

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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BOSTON, MA 02116

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AREA

FORM NO.

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WALTHAM, MA MRA

Town Waltham, MassachusettsAddress 311 Beaver StreetHistoric Name Jonathan HammondHouseUse Present institutionalOriginal private residence

DESCRIPTION

Date 1785Source "Notes on 311 Beaver St."
- SandersonStyle GeorgianArchitect -unknownExterior Wall Fabric synthetic sidingOutbuildings garage NC

Major Alterations (with dates) Add-on
sides and rear. Main facade's portico
removed and replaced w/entrance porch
in 1980.

Condition goodMoved - no Date - n/a.

1.950 Acres
Acreage 84,949 sq.ft. 53-1-3

Setting Focal point at head of

Linden St.- retains high degree of
its pre-20th century rustic
character.

Recorded by Edward W. GordonOrganization Waltham Historical CommDate June, 1986

revised C. Jenkins 2/88

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

See attached sheetUTM REFERENCE 19/317520/4694680USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTONSCALE 1:25,000

WALTHAM MA MASS
NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Jonathan Hammond House is significant as a rare Waltham example of a substantial, late 18th century Georgian house. Built ca. 1785, it has significant historical associations with Waltham's Hammond, Lyman and Warren families, and thus with Waltham's agricultural, estate and institutional history. It possesses integrity of location, design, materials, setting, workmanship, feeling and associations. It 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.

Prominently sited at the head of Linden Street, on the north side of Beaver Street, 311 Beaver is a good example of a late Georgian/Federal house. Although it has been altered by the application of synthetic siding, its aluminum "clapboards" approximate the width of wooden clapboards. It retains its distinctive boxy form, hip-roof, and handsome entrance enframed by pilasters. Its 5-bay main facade exhibits a projecting and enclosed center entrance - the front door is flanked by multipane sidelights and paired, slender Doric pilasters. The porch exhibits an entablature and deep cornice. In general, the windows are simply enframed and contain 6/6 wood sash. The house's side walls exhibit two windows. It is enclosed by a hip-roof, with a massive, brick center-chimney, constructed in the First Period manner. Situated to

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 has historical associations with Waltham's Hammond, Lyman and Warren families. It is one of Waltham's few substantial late 18th century houses. #311 Beaver Street's lot was part of a much more extensive parcel purchased by Thomas Hammond from John Stowers on Oct 3, 1650 - this transaction involved a house and barn, but their exact location is not known. Thomas Hammond died in 1655, leaving by will, "all the land bought of the Stowers to an unborn child at its arrival to the age of 21" - this child was Thomas Hammond 2nd. For many years a resident of Ipswich, Massachusetts; he deeded all his real and personal property in Watertown to his son Thomas 3rd. Thomas 3rd and his wife Marry Harrington had nine children, and when he died in 1762, the farm was divided by a north and south line. #311 Beaver St's lot represents the part of the Hammond estate east of the dividing line - this eastern portion passed to Jonathan Hammond during the 1760's. He died in 1776.

According to Charles Nelson's Waltham Past and Present, it was Jonathan 2nd who inherited this land. Jonathan built the present 311 Beaver Street in 1785 (the statement is also made that his father lived there before him in an ancient house). The date of 1785 for the construction of the present house is based on the fact that Jonathan Jr. was married in 1785 when he was 21 years old. In the direct tax of 1798 the house was valued at \$1,050.00;

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Nelson, A.M. Waltham, Past and Present, A.M., 1882

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE, 311 Beaver Street, continued

the rear of this house is a 2-story ell; while a 1-story ell is located on the side.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, continued

well above the average valuation. Jonathan 2nd died in 1801. In 1875, his heirs sold the place to Theodore Lyman. It was owned by the Lyman family for 30 * years. The house was occupied by his son George W. during his early married life, and probably until Theodore's death in 1839, when George W. inherited the family mansion. During the early 1840's, a Harvey Chapin lived in this house, and later the Lyman's gardener. In 1845, George Lyman sold the place to Charles Harrington, bleacher. Harrington was instrumental in having Linden Street built from his house to Main Street. Later owners of 311 Beaver Street included Rev. Dorus Clark (1849). In 1840, Henry M. Clarke sold this house to his brother-in-law, Samuel Dennis Warren. The house was used as a home for Mr. Warren's foreman. Later inhabitants included Mr. C.T. Cahill and Asa T. Pierce. ** The 1900 Atlas shows this house as part of the extensive Warren estate, with a long rectangular structure to the rear of the house, and two structures (including a shed) to the west of the house. At the present time, this house contains Bentley College's Center for Continuing Education.

