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FORM NO.

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

PHOTOGRAPHS:

- 75:33 Front and left facades
- II:12 Double transverse summer beams in left-
(west) first-floor room
- 75:34 Transverse summer beam into rear story
post and rear girt in left (west) first-
floor room
- II:14 Northeast corner of right (east) chamber

Town Lynnfield

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Address 172 Chestnut StreetHistoric Name Hart HouseUse: Present ResidentialOriginal Residential

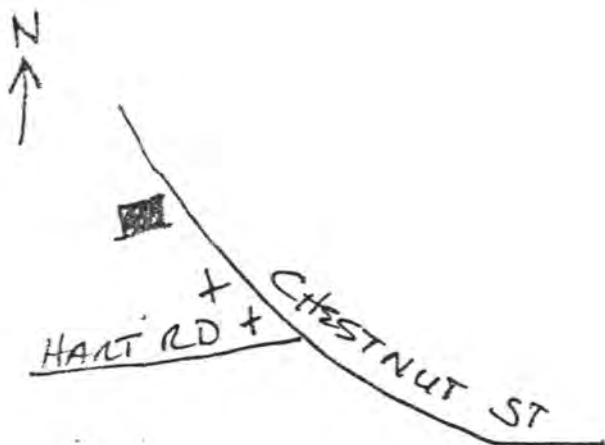
DESCRIPTION

Date 1695-1720Source Deeds, documentation, visual analysisStyle First PeriodArchitect NoneExterior Wall Fabric ClapboardOutbuildings Barn - late 18th to early 19th
centuryMajor Alterations (with dates) all 18th c.
additions removed, since 1968.Condition GoodMoved Barn - yes Date 1970sAcreage 1 acreSetting East side faces

street. - Winding residential road in -
neighborhood of wood frame dwellings.
Barn is a few
yards west of house.

Recorded by Katherine H. HaxOrganization Boston UniversityDate December 13, 1985

Sketch Map:



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UTM REFERENCE 19 / 330-600 / 4711-640USGS QUADRANGLE ReadingSCALE 1:25,000

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

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

SIGNIFICANCE

The Hart House retains integrity of location, design, materials and workmanship in its surviving late First Period frame and plank construction, making it eligible under criterion C. The paired transverse summer beams in the west side of the house represent an unusual local framing variant centered in Salem. Further study of buildings of this type is likely to yield information important to our understanding of early framing techniques, making the house eligible under Criterion D. The plank frame construction is an alternative framing method possibly connected to the existence of a sawmill in the locality, suggesting that further research into early sawn wood distribution in the Lynnfield area would be desirable.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The Hart House is a 3 bay, 2 1/2 story central chimney structure of plank frame construction with an added rear lean-to which projects 6 feet beyond the east end of the house. It has been restored with new clapboards, wood-shingled roof, and casement windows in their original location.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

Despite termite damage and extensive restoration, the Hart House exhibits late First Period framing details and decoration in all of its main rooms. Lynnfield's proximity to Salem is underlined by the twinned transverse summer beams in the first floor west room, a common late First Period Salem feature. The summers, girts, sills, and posts all have flat chamfers; the sills and posts also have simple taper stops. The butt-cog joists are 23" apart, indicating a late First Period date. The restored fireplace was originally 5' wide, and has a beehive oven in the right rear corner and evidence of the original lug pole holes. The reconstruction casement windows were installed in the original locations, indicated by mortise holes in the posts, meant to accommodate window framing members in the plank wall.

The east first floor room has an exposed chimney girt with flat chamfer; the transverse summer beam and sills have been replaced. The tenoned joists are 23" apart on center; the fireplace is 8' wide.

The lean-to seems to have been added early in the 18th century: the ceiling beams are exposed but not chamfered, and the six foot wide fireplace has a beehive oven in the rear right wall. A small heart has been carved into the north plate of the lean-to, presumably by a member of the Hart family, owners 1838-1945.

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The second floor west chamber has paired transverse summer beams which were cut away for a later plaster ceiling. The exposed falling braces in the southeast, southwest, and northwest corners of the room clearly indicate the house's plank wall construction. The three posts on the north side of the room are flared, and have simple flat chamfers, as do the chimney girt and end tie beam.

