

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

- 4-11 main view of house
- 4-19 Left hand room
- 4-12 Attic
- 4-17 Staircase

Town Ipswich 009
 Address 142 Argilla Road
 Historic Name Smith House;
Lovell House
 Use: Present Residential
 Original Residential

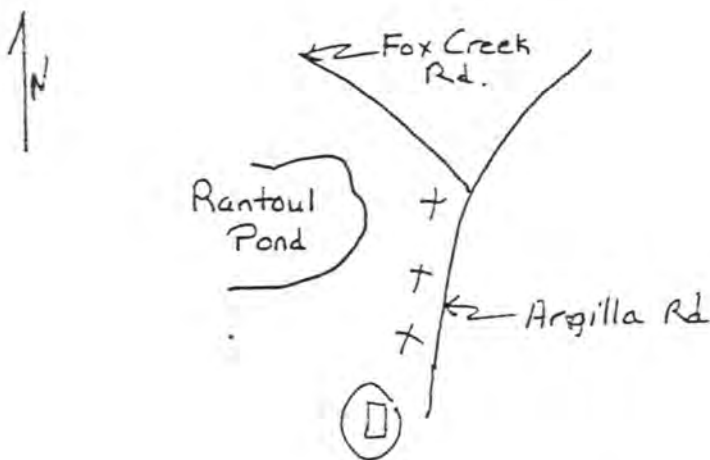
DESCRIPTION

Date ca, 1725
 Source Visual analysis;
"Something to Preserve", p. 57
 Style Late First Period/Transitional
 Architect None
 Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboard
 Outbuildings Cottage with intact 19th c.
barn attached; chicken coop/shed (18th c.)
 Major Alterations (with dates) Wings added
to rear, early 20th century (?)

Condition Good
 Moved No Date n/a
 Acreage 6 acres
 Setting Rural setting on road that leads
to Castle Hill

Recorded by Nora Pat Small
 Organization Boston University
 Date August 1985

Sketch Map:



TM REFERENCE Z E N
19 / 352-880 / 4725-630
 SGS QUADRANGLE Ipswich
 SCALE 1:25,000

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: IPSWICH	Form No: 32
Property Name: Smith House; Lovell House	

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

SIGNIFICANCE

The Smith House retains integrity of location, design, materials, and workmanship in its retention of transitional features characteristic of late First Period houses, making it eligible for National Register inclusion under Criterion C. Its rural location and largely unaltered interior give it integrity of setting and feeling. The presence of both chamfered and boxed framing members reveal the patterns of transition from First to Second Period building styles and thus may yield information important to social and architectural history under Criterion D.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The Smith House is a 2 1/2 story integral lean-to house with a central chimney plan and a symmetrical 5-bay front facade. The central front door is embellished with a small one story gabled Greek Revival portico. Early 20th century wings project from the left and rear of the house.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

The combination of chamfered and boxed structural elements in the first floor rooms indicates the transitional nature of this house. The first floor left hand room has a longitudinal summer beam with beveled chamfer and very small lamb's tongue stops. The front plate and chimney girt are boxed with quirk beading, while the corner posts and end girt are exposed. The plaster ceiling and Second Period fireplace wall paneling are Second Period features; the 57" wide fireplace is a transitional element.

The right hand first floor room also has a longitudinal summer beam with beveled chamfer and small lamb's tongue stops. All other framing members are boxed. The fireplace is similar to that in the left room. The lean-to room has a chamfered rear plate with simple stops to either side of the studs. One shouldered post (NW corner) is partially exposed. The large cooking fireplace originally had 2 rear ovens, but one has been removed. The plaster ceiling covers all but the lower faces of the 6 ceiling beams, which seem to be unfinished.

The framing members of the second floor rooms are entirely boxed (except for crudely shouldered corner posts in the left chamber), with evidence that they were never finished or exposed. This combination of boxed elements on the second floor with chamfered and exposed beams on the first floor may be a typical pattern in transitional houses.

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The attic reveals a 5 bay principal rafter oak roof with butt cog purlins and ridge pole. Both gables retain possibly 18th century plaster between the studs, as is evinced by the rosehead nails in the vertical lathe.

SIGNIFICANT LATER FEATURES

Both first floor fireplace walls exhibit simple Second Period raised field paneling. The Second Period central stairway has plain square newel posts and turned balusters set into the stringer.

