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FORM NO.

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

- 48-29 Facade
- 48:21 West Chamber at front corner
- 48-20 East Chamber cornerpost
- 48:17 East Room 1st floor; summer
- 48:22 Attic

Town West Newbury 009

Address 444 Main Street

Historic Name Samuel March House

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date c. 1695-1700

Source visual analysis; owners

Style First Period

Architect N/A

Exterior Wall Fabric vinyl siding

Outbuildings 19th c. small barn

20th c. barn (cottage)

Major Alterations (with dates) rear

vestibule 20th c.; chimney block removed

Condition good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage 1.5 acres

Setting village lot; faces south on Main

Street with large copper beech tree in

front

Recorded by James Kyprianos

Organization Boston University

Date Feb. 8, 1986

Sketch Map:



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M REFERENCE 19 / 337-670 / 4740-640

ES QUADRANGLE Newburyport West

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEETMASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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SIGNIFICANCE

The Samuel March House retains integrity of location, design, materials, and workmanship in its First-Period chamfered frame and exterior hewn overhangs under criterion C. Its double-cell plan, which survives despite the later removal of the central chimney, exemplifies the manner in which First-Period, single-cell houses were enlarged soon after their original construction to meet the growing needs and perhaps affluence of their owners. The subsequent replacement of the central chimney with twin interior flues typifies the alterations undergone by many First-Period houses under the influence of the Georgian, (Second Period,) aesthetic. The hewn overhangs on both the front and side facades represent relatively rare survivals of a popular First-Period construction technique. The incised lines for joist mortises on the summer beams contribute insights into how First-Period carpenters constructed houses.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The Samuel March House is a five-bay, two-and-a-half story structure, one cell deep, and presently covered with vinyl siding. It began as a First-Period, one-cell structure (the right three bays) and received a one-room addition to the left of the chimney also during the First Period. The central chimney block was later removed and replaced with two small interior chimney flues which pierce the roof on the rear slope just below the ridge. There are two-inch hewn overhangs on the front second story and on the side second and third stories. The main facade has an applied Georgian pedimented doorway and symmetrically placed Second-Period fenestration with nineteenth-century, two-over-two sash. There is a small added vestibule in the center of the rear facade.

MAJOR FIRST-PERIOD FEATURES

The house exhibits similar First-Period frame decoration in both sections, indicating that the west-end of the house was added within the same generation as the original building. The original first-floor east room, 17'6" x 19' x 7'10", has exposed oak posts, girts, summer beam, and joists. The longitudinal summer beam has 1.75" wide bevel chamfers with lamb's tongue stops. Incised lines for joist mortises are clearly visible on the summer beam. The joists are 21" on-center, spacing which indicates a late seventeenth-century / early eighteenth-century date. The east chamber has exposed summer and end tie beams with bevel chamfers and lamb's tongue stops. The 7'2" high ceiling is plastered. The rear northeast flared post also has a bevel chamfer and lamb's tongue stops, but the front southeast corner post is unornamented, possibly indicating a replaced post. The front, flared chimney posts and front plate of the upstairs landing, presumably part of the original construction, are all decorated with bevel chamfers and lamb's tongue stops.

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The west end of the house has nearly identical details. The joists and the longitudinal oak summer beam are exposed in the first-floor room measuring 15'6" x 19'; the beam has bevel chamfers with lamb's tongue stops and incised lines for joists mortises similar to those in the east room. The joists are 20" on-center. Later boxes cover the girts and the posts; the boxes on the posts stop short of the ceiling, indicating that they were installed after the ceiling was plastered. (The plaster has since been removed.) The width of the original fireplace opening is approximately 7'10"; (the distance between the rear chimney post to the small central post supporting the chimney girt still remaining in the room). In the west chamber, the exposed summer tie beam has bevel chamfers and lamb's tongue stops. Other framing members have beaded boxes, but the bottom edges of the front plate and end tie beam have been left exposed below the beaded edge of the boxes, revealing the bevel chamfers and lamb's tongue stops.

