

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Photo (3"x 3" 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 19/315440/4692720USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTONSCALE 1:25,000

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NATIONAL
REGISTERED

AREA

FORM NO.

WALTHAM, MA MRA
Waltham, MassachusettsAddress 119-121 Adams StreetHistoric Name Charles Baker PropertyUse Present double houseOriginal double house

DESCRIPTION

Date 1881- 1883Source Bird's-eye-view mapsStyle Italianate with stick elementsArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric clapboardsOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) -noneCondition goodMoved no Date n/a0.28 A.
Acreage 12,300 sq. ft. 68-21-5Setting Located in densely settledresidential area of mid-late 19thcentury houses.(too much alteration and infill to be a
historic district)Recorded by Edward W. GordonOrganization Waltham Hist. Comm.Date July, 1986

revised C. Jenkins 2/88

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Charles Baker Property is an unusually well preserved example of the double-house type that proliferated on Waltham's South Side in the late 19th century. It retains original clapboard siding as well as decorative Stick Style features. Owned and rented by a variety of industrial workers, it is also an important illustration of the late 19th century development of the South Side by the Waltham Watch Company. The house possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations, and 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.

119-121 Adams Street is a well-preserved example of a type of late 19th century double-house, which appears throughout Waltham's workers' neighborhoods. Possessing an irregular plan, it stands with broad, end-wall gable facing Adams Street. Projecting from the gable are a pair of 2-story, octagonal bays. Cross-gables project from the side-walls. The entrances to the duplex are located on the side-wall, and are open to the porches nestled in the corners of the main block and cross-gables. Porches are also located on the west side of the cross gables. These porches exhibit stick-style cross-bracing. The front doors are enframed by plain pilasters, with cornice-headed lintels. In general, windows are fully-enframed with cornice-headed lintels, and contain 2/2 wood sash. Small, curvilinear brackets with incized, circular details appear at the house's corners, beneath the eaves.

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 on the Fuller-Bemis Farmhouse's lot ca. 1881-1883. The Fuller-Bemis Farmhouse was built ca. 1776. Its lot represents the nucleus of a 160 acre farm, which until the 1850's, was one of the very few houses on the South Side (purchased from Newton by Waltham in 1849). The Boston Watch Company (later the American Waltham Watch Company) acquired this parcel, along with 160 acres of the old Fuller-Bemis Farm, in 1854. This parcel remained under the control of the American Waltham Watch Company until ca. early 1880's. By 1886, Charles Baker, an American Watch Company employee and owner of 107 Adams Street, owned #119-121 Adams Street. By the early 1920's, this house was owned by G. L. Keith, carpenter (#119). James A. Fulton, steam-fitter, rented #121 from Mr. Keith.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Maps/Atlases - 1859, 1875, 1881, 1883, 1900, 1923
Waltham Directories - 1880's, 1920's

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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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
Cover <u>Substantive Review</u>	Keeper <u>151</u> <u>9/28/89</u>
1. American Waltham Watch Company <u>Entered in the</u> Historic District <u>National Register</u>	Keeper <u>Helmut Byers</u> <u>9/28/89</u> Attest _____
2. American Watch Tool Company <u>Entered in the</u> <u>National Register</u>	Keeper <u>Helmut Byers</u> <u>9/28/89</u> Attest _____
3. Andrews, Joseph, House <u>Entered in the</u> <u>National Register</u>	Keeper <u>Helmut Byers</u> <u>9/28/89</u> Attest _____
4. Baker, Charles, House <u>Entered in the</u> <u>National Register</u>	Keeper <u>Helmut Byers</u> <u>9/28/89</u> Attest _____
5. Baker, Charles, Property <u>Entered in the</u> <u>National Register</u>	Keeper <u>Helmut Byers</u> <u>9/28/89</u> Attest _____
6. Banks, E. Sybill, House <u>Entered in the</u> <u>National Register</u>	Keeper <u>Helmut Byers</u> <u>9/28/89</u> Attest _____
7. Barnes, Thomas, House <u>Substantive Review</u> <u>DOE/OWNER OBJECTION</u>	Keeper <u>Eligible Beth Sarge</u> <u>9/28/89</u> Attest _____
8. Beard, Josiah, House <u>Entered in the</u> <u>National Register</u>	Keeper <u>Helmut Byers</u> <u>9/28/89</u> Attest _____
9. Beth Eden Baptist Church <u>Substantive Review</u>	Keeper <u>Beth Sarge</u> <u>9/28/89</u> Attest _____
10. Boston Manufacturing Company Housing (380--410 River St.) <u>Entered in the</u> <u>National Register</u>	Keeper <u>Helmut Byers</u> <u>9/28/89</u> Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Baker, Charles, Property

