date June, 1986

A 19/316 060 14693 950
B 19/316 240 14693 960
C 19/316 230 14694 060

UTM REFERENCED 19/316060/4694060

USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Waltham High School possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations. It remains as an important component of Waltham's turn-of-the-century municipal building campaign, designed by Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Capt. Samuel Patch. It is also a distinguished work of architecture, combining aspects of the Romanesque and Classical Revival styles in a unified composition. The High School 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.

Situated on a large lot on School Street facing Liberty Street, the Waltham Senior High School represents the work of Captain Samuel Patch, architect; and Robert E. Glancey contractor - both of Waltham. Constructed of brick with granite trim, this school's main facade is treated as a 4-bay projecting center pavilion with side wings. The wings exhibits three paired 12/12 windows, with recessed, round-arched, main entrances at either side of the center pavilion. The main facade features a high granite faced basement. The center pavilion exhibits a range of four Ionic pilasters, which start at the second floor sill-course, and extend beyond the third floor to the pedimented attic. Interspersed between the arches at the 3rd floor are large, multi-pane, arched windows. Particularly noteworthy is Patch's lack of concern for the academically pure interpretation of styles -

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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.

Although Waltham had a school referred to as a 'High School' as early as 1835, it was not until 1849 that the town had schools that were clearly grammar and high schools. The present Waltham Senior High School's main block was built in 1901, with east and west wings added in 1935. The building has important historical associations with Captain Samuel Patch, architect, and Robert E. Glancey, contractor. Captain Samuel Patch (1837- 1924) was the architect of some of Waltham's largest and best known buildings. He was born in Weston on Feb. 25, 1837, the son of Samuel and Elizabeth Sherman Patch. He spent nearly half his life in Weston, moving to Waltham in the early 1880's. Patch, as an architect, was in the right place at the right time. In 1884, Waltham was incorporated as a city - it would need new municipal buildings. For more than a quarter of a century he was Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds of the City of Waltham. He was appointed Superintendent of Building in 1886 by Mayor Charles F. Stone, and held that office until his retirement in 1912, when he was succeeded by Thomas Lally. In addition to the Waltham Senior High School, was the architect of the Lexington and Moody Street fire stations, Maynard Block and Asbury Temple.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- "Waltham Meeting present and Future Housing Needs" - a Report of the Center of Field Studies, Harvard University, - 1951
- Bacon, George F., "Representative Businessman of Waltham", 1893
- Waltham Public Library, spiral notebook w/bibliographical sketches
- Daily Free Press Tribune - April 15, 1903
- School Committee Reports - 1901, 1902, 1903

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE, Waltham High School, continued

he places, for example, a Georgian Revival Palladian window within the tympanum of a Neoclassical pedimented attic. This building's side-wings are surmounted by hip-roofs with double-dormers. Projecting from the east and west walls of the 1903 wings, are two and a half story wings which date to 1933. These are constructed of brick and are generally compatible with the original structure. They

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, continued

During the Civil War Samuel Patch enlisted as a private in the 35th Massachusetts Volunteers (1862-1864) and was commissioned Captain. He served in many Civil War battles, including Vicksburg, Antietam, and the Siege of Petersburg.

Robert E. Glancy, the Waltham Senior High School builder, was a prolific late 19th/early 20th century, Waltham builder. He was a wholesale and retail dealer in "shingles, clapboards, laths, spruce frames and boards". He started his business in 1885. In addition, he was an agent for the National Sheet Metal Roofing Company. By the early 1890's, his office was located at 53 Cushing Street, Waltham. Although school buildings seem to have been Mr. Glancy's specialty, he was responsible for many other buildings within the city limits including - the South Side Fire Station, the U.S. Watch Factory, Orient Factory (bicycles), Emery Wheel Company's Factory and Davis and Farnum's Foundry.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

have been altered recently with inappropriate replacement sash, smaller than the original window openings. Three flat-roofed modern additions were added c1960. The impact of these additions is lessened by their position to the rear of the building at a lower elevation, and by the fact that they are connected by narrow walkways. A one story gymnasium addition is attached to the east elevation with approximately half of its bulk hidden behind the 1935 wing. A two-story ell and a three-story ell extend from the rear of the school attached to each other and to the main building by narrow walkways. These additions certainly do not contribute to the historic character of the high school, but neither do they seriously detract from its appearance as a substantial turn-of-the-century school.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The nomination is confined to the High School building, including all of its attached additions, and the land extending 25' from its perimeter. Excluded is a one story c1960s Trade School that occupies the northeast corner of the lot at Summer and Church Streets.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

