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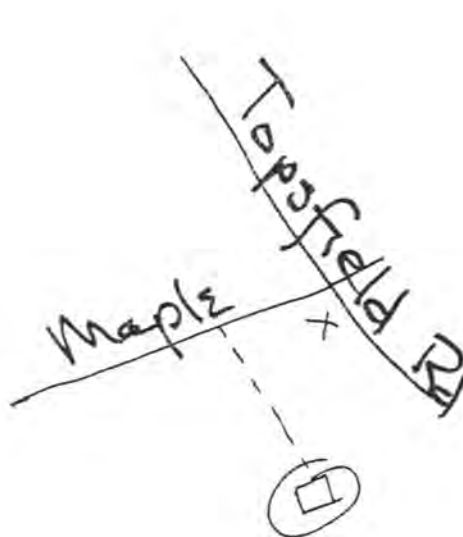
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30 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Photos

- 15:29 south facade
- 15:32 left-hand (west) room
- 16:1 detail, molded post, northwest corner, left-hand room
- 16:2 detail, summer beam/end girt junction, left-hand chamber
- 16:3 detail, rear girt, chimney girt and post, left-hand chamber
- 16:6 rear addition, living room designed by Joseph Everett Chandler

Sketch Map:

Town Wenham 009Address 9 Maple StreetHistoric Name "Old Farm"Use: Present ResidenceOriginal Residence

DESCRIPTION

Date by 1689Source North Shore Breeze and
Reminder, August 2, 1929Style First Period core/Second Period
exteriorArchitect UnknownExterior Wall Fabric ShinglesOutbuildings early
20th century barn, movedfrom road edge of property - early 20th c.
garage / carriage houseMajor Alterations (with dates) Gambrel
roof added, 1890-1900. Restoration
and enlargement by J.E. Chandler,
1911; side porch removed, entrance
porch added, 1930s.Condition GoodMoved No Date N/AAcreage part of 120 acre parcelSetting An isolated site, down a longlane, amid meadows and woodlandsrural setting

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REFERENCE 19 / 342-690 / 4717-820S QUADRANGLE SalemLE 1:25,000Recorded by Anne GradyOrganization Boston UniversityDate June 1986

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SIGNIFICANCE

Old Farm retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship and setting in its First Period frame which embodies distinctive characteristics of form and construction eligible under Criterion C. The frame is a representative example of First Period framing practices in Essex County in the closing years of the 17th century, except in one respect. Molded post heads are generally associated with transverse summer beams. Their use at Old Farm combined with a longitudinal summer beam is an unusual variant in framing treatment. The molded post heads probably derive from Salem practices. Wenham was a part of Salem originally, and the transverse summer beam with molded post heads is characteristic of Salem houses of the First Period.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

Old Farm is 5 bays wide, 2 1/2 stories high and two rooms deep in its main body. The left-hand front rooms and chimney bay comprise the original single cell house. The right-hand rooms and a lean-to were added in the 18th century. Between 1890 and 1900, the house was raised to a full two stories and a new gambrel roof built. In 1911, the house was restored under the direction of Joseph Everett Chandler. A service wing was added to the left (west) side at that time. In 1930, an entrance hall was constructed on the north side, after designs by J. Hamden Robb of Gordon Allen Associates, architects of Boston. The hall was embellished with a Chippendale-style roof balustrade. Bull's-eye glass was used in the side lights of the entrance doorway. The south facade retains its Second Period vernacular character with symmetrical fenestration, sash windows with simple frames, an enclosed, one story entrance porch. A massive central chimney pierces the south side of the gambrel roof at the junction of the lower and upper slopes.

MAJOR FIRST PERIOD FEATURES

First Period features in the form of exposed decorated framing are visible in the left-hand room and chamber. All framing members are exposed except the longitudinal summer beam. There are inch-wide flat chamfers on beams and posts. Post heads are, in addition, molded with a broad quarter round. The chimney girt, which may have been designed by Chandler, has an unusual chamfer--flat, with a fillet on either side. The chamfer on the chimney girt terminates in lamb's tongue stops at the posts and triangular stops at the summer beam. There are exposed sills in the left-hand room. They appear to date from Chandler's restoration. Whether there was evidence of that exposed sills existed originally is unknown.

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In the left-hand chamber, there are well-crafted one-inch-plus flat chamfers and taper stops on the summer tie beam, posts, plates and end tie beam. The plates have the added refinement of taper stops on either side of the summer tie beam.

In the upstairs and downstairs left-hand rooms, the fireplace wall finish dates from the restoration. In each case the chimney post is chamfered on both sides, indicating that originally, both sides of the chimney post were exposed. The original fireplace wall trim whatever it might have been was recessed behind the post.

No framing is visible in the finished attic. In the cellar, there is a large compartment built into the fieldstone foundation below the enclosed porch, perhaps for cold storage. The chimney foundation, an arch 9 feet wide by 7 feet deep, probably dates from the post-First Period construction of the right-hand rooms or lean-to.

LATER SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

Chandler added new shadow-molded sheathing on the fireplace walls in the left-hand room and chamber and in the lobby, suitable to his conception of the original finish in those areas. An early two panel door was retained next to the fireplace in the left-hand chamber.

In the rear living room (20 feet by 40 feet) Chandler combined First and Second Period features. There are exposed beams and posts. Posts are finished with molded heads like those in the left-hand room. The stops on Chandler's framing members, graceful lamb's tongues with pips, are, however, more elaborate than the prototypes in the front of the house. All the exposed framing in this room shows more pronounced adze marks than the original framing. Chandler gave the ample