The second floor east chamber apparently never had a fireplace. The east end tie has a flat chamfer. There are falling braces on the northeast corner of the north wall and on the southeast corner of the south wall. The east wall has rising braces in each of its corners. The owner has exposed a section of lath nailed to the plank wall in the southwest corner of the room.

The steep pitch of the main roof indicates First Period construction. The principal-rafter roof has collar beams on either side of the chimney. The broken angle of the rear roof slope indicates that the lean-to is a later addition.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Although there has been a documented house on the property since the 1670's, the present house was probably built by John Hiram Perkins, who owned the property from 1694 to 1719. In 1838, John Hart of Danvers, a tanner, bought the house, which remained in his family until 1945.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName _____
State _____

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Giddings, Lient., Samuel House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Eligible Determined Eligible
B. L. Savage 3/9/90

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest _____

32. Goodale, Isaac, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

B. L. Savage 3/9/90

Attest _____

33. Gott House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Helena Byers 3/9/90

Attest _____

34. Gould, Capt. Joseph, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Helena Byers 3/9/90

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35. Gould, Zaccheus, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

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36. Hardy, Joseph, House

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National Register

Keeper

Helena Byers 3/9/90

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37. Harraden, Edward, House

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National Register

Keeper

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Attest _____

38. Harris Farm

Substantive Review

Keeper

B. L. Savage 3/9/90

Attest _____

39. Hart House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Helena Byers 3/9/90

Attest _____

40. Haskett, William, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Helena Byers 3/9/90

Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Hart House

MULTIPLE NAME: First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Essex

DATE RECEIVED: 1/24/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 2/07/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/23/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/10/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000239

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 3/9/90 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 _____



172 Chestnut Street,
Lynnfield, Ma
Hart House

75 33

3rd Period Buildings of E. Ma., TR

1985-



Lynnfield, MA

172 Chestnut St., MA

Hart House

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1st Period Buildings of E. Ma., TR

