

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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NATIONAL
REGISTER

AREA

FORM NO.

172

WALTHAM, MA MRA

Town Waltham, MAAddress 258 Linden Street.Historic Name Joseph Andrews HouseUse: Present ResidentialOriginal Residential

DESCRIPTION

Date 1851Source DeedsStyle ItalianateArchitect Charles HarringtonExterior Wall Fabric ClapboardOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) Formerrear ells removed (1950s)Condition ExcellentTo Linden St.
Moved from back of lot Date 1950sAcreage 0.23A.10,144 sq. ft. 53-2-6Setting Quiet residential area sur-
rounded by 20th c. infillUTM REFERENCE 19/317420/4694520USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTONSCALE 1:25,000Recorded by Nancy S. SeasholesOrganization Waltham Historical Comm.Date August 1986

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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

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Joseph Andrews house is one of the best examples in the city of an Italianate house with wide overhanging eaves. It was built by one of Waltham's well-known nineteenth century builders and was one of the first houses erected in this area after Linden Street was constructed in the mid-1840s. In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, it was occupied by persons important in the development of Waltham. It possesses integrity of location*, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association, and meets criteria

C of the National Register of Historic Places, *as well as exception B.*

*(although the house has been moved forward on its lot, it retains its position on Linden St., illustrating its mid-19th century origins)

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

Set in a residential area of predominantly recent twentieth century houses, this imposing center-entrance Italianate has been moved and has lost rear-ells. It nonetheless retains most of its original features; it is characterized by its wide overhanging eaves with paired brackets and deep corner returns on the gable ends. The prominent gabled dormers have similar deep corner returns. There is a cornice across the entire facade and paneled cornerboards. The windows have simple corniced heads and the entrance has a transom and sidelights. The semicircular entrance porch with Tuscan columns and the two-story rear ell with a doorway with sidelights and an elliptical fanlight are Colonial Revival additions. The house is on a cement foundation, testimony to the fact that it was moved relatively recently.

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 in 1851 by Charles Harrington for Frances and Joseph Andrews. Harrington worked at the Bleachery but nonetheless also managed to be one of Waltham's important nineteenth century builders. In 1845 he purchased from George Lyman a large tract of land that extended from Beaver Street halfway to Main Street on either side of what is now Linden Street. He then laid out and constructed half of Linden Street (the Town built the rest) and built three houses, producing what could be considered one of Waltham's first suburban developments (see also 209 Linden Street form). Harrington believed that houses should be set well back from the street in order to give them "plenty of breathing room" and to provide wider avenues for travel (Waltham Free Press-Tribune, June 1, 1888). This house was originally located back about where the circle of Cedar Hill Lane is now, on a lot that was 3.9 acres.

The Andrews were apparently members of the New Jerusalem Church and moved to Waltham from West Roxbury in order to join the Swedenborgian congregation centered at Piety Corner (see 379 Lexington Street form). In the late 1850s Joseph Andrews was one of the leaders of the Church.

CONT

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2026:329, 330.

Maps and atlases - 1854, 1875, 1886, 1900, 1911, 1915, 1923, 1958.

Directories - 1871, 1884, 1886, 1888-89, 1893, 1899, 1912, 1915, 1917, 1923.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

WALTHAM, MA 172

Community:

Waltham, MA

Form No:

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Property Name:

Joseph Andrews House

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

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (cont'd)

In 1865 the Andrews sold the house and in 1870 it was purchased by John R. Farnum, a partner in Davis and Farnum iron founders. This business, which had been started on Moody Street in 1844 by R. P. Davis, had, in 1870, just moved to an extensive new site off Foundry Avenue. Farnum lived in Rose Hill Castle off Main Street and this Linden Street house was occupied in the 1870s by his partner, Frederick J. Davis. In 1884 the property was acquired by Fred A. Houdlette, also in the iron business in Boston, and in 1887 it was sold to George Tyler of George Tyler and Company, manufacturers of agricultural tools and machinery in Boston. Tyler died in the early 1890s and the house was then occupied by his widow; by 1899 she had moved to Brighton, MA, and David W. Bond, a superior court judge, lived in the house. Judge Bond died in 1911; by 1917 the house had been acquired by Anthony W. Recka, one of Waltham's "milkmen," who moved his milk business from Newton Street to this location. In the 1950s the former Andrews estate was developed; Cedar Hill Lane was laid out, the land divided into house lots, and the rear ells removed from this house, which was then moved forward to its present location.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

