

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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BOSTON, MA 02116

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WALTHAM, MA  
REGISTERED

AREA	FORM NO.
	151

WALTHAM, MA MRA

Town Waltham, MA

Address 46 Lincoln Street

Historic Name Perez Smith House

Use: Present Residential

Original Residential

DESCRIPTION

Date 1851

Source Sanderson 1919

Style Italianate

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) Large

rear ells (n.d.)

Condition Excellent

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage 56,733 sq. ft. (3A) 41-7-7

Setting On large, well-landscaped lot  
in area of 20th c. houses

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 19/315550/4695570

USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Nancy S. Seasholes

Organization Waltham Historical Comm.

Date August 1986

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## NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Perex Smith House is one of Waltham's finest transitional Greek Revival/Italianate style houses. Italianate features include its symmetrical three bay facade, deep cornice trimmed with sawn brackets, and variety of window treatments including standard windows with projecting heads, round arched gable windows and a bracketed bay window on the side elevation. Greek Revival elements include the center entry with severe sidelight/transom surround, and the wide cornerboards and fascia/entablature. The house also helps to illustrate the mid-19th century development of Piety Corner as a fashionable residential neighborhood, and is associated with a prominent local family. It possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association and meets criteria A and C of the NRHP.

**ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE** Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

Set back from a winding residential street with a few eighteenth and nineteenth century houses and a great deal of twentieth century infill, this is one of two Italianate houses with Greek Revival features in the area and one of the best examples of this type in the city. The large house lot retains much of its pre-twentieth century rustic charm. The house is L-shaped in form and its substantial main block is characterized by a three-bay, center hall, plain main facade with two-bay end wall gables. Covered with clapboards, its corners are accentuated by heavy Doric pilasters composed of narrow vertical flush boards. Its center entrance is flanked by sidelights and is surmounted by a narrow transom and a blind, elliptical arch with a paneled sunburst-like pattern. In general, windows are fully enframed with projecting wooden sills and cornice-headed lintels in the Italianate manner. Windows contain 6/6 wood sash. Above the second floor windows is a heavy fascia board. The house is enclosed by a broad gable roof (with

**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 by Perez Smith, apparently about 1851. The date was determined by a report that Smith used the first Pond End Schoolhouse, which had just been replaced, as a tool shed while building this house, and the Town did not sell the school until 1851 (Sanderson 1919:42). Smith had, however, acquired the land as early as 1846 when he bought 22 acres that formerly were owned by the Sandersons who lived at the corner of Lexington and Lincoln streets (see 428 Lexington Street form). Most of Smith's land was on the south side of Lincoln Street near this house, but one lot comprised the triangle now formed by Lincoln, Curve, and Lexington streets and extended to the north side of Curve Street (see 508 Lexington Street form).

Perez Smith was related to Nathan Smith further up on Lincoln Street and lived in a house on Main Street before this one was built. He farmed the land and, after his death in the 1870s, his son Edward P. Smith (1841-1935) inherited the property. Edward Smith became president of the Waltham Co-operative Bank in 1895; he was also treasurer of the Waltham Gas Company and chairman of the Board of Assessors from 1892-1897 and 1918-1920. Edward Smith owned this property until his death in 1935.

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Maps and atlases - 1854, 1875, 1886, 1900, 1915, 1923

Directories - 1871, 1880, 1884, 1886, 1888-89, 1893, 1895, 1897-98, 1899, 1901,  
1907, 1909, 1910, 1912, 1921, 1923

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Waltham, MA	Form No: 151
Property Name: Perez Smith House	

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (cont'd)

distinctive wide, end wall gable profiles). The attic exhibits two round arch windows. The deep cornice features closely spaced brackets. To the rear of the main block is an ell composed of two-story and one-story segments.