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: 89001485

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

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



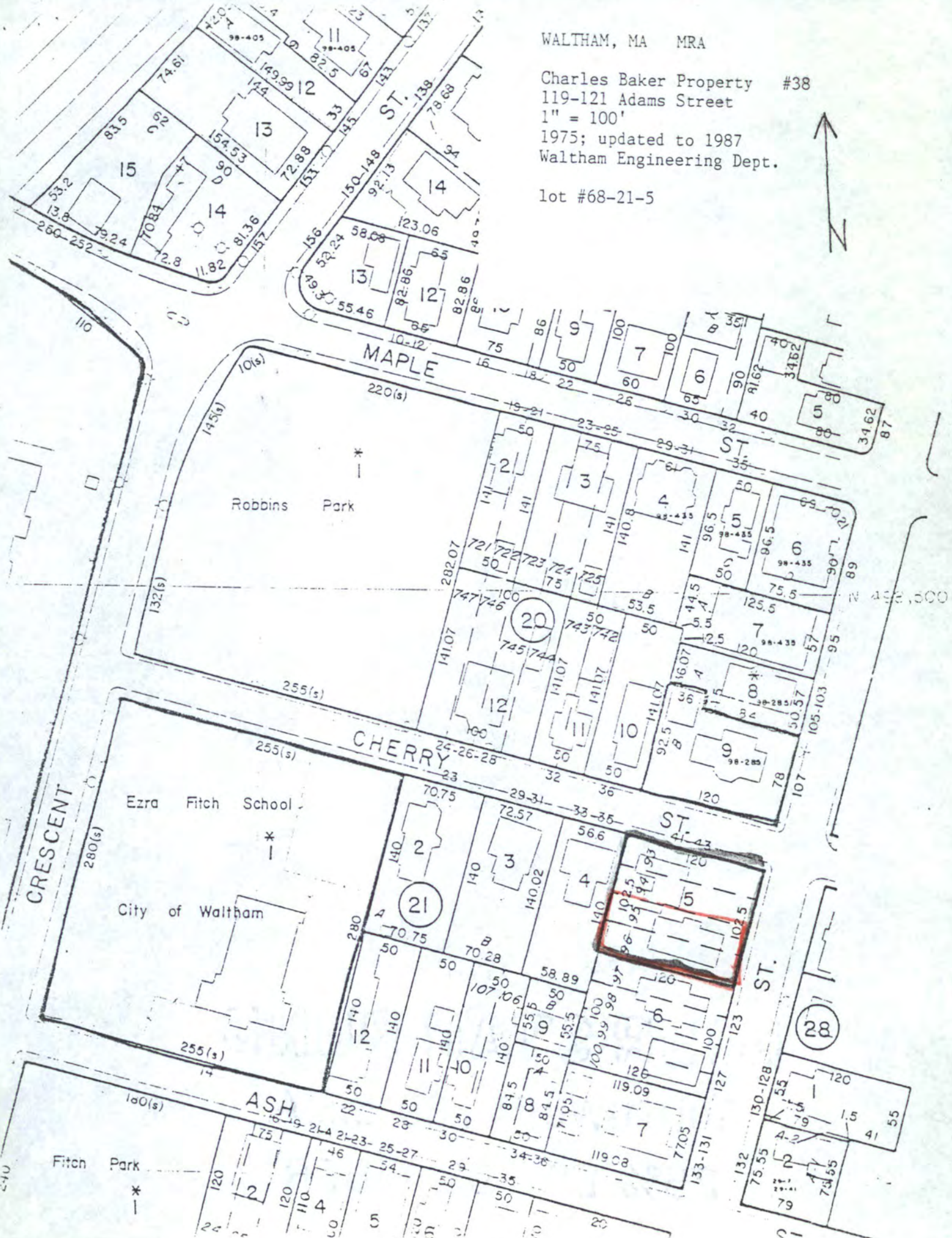
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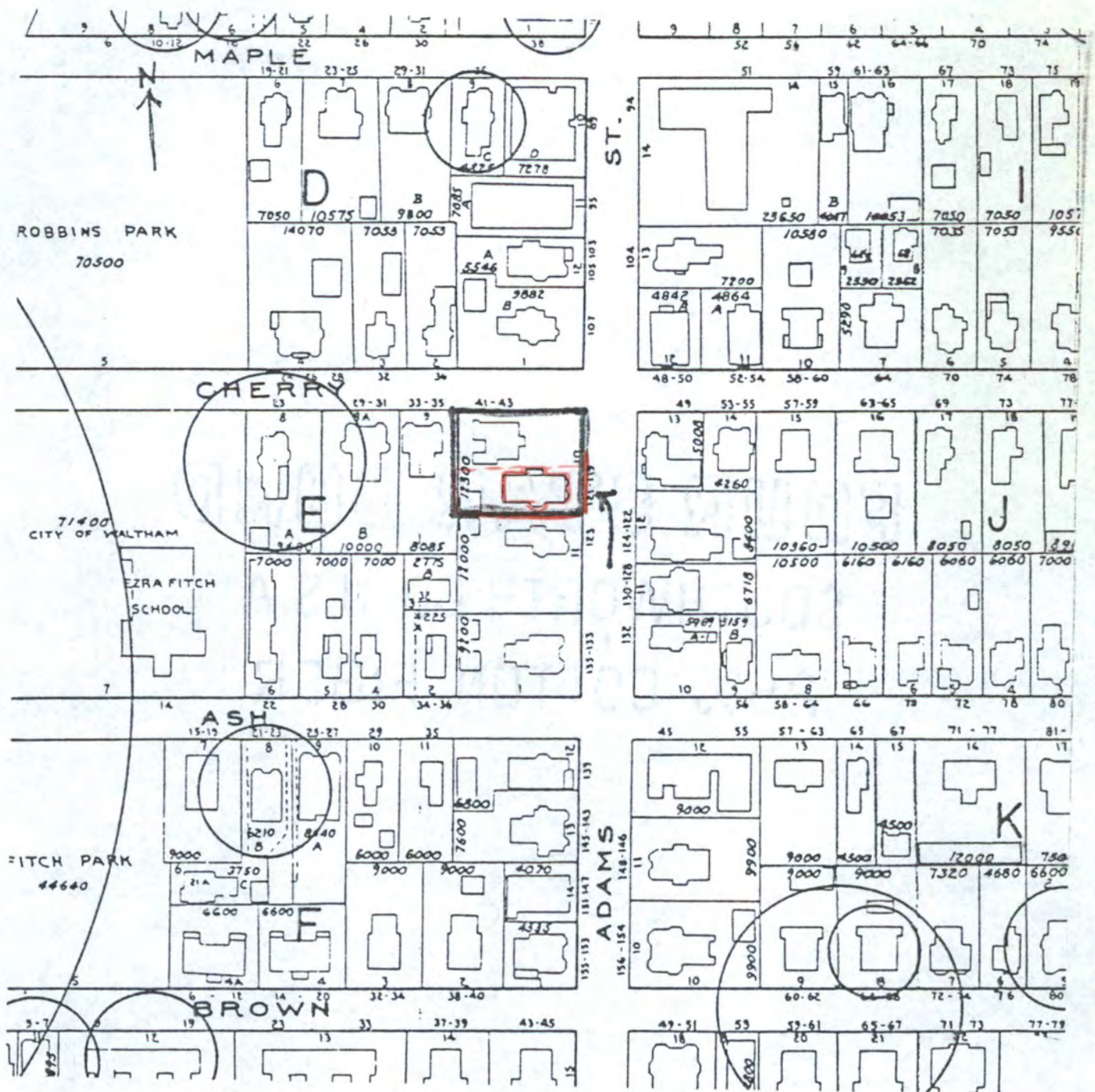
Baker, Charles, Property
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119-121 Adams St.
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Charles Baker Property #38
119-121 Adams Street
1" = 100'
1975; updated to 1987
Waltham Engineering Dept.

lot #68-21-5





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

Waltham, Massachusetts MRA
 121-119 Adams Street

5-E-10

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000301