Bentley College was founded in 1917. Situated atop Waltham's Cedar Hill, the Bentley community consists of 36 buildings, most of which were built since 1968 when the college moved to its present site. The majority of the buildings are designed in the Neo-Colonial style.

Note: According to Marjorie W. Childs, the northern part of the house was sold to the Rev. Dorus Clark and his wife Hannah Alvard Bliss Clarke. They were the grandparents of Cornelia Warren and lived in this house from 1849 -1869. During changes of ownership, two ells were added, making 17 rooms in all. Around 1900-1902, Cornelia Warren maintained a kindergarten in the N.W. room of the first floor.

* see The Vale NR/NHL 12/30/70

** see form #169

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Waltham MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

41. Hall, Henry C., House Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89

Attest _____

42. Hammond, Ephraim, House Substantive Review

Keeper Beth A. Savage 9/16/89

Attest _____

43. Hammond, Jonathan, House Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89

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44. Hardy, Nahum, House Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89

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45. Harrington Block Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89

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46. Harrington, Samuel, House Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89

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47. Hill, Rev. Thomas, House Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89

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48. Hobbs Brook Basin Gate House Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89

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49. Holbrook, Richard, Houses Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89

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50. Johnson, Edwin C., House Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89

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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: Hammond, Jonathan, 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: 89001491

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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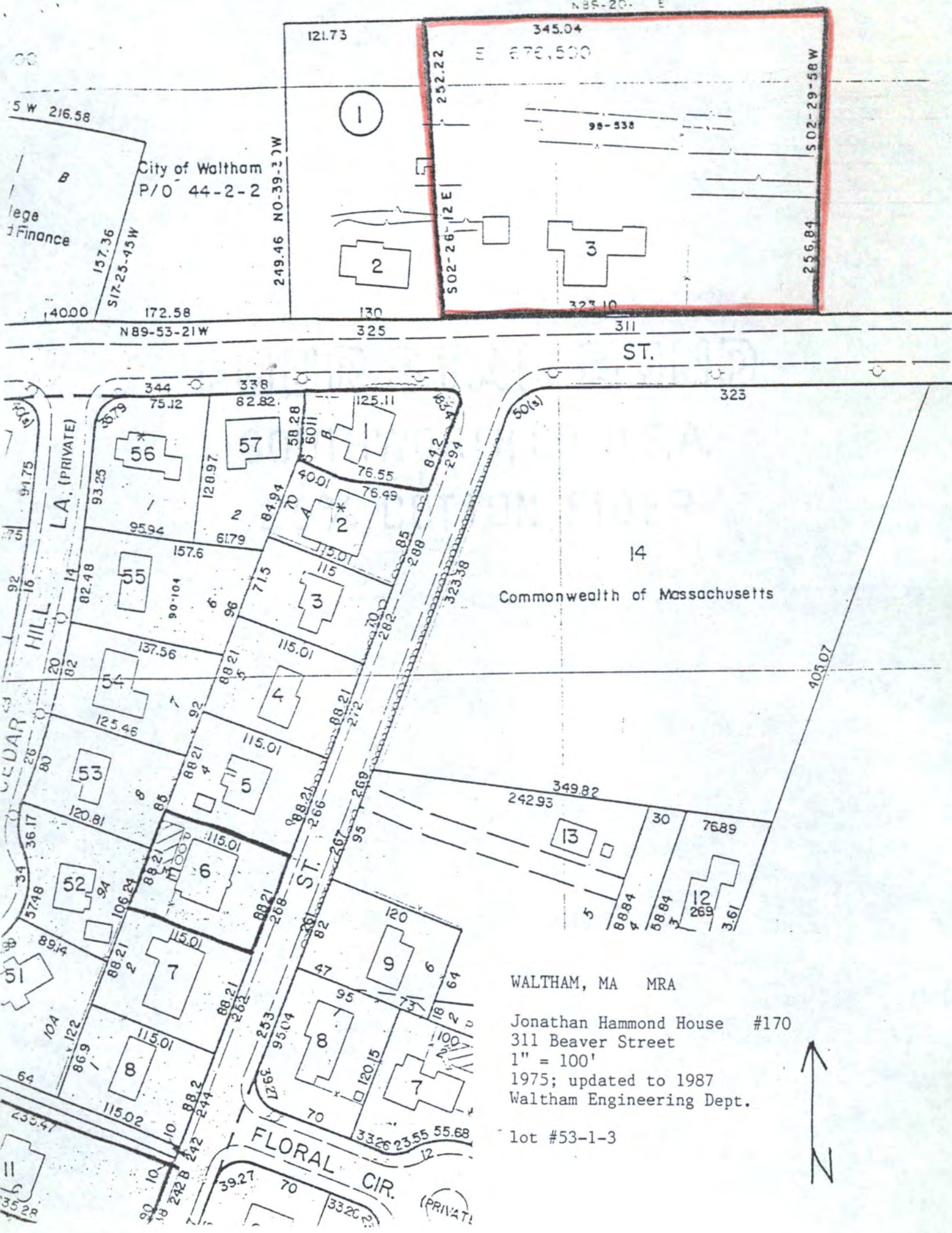
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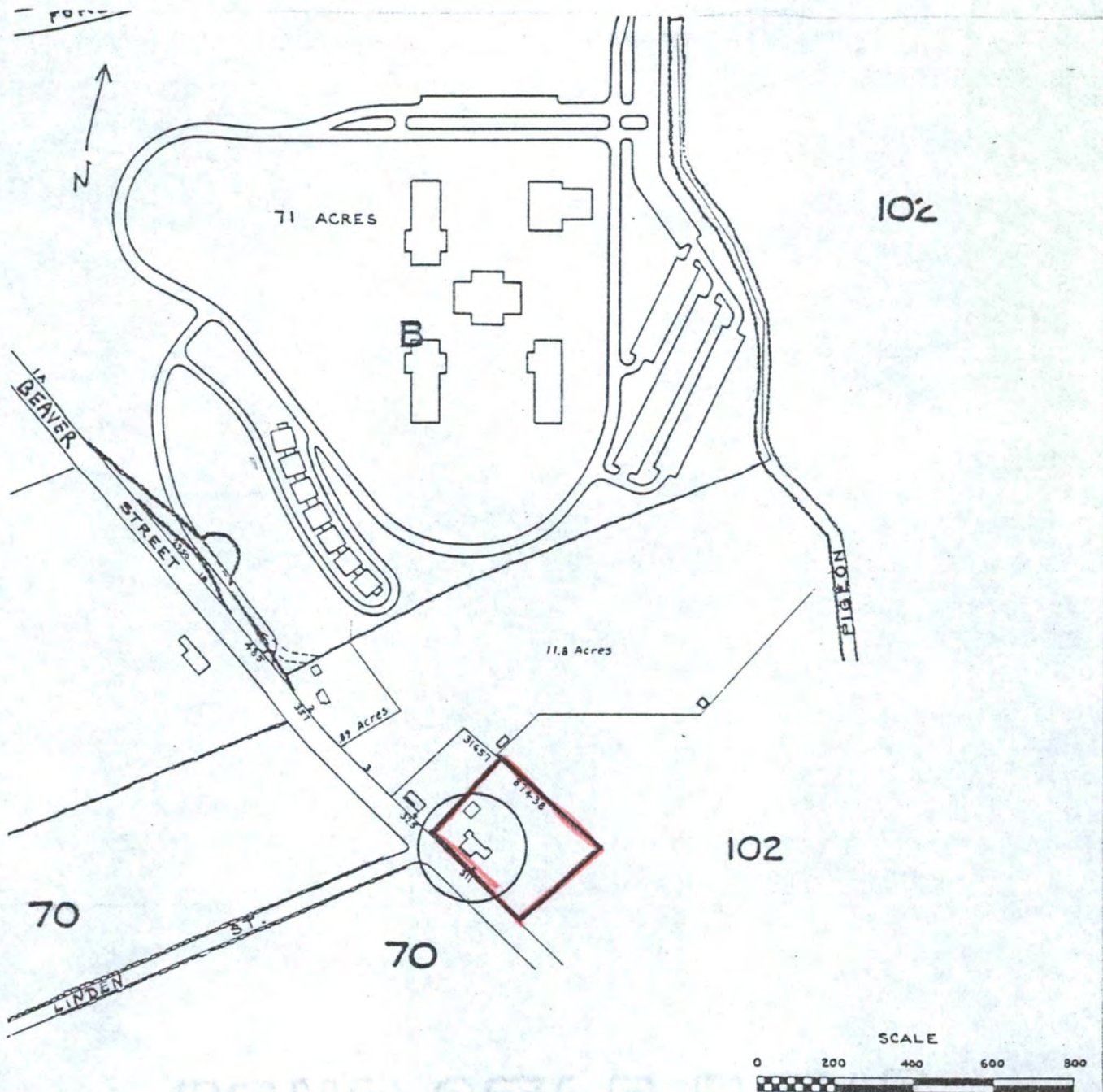


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Jonathan Hammond House #170
 311 Beaver Street
 1" = 100'
 1975; updated to 1987
 Waltham Engineering Dept.

lot #53-1-3





1970 Atlas, City of Waltham
 Compiled by the Waltham
 Engineering Division
 Scale: 1 inch = 400'

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000301