REFERENCES

Something to Preserve, Ipswich Historical Commission.

1/24/90

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR
State _____

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

71. Putnam, Deacon Edward, Jr., House
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melores Byers 3/9/90
Attest _____

72. Putnam, James, Jr., House
Entered in the
National Register

✓ Keeper Melores Byers 3/9/90
Attest _____

73. Ross Tavern
~~Substantive Review~~

for Keeper Betty L. Searge 3/9/90
Attest _____

74. Sawyer House
Entered in the
National Register

✓ Keeper Melores Byers 3/9/90
Attest _____

75. Smith House
Entered in the
National Register

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76. Smith, Hazariah, House
Entered in the
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77. Thorndike, Capt. John, House
Entered in the
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78. Titcomb, Benaiah, House
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79. Tufts, Rev. John, House
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80. White--Ellery House
Entered in the
National Register

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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: Smith 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: 90000238

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
___ UTMs ___ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___ sketch maps ___ USGS maps ___ photographs ___ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



142 Argilla Rd
Ipswich

14-11

facade

Smith House

1st Period Buildings of E. Ma., TR



142 Argilla Rd
Ipswich

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Smith House

1st Period Buildings of E. Mo, TR



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1st Period Buildings of E. May, TR



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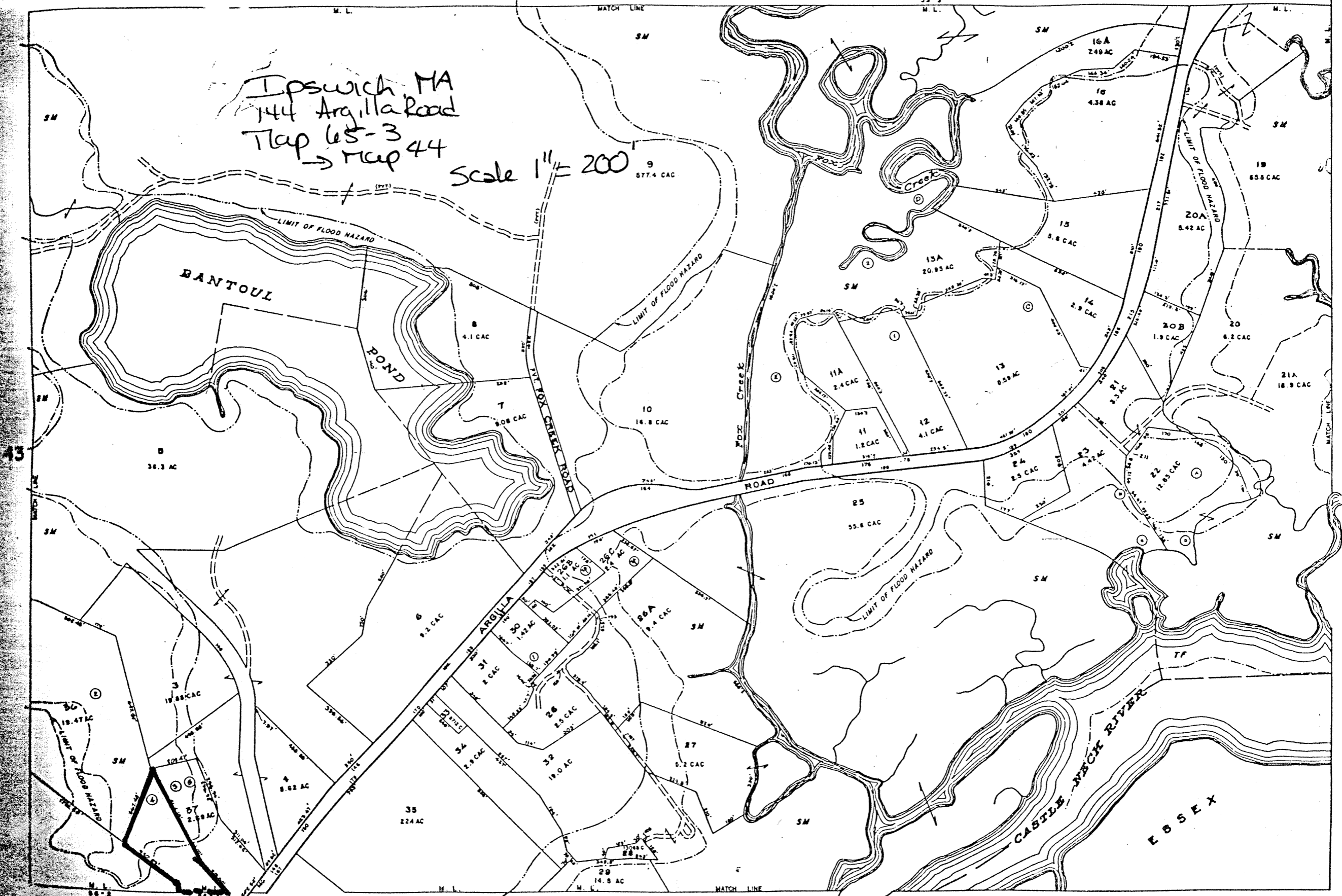
Left hand room

