

FORM B - BUILDING

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NATIONAL REGISTER

AREA

FORM NO.

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

WALTHAM, MA MRA

Town Waltham

Address 238 Linden Street

Historic Name Frank J. Tyler House

Use: Present dwelling

Original same

DESCRIPTION

Date 1894

Source deeds

Style Queen Anne

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings garage-NC

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition fair/good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage 21,181 sq. ft. 2.5A 53-2-11

Setting set far back from street in quiet

residential neighborhood, primarily

20th century in date.

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 19/317390/4694480

USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Nancy Seasholes

Organization Waltham Historical Comm.

Date August, 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Frank J. Tyler House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It is significant as an elaborate, towered example of the Queen Anne style--one of the best in the city. It is also representative of the early phase of Waltham's suburbanization. The Tyler House 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.

The Tyler House is set well back from Linden Street in a quiet residential neighborhood of predominantly 20th century houses. It is set off from the street by an old stone wall. It is one of Waltham's distinctive towered Queen Anne style houses (see forms # 41, 32, 58, 121 and 150. In this case, the three story tower with conical cap projects from the body of the house for its full height. It is balanced by a projecting cross-gable. The entry is paneled and framed by transom and sidelights. A bracketed oriel is located on the north side elevation. A long arched window with multi-paned upper sash and a semi-circular fan is located on the south elevation. A porch with triple Tuscan columns extends across most of the facade.

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

Despite the elaborate towered Queen Anne form of this house, it appears to have been built and used for rental purposes. It was constructed in 1894 by Frank J. Tyler, a manufacturer of agricultural machinery in Boston; Tyler lived at 258 Linden Street at the time (#172). Tyler subdivided the lot and built this house on speculation. He sold it, with a mortgage of \$4,500, in 1895 to a woman from Boston. In the next 12 years the house was resold nine times, invariably to non-resident owners who must have used it as a rental property, although apparently an unprofitable one, perhaps because of the distance to the center. The house was finally acquired in 1907 by Annie F. Dowd of Malden, the wife of Michael J. Dowd. The Dowds owned the house into the 1920s but continued to rent it. In 1923 it was occupied by George E. Kittredge, a chemist.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Middlesex County Registry of Deeds
Maps/Atlases
Directories-1923

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Waltham MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

Site

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| 81. St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church Complex | Substantive Review | <i>SM</i> Keeper <u><i>Betty L. Swaine</i> 9/28/89</u> |
| | | Attest _____ |
| 82. Stanley, Leonard W., House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>f</i> Keeper <u><i>Sheloree Byers</i> 9/28/89</u> |
| | | Attest _____ |
| 83. Stark Building | Entered in the
National Register | <i>f</i> Keeper <u><i>Sheloree Byers</i> 9/28/89</u> |
| | | Attest _____ |
| 84. Stark, Robert M., House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>f</i> Keeper <u><i>Sheloree Byers</i> 9/28/89</u> |
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| 85. Stearns, Amos, House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>f</i> Keeper <u><i>Sheloree Byers</i> 9/28/89</u> |
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| 86. Stewart, Henry, House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>f</i> Keeper <u><i>Sheloree Byers</i> 9/28/89</u> |
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| 87. Swasey, James, House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>f</i> Keeper <u><i>Sheloree Byers</i> 9/28/89</u> |
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| 88. Tyler, Frank J., House | Entered in the
National Register | <i>f</i> Keeper <u><i>Sheloree Byers</i> 9/28/89</u> |
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| 89. United States Watch Company | Entered in the
National Register | <i>f</i> Keeper <u><i>Sheloree Byers</i> 8/28/89</u> |
| | | Attest _____ |
| 90. Waltham Gas Light Company | Entered in the
National Register | <i>f</i> Keeper <u><i>Sheloree Byers</i> 9/28/89</u> |
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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: Tyler, Frank J., 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: 89001555