The attic shows the original 5" x 6" principal rafters still in place, with a pitch of 45 degrees. The roof originally had two common purlins and a ridge purlin which ran the full width of the original three bays. Some of these purlins remain in place, but new 2" x 4" purlins have been added. The three east bays have an average width of 9', while the two west bays are 8' across, indicating that the house grew in two phases.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

1/24/90

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

51. Johnson, Capt. Timothy **Entered in the National Register**

Keeper Helene Byrum 3/9/90

Attest _____

52. Kimball, Solomon, House **Substantive Review**

Keeper Beth J. Savage 3/9/90

Attest _____

53. Lake, Stanley, House **Entered in the National Register**

Keeper Helene Byrum 3/9/90

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54. Lambert, Thomas, House **Entered in the National Register**

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55. Larch Farm **Entered in the National Register**

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56. Livermore, William, House **Entered in the National Register**

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57. Low, Thomas, House **Substantive Review**

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58. March, Samuel, House **Entered in the National Register**

Keeper Helene Byrum 3/9/90

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59. Morse, Timothy, House **Entered in the National Register**

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60. Murray, William, House **Substantive Review**

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Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: March, Samuel, 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: 90000272

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

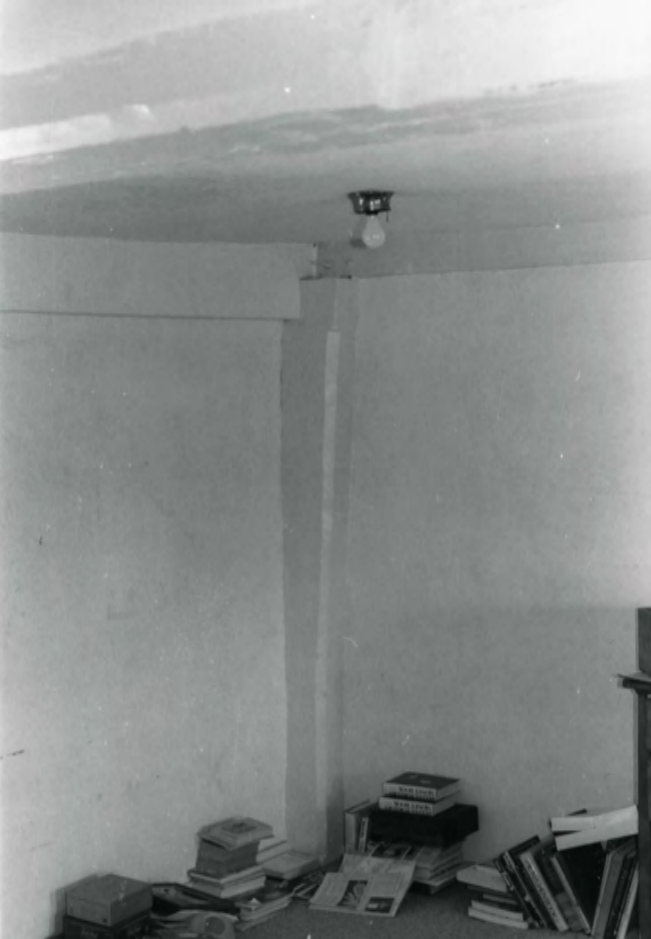
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West Newbury, MA
Samuel March House
444 Plain Street
East room - summer 48-17
1985

2nd Period Buildings of E. Ma., TR

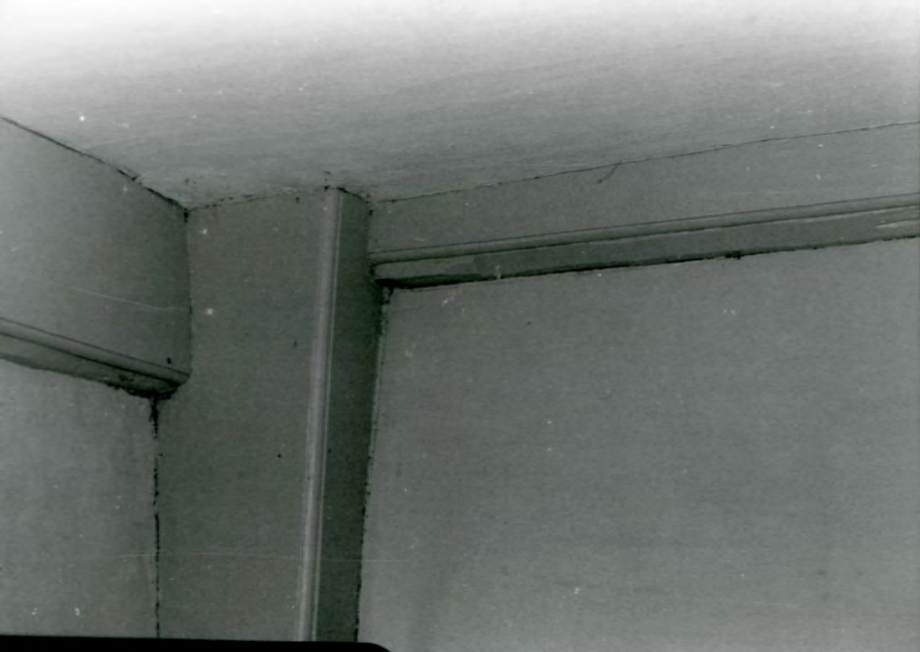


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West Newbury, TIA
Samuel Parck Ho
444 Main Street
East Chamber
corner post

1985-

2nd Period Buildings of E. Main, TIA



West Newbury, MA
Samuel March House
444 Main Street
West Chamber
1985

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1st Floor Buildings of E. May, JR.