Smith House

1st Period Buildings of E. May, TR

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144 Argilla Road
Trap 65-3
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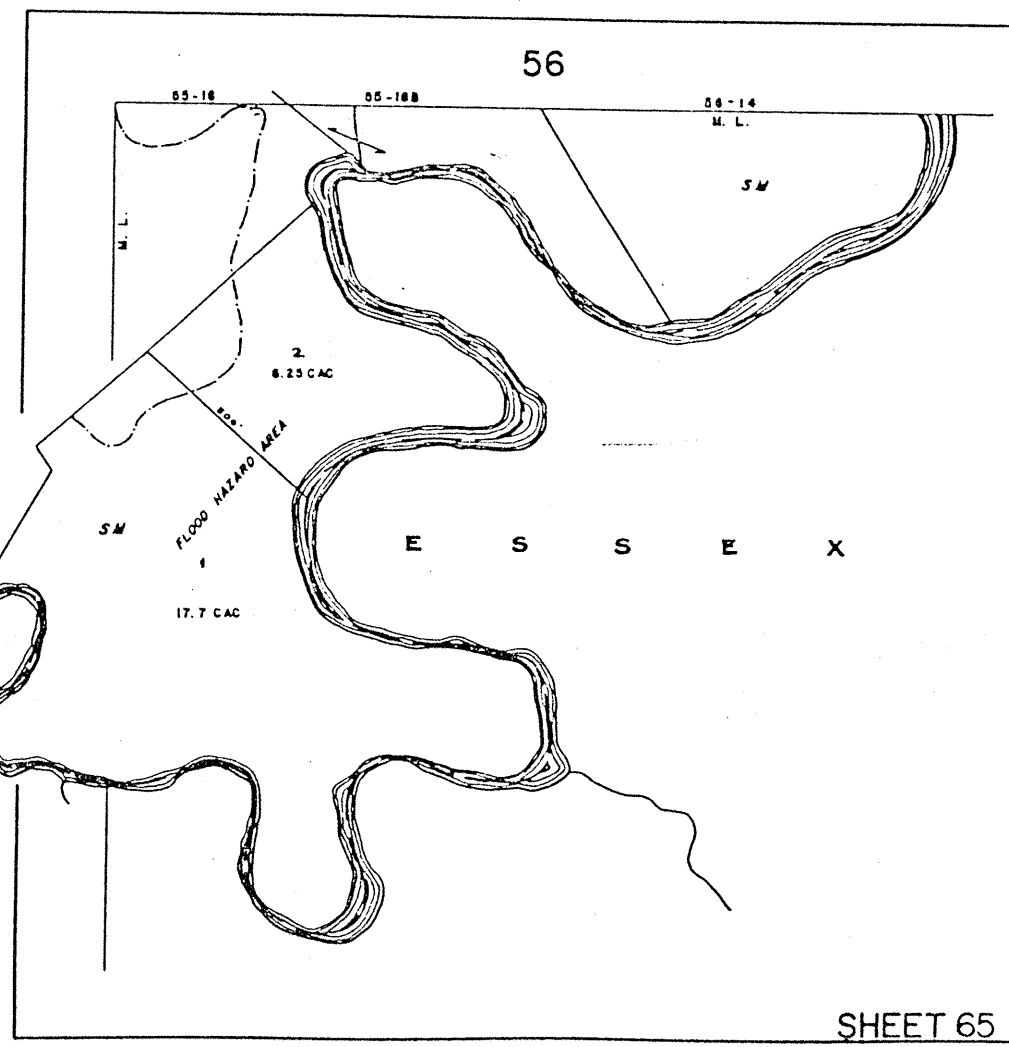
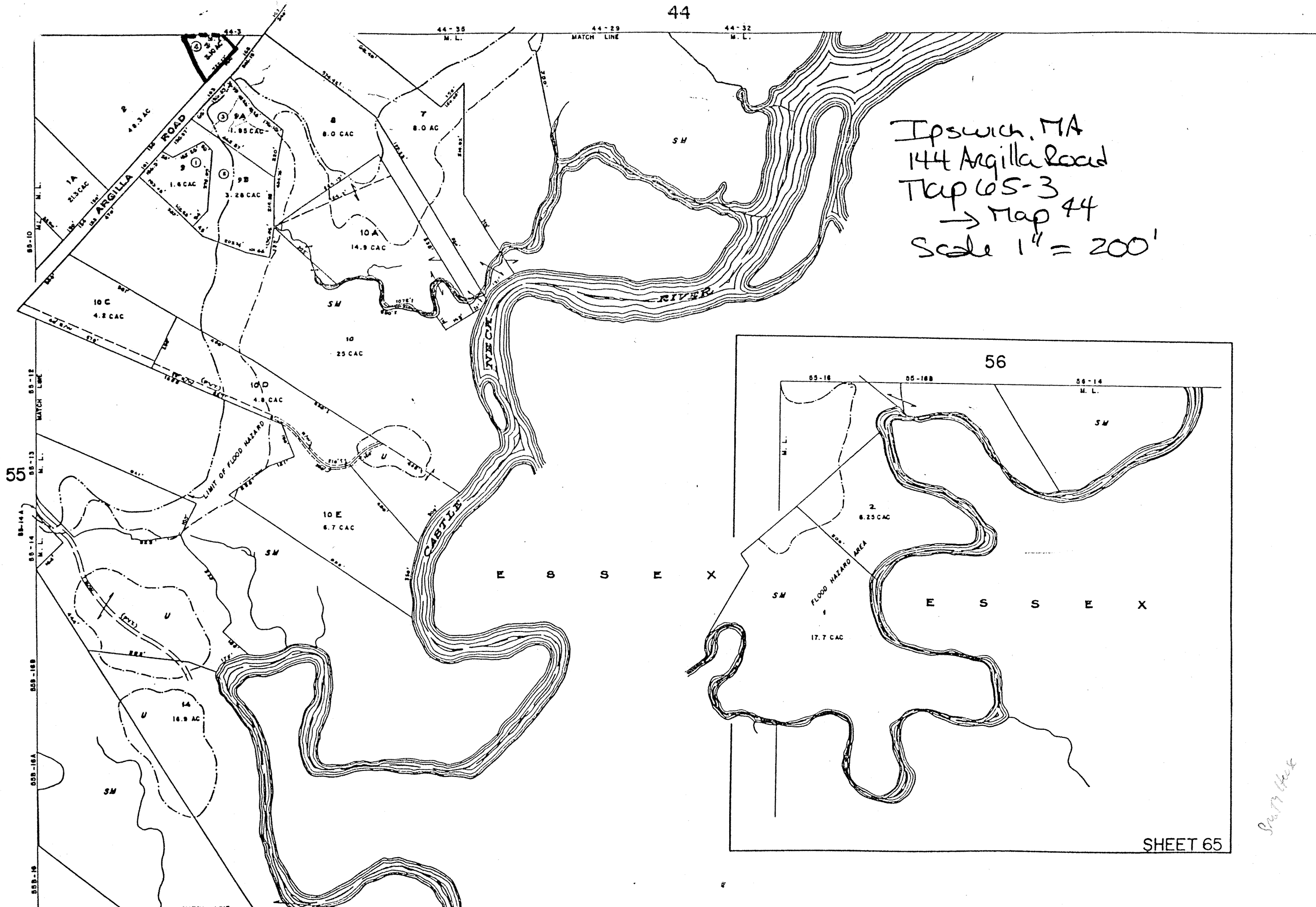
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Ipswich, MA
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Tap 65-3
→ Map 44
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SHEET 65

See Map 44

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000281