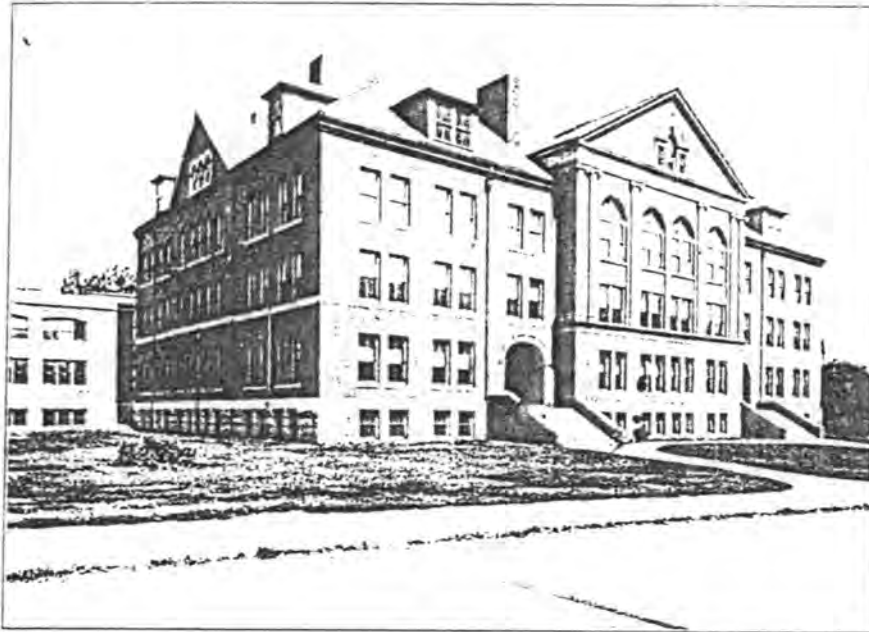
WALTHAM, MA MRA

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: WALTHAM, MA.	Form No: 93
Property Name: WALTHAM H. S. 55 School St.	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

From: Waltham - The Edison Electric Illuminating Co.
1909



The High School Building at Waltham.

From: "Representative Business Men
of WALTHAM" by Geo. F. Bacon - 1893

R. E. CLANCY,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN

SHINGLES,

CLAPBOARDS, LATHS, SPRUCE FRAMES AND BOARDS.

OFFICE, 53 CUSHING STREET, WALTHAM, MASS.

Such of our readers as reside in Waltham or vicinity and own any buildings, or propose to place any orders for building, for carpentering, or for roofing, would do well to note the address of M. E. E. Glancy, No. 53 Cushing street, for he is an experienced contractor and builder; he is agent for metallic roofing, also wholesale and retail dealer in shingles, clapboards, laths, spruce frame and boards. He is agent for the National Sheet Metal Roofing Co., and, in short, he is in a position to render you service equal to the best, at prices as low as the lowest (quality considered) and at short notice. That the public appreciates the advantages of dealing with Mr. Glancy is indicated by the fact that his business averages in amount about \$40,000 per annum, although it is not of remarkably long standing, it having been founded in 1885, but there is excellent reason for believing that the high degree of success so far attained is but an earnest of what may reasonably be expected in the future, for practically all of those who have done business with Mr. Glancy advise their friends to do the same thing if ever they want anything in his line, and that means steady increase of business if it means anything. All orders for building are assured prompt and careful attention.

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United States Department of the Interior
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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
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
Attest _____

94. Warren, Nathan, House
Substantive Review

for Keeper Robert H. Savage 8/9/90
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
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for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
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97. Wellington--Castner House
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98. Wetherbee House
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99. White, Warren, House
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100. Whitney--Farrington--Cook House
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Waltham High School

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: 89001531

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
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