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

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

Cover

Substantive Review

Keeper

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9/28/89

1. American Waltham Watch Company Entered in the
Historic District National Register

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Melvyn Byers

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2. American Watch Tool Company

Entered in the
National Register

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3. Andrews, Joseph, House

Entered in the
National Register

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4. Baker, Charles, House

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5. Baker, Charles, Property

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National Register

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6. Banks, E. Sybbill, House

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National Register

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- SK 7. Barnes, Thomas, House

Substantive Review

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

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Eligible Beth Sarge

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8. Beard, Josiah, House

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National Register

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- SK 9. Beth Eden Baptist Church

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Beth Sarge

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10. Boston Manufacturing Company Housing

(380--410 River St.)

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National Register

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Melvyn Byers

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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 Andrews, Joseph, House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Waltham MRA
NAME:

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: 89001554

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

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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 _____



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WALTHAM MA MR14
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Andrews, HSC
Joseph



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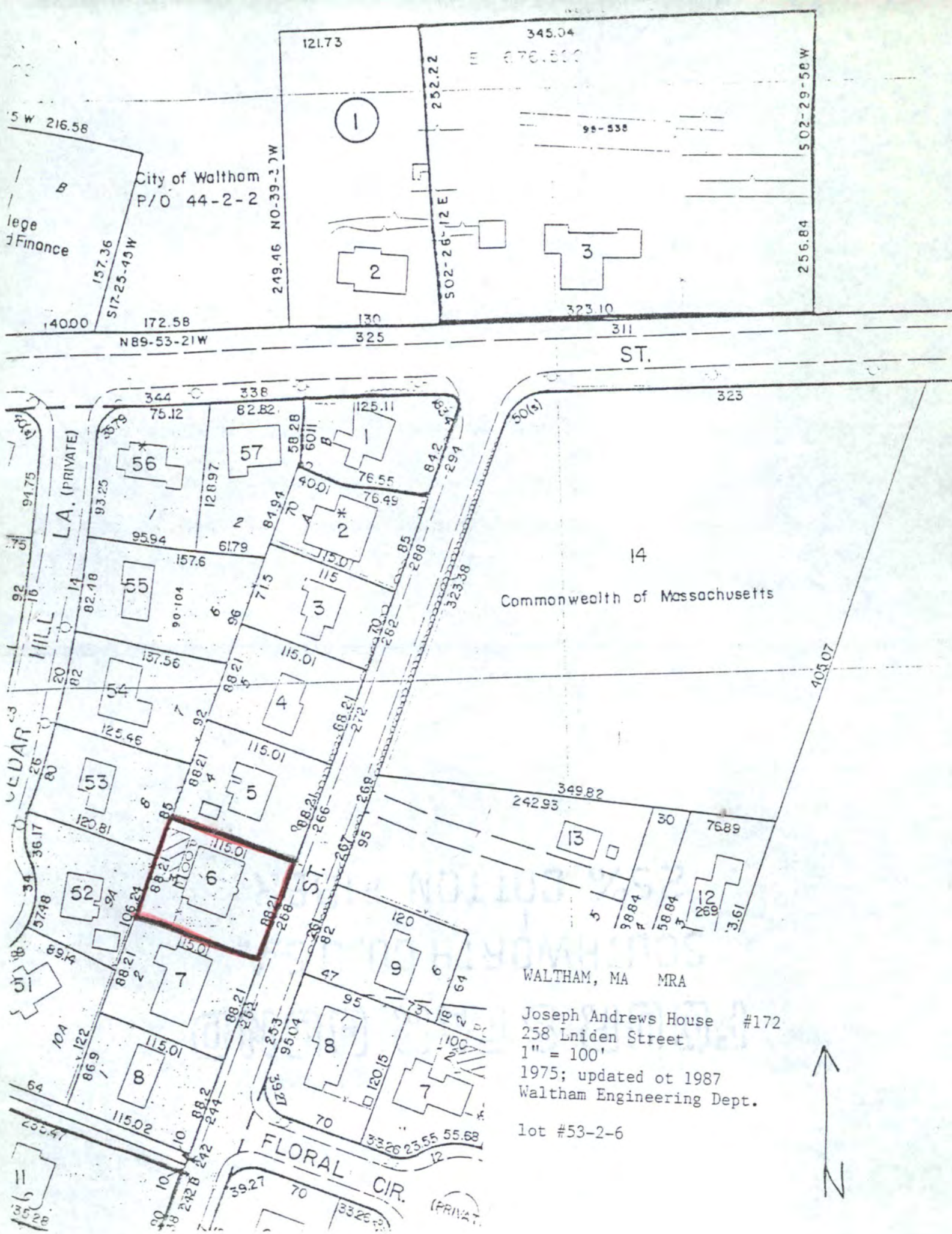
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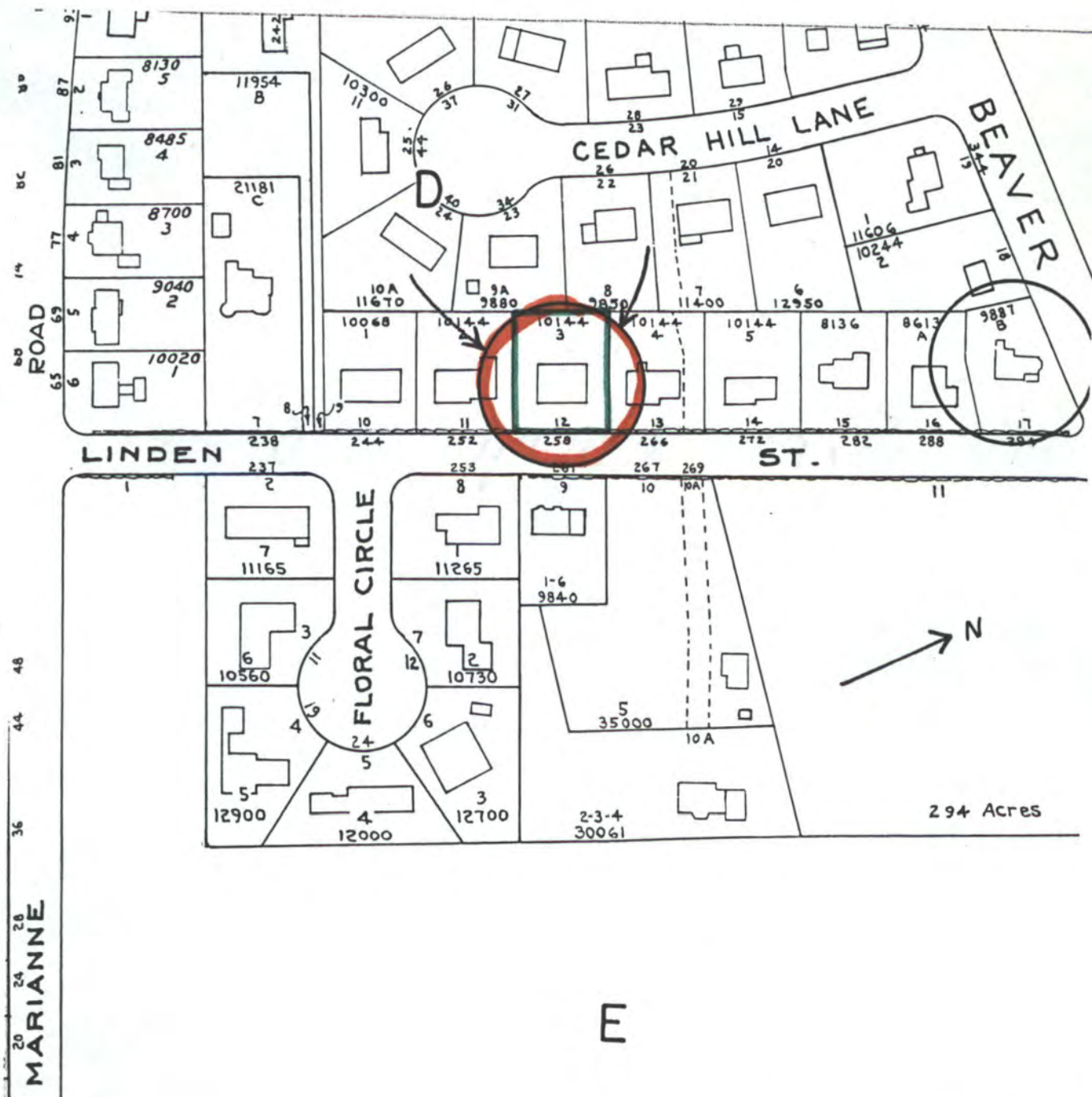
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Andrews H&C
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1970 Atlas, City of Waltham
Compiled by the Waltham
Engineering Division
Scale: 1 inch = 140 feet

Waltham, Massachusetts MRA
258 Linden Street
Joseph Andrews 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