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

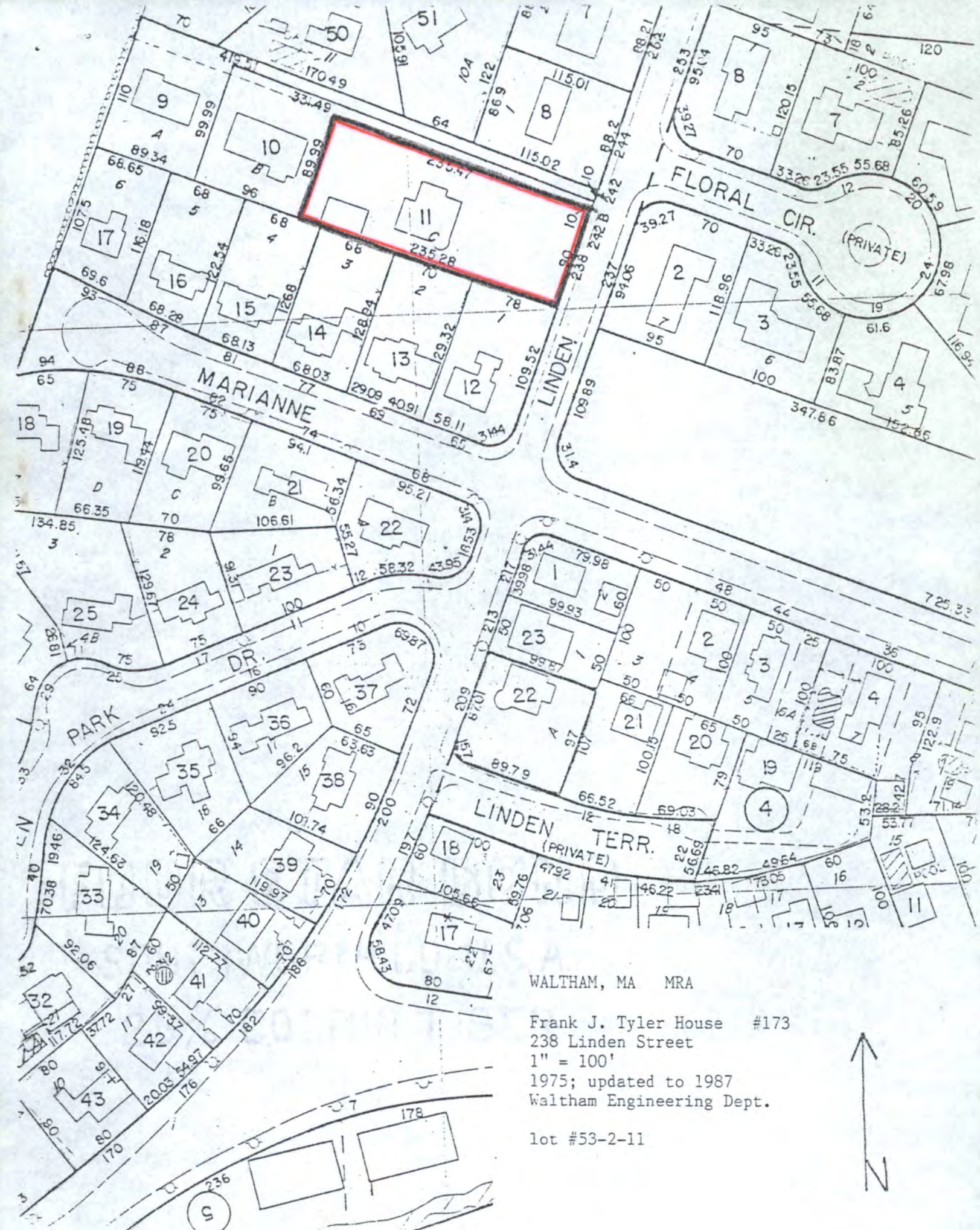
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Signed _____ Date _____



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WALTHAM, MA MRA
#173 - Tyler House