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MRA - Waltham, MA

MITC # 93

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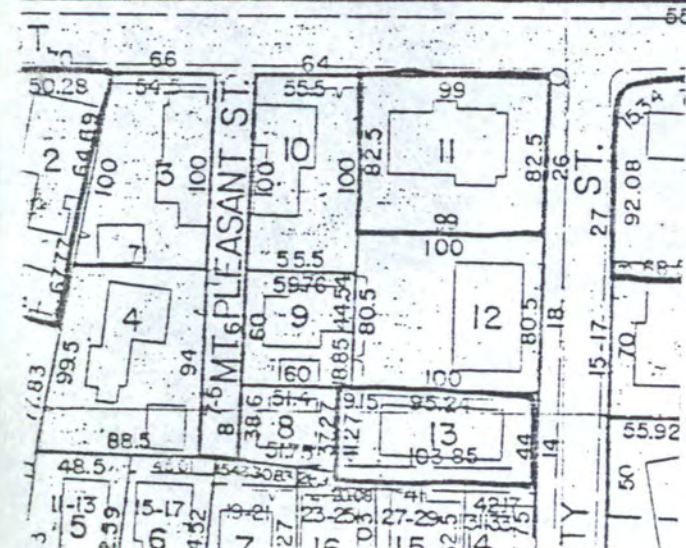
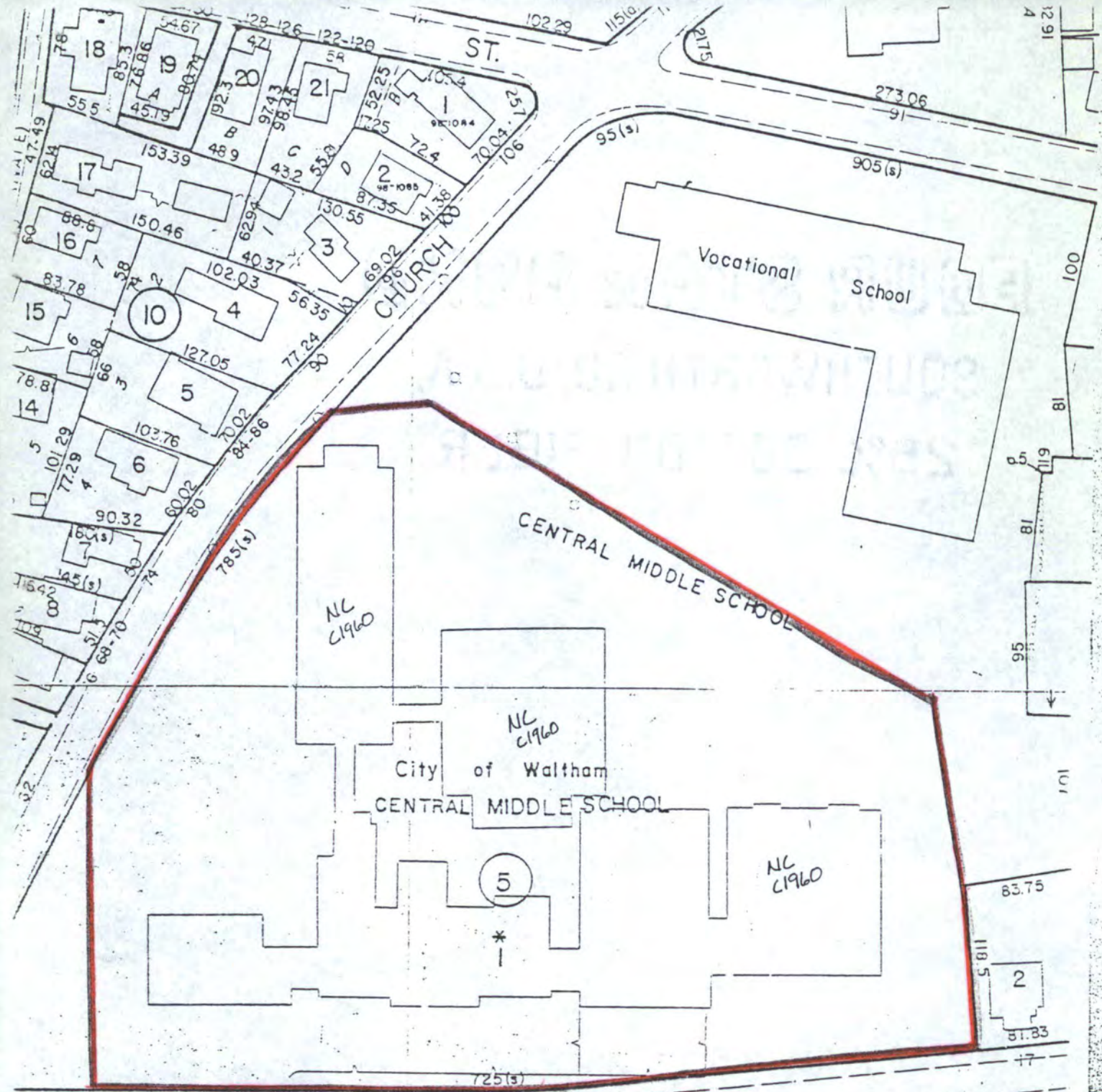
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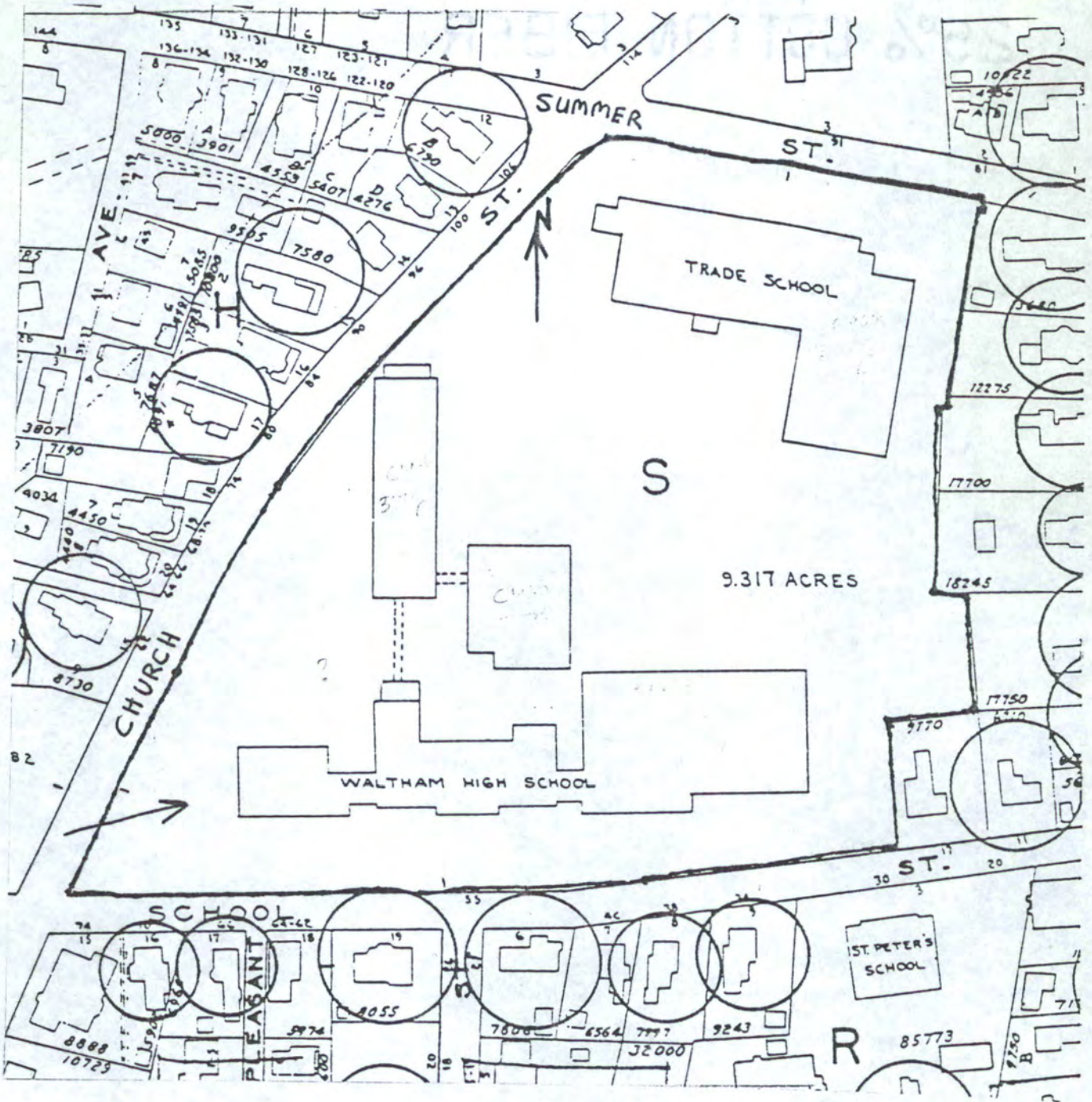
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#93-MHC



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 Waltham High School #93
 55 School Street
 1" = 100'
 1975; updated to 1987
 Waltham Engineering Dept.
 lot #60-5-1





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

Waltham, Massachusetts MRA
 55 School Street
 Waltham High School
 16-S-1 MHC #93

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000301