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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
71. Potter--O'Brien House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum 9/28/89</u> Attest _____
72. Prospect House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum 9/28/89</u> Attest _____
73. Robbins, Royal E., School Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum 9/28/89</u> Attest _____
74. Sanderson, John, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum 9/28/89</u> Attest _____
75. Sanderson, Nathan, I, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum 9/28/89</u> Attest _____
76. Sanderson, Nathan, II, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum 9/28/89</u> Attest _____
77. Sanderson--Clark Farmhouse Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum 9/28/89</u> Attest _____
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79. Smith, Perez, House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum 9/28/89</u> Attest _____
80. St. Charles Borromeo Church Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum 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: Smith, Perez, 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: 89001558

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

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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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

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps     USGS maps     photographs     presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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Robert Smith House

WALTHAM, MA MRA

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46 Lincoln St  
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Smith, Peter, House



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Smith, Perez, Hesse



741 LINCOLN ST

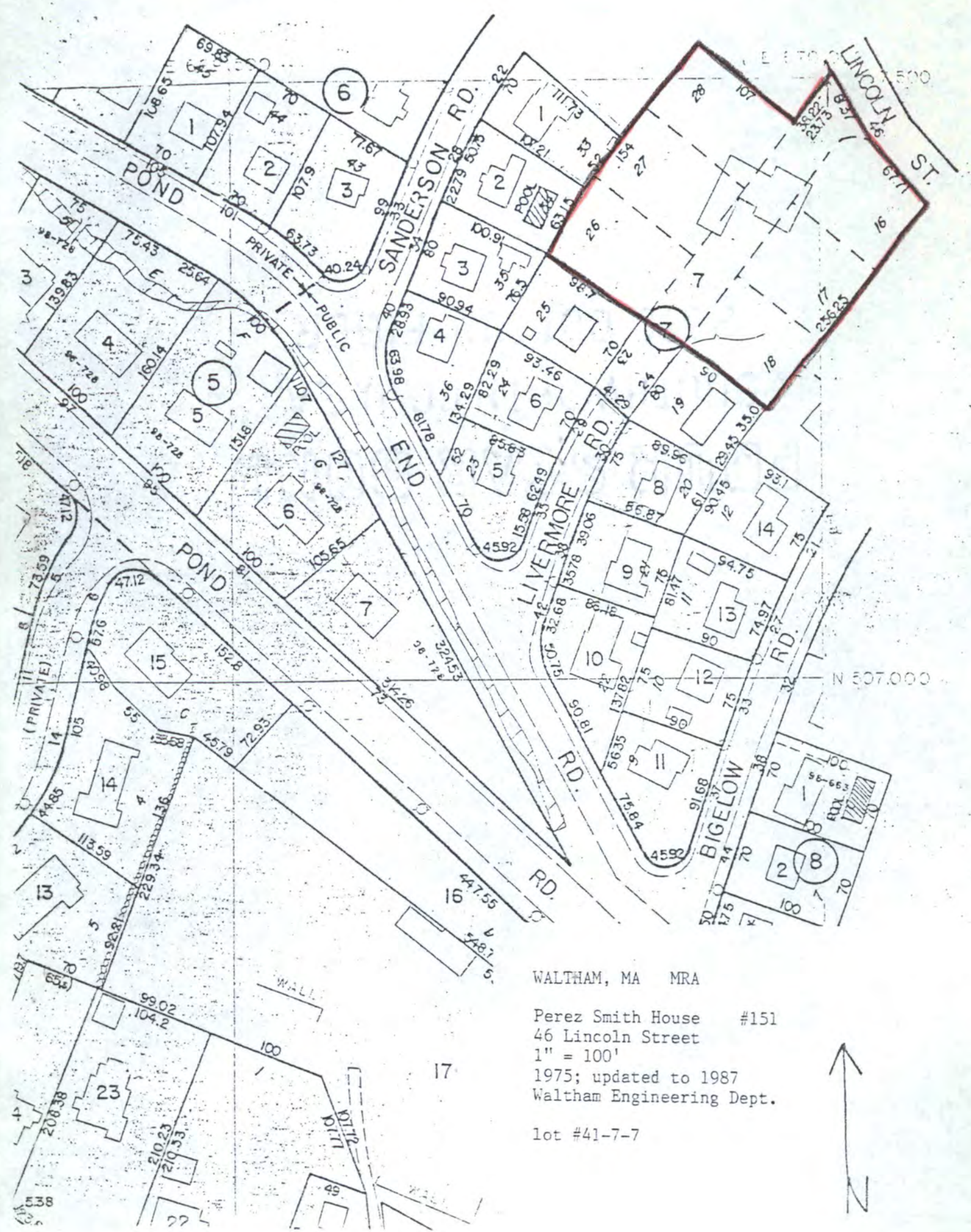
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WALTHAM, MA 01904

#157

Smith, Perez, House

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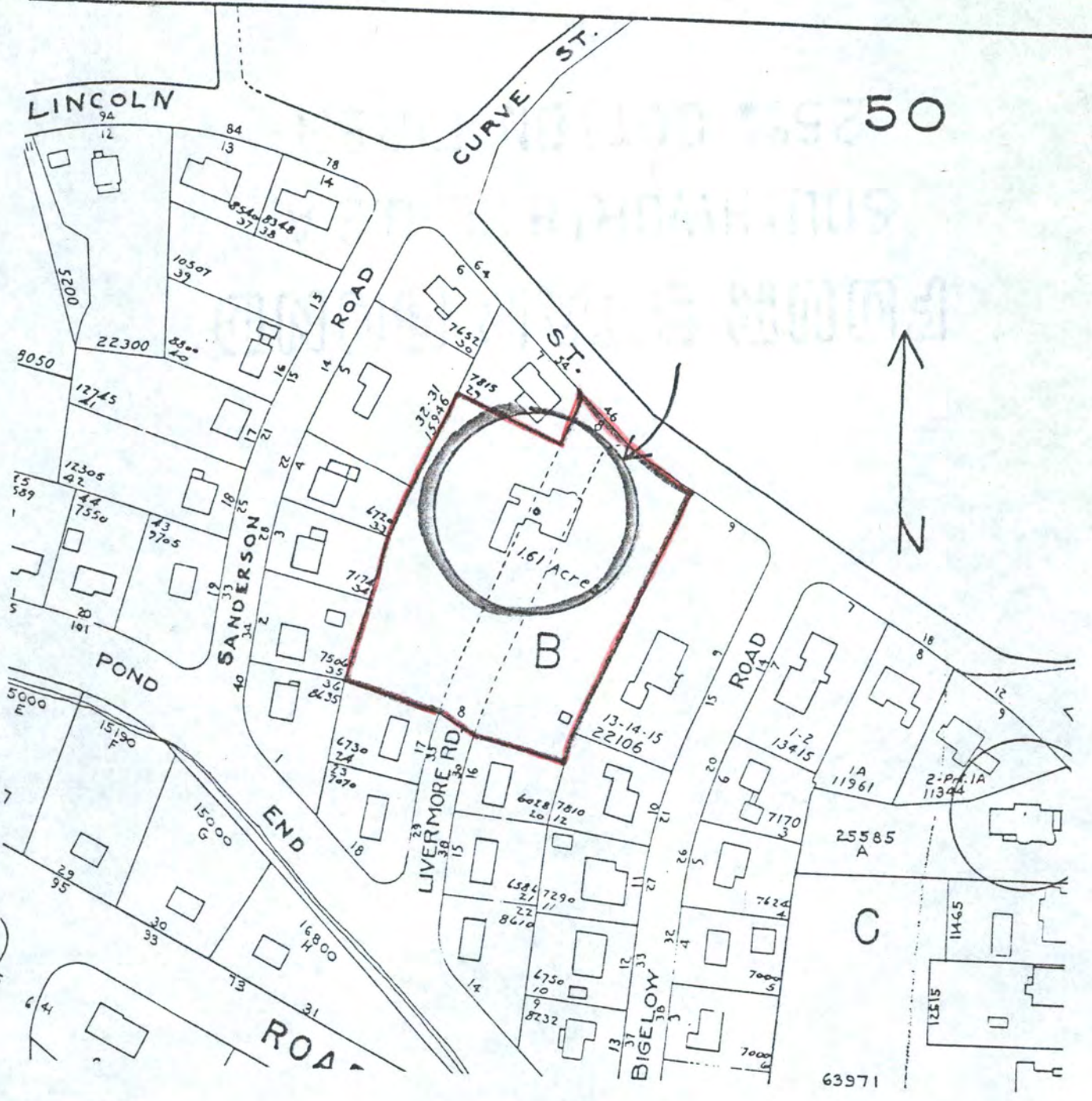
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Perez Smith House #151  
 46 Lincoln Street  
 1" = 100'  
 1975; updated to 1987  
 Waltham Engineering Dept.

lot #41-7-7



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

Waltham, Massachusetts MRA  
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 Perez Smith House  
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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