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West Newbury, MA
Samuel March House
444 Main Street
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1st Postal Buildings of E. Ma. TR



Samuel Merch House

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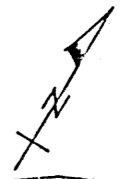
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Main Facade

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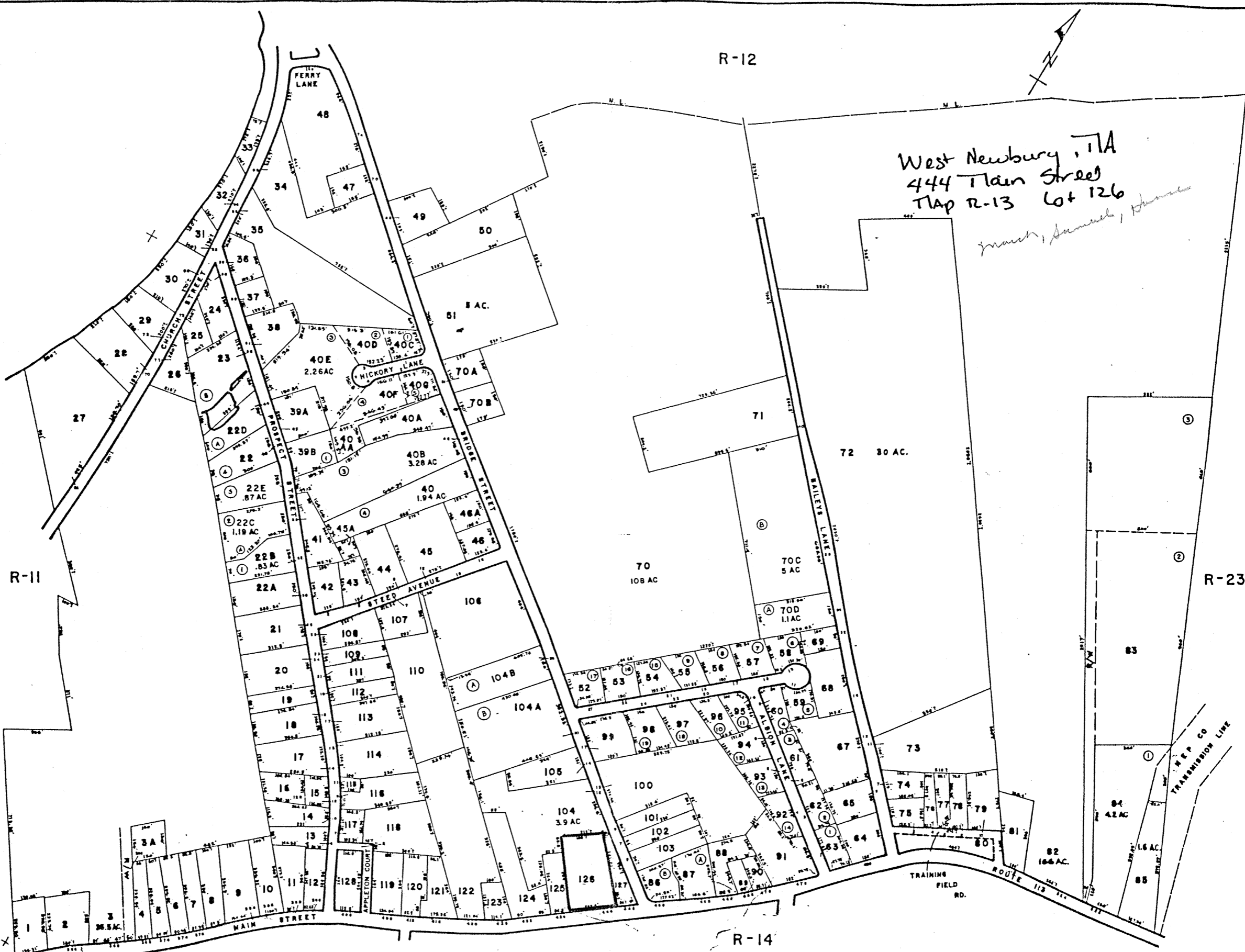
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West Newbury, MA
444 Main Street
Trap R-13 Lot 126
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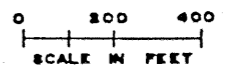
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AUBURN, MAINE
1988

PROPERTY MAP
WEST NEWBURY, MASS.



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

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