Tyler, Frank J., House



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Frank J. Tyler House #173

238 Linden Street

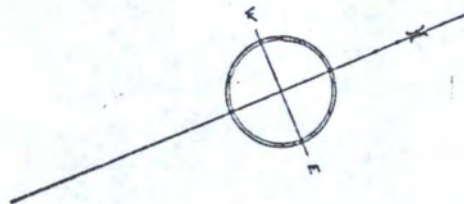
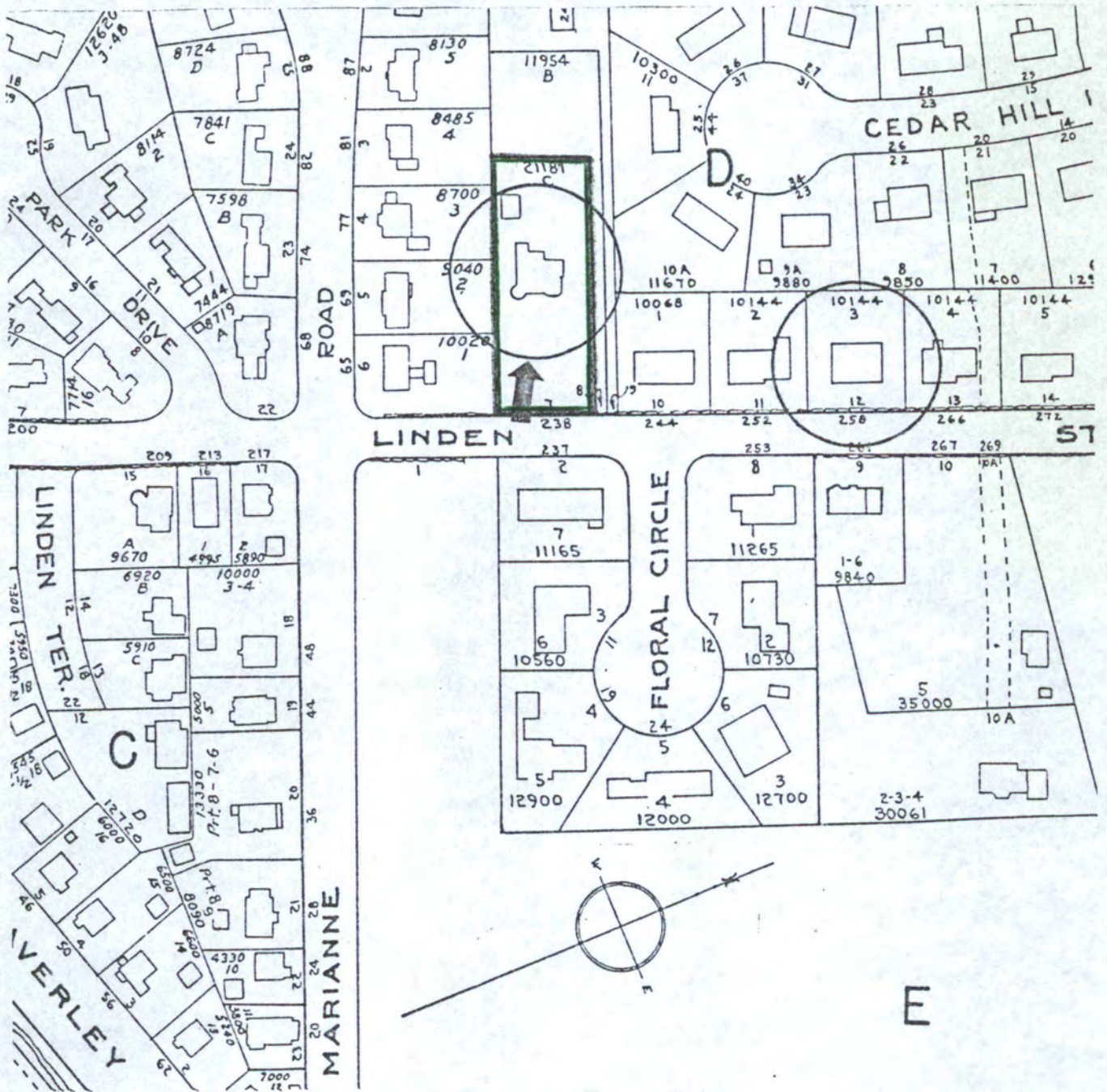
1" = 100'

1975; updated to 1987

Waltham Engineering Dept.

lot #53-2-11





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

Waltham, Massachusetts MRA
 238 Linden Street
 Frank J. Tyler House
 70-D-7

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000301