1985



Lynnfield, MA

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172 Chestnut St., MA

Hart House

1st Period Buildings of R. May, TR

1985



Lynnfield, MA

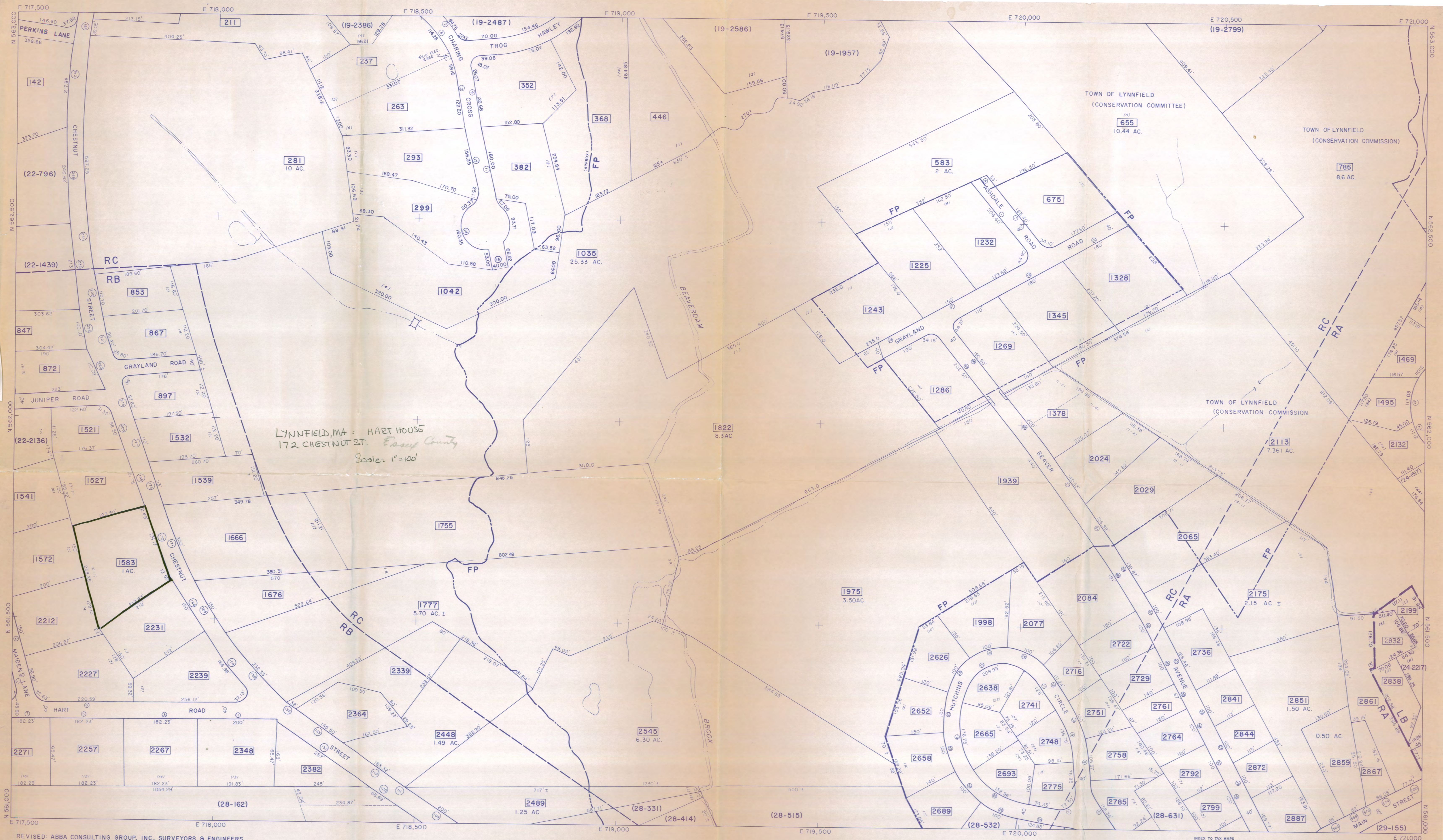
172 Chestnut St., MA

Hart House

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1st Paved Buildings of E. No., TR

1985



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DATE OF MAP NOV. 1968
REVISED 11/72, 2/74, 2/75, 12/75, 3/79, 3/80, 3/81, 3/82
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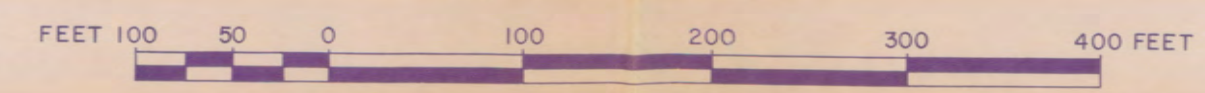
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LEGEND
STATE OR COUNTY LINE
CITY, TOWN, OR VILLAGE LINE
SPECIAL DISTRICT LINE
ROAD OR RAILROAD R/W LINE
PROPERTY PARCEL LINE
EASEMENT LINE
FILED PLAN LOT LINE
PROPERTY HOOK

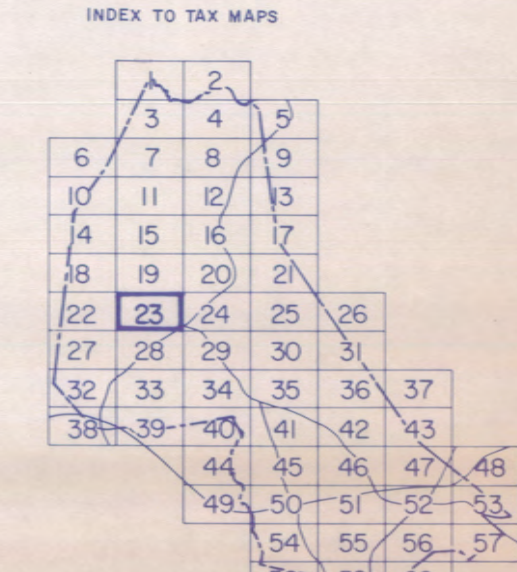
LYNNFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

TAX MAP
SCALE 1" = 100'



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LEGEND
TAX MAP PARCEL NO. 0101
AREA (FROM DEED OR SURVEY) 43,560 SF
AREA (CALCULATED) 10.5 AC. (C)
DIMENSION (FROM DEED OR SURVEY) 100.50'
DIMENSION (SCALED) 50'S
HOUSE STREET NO. 28
FILED PLAN LOT NO. (S)
STREAM



18	19	20
22	23	24
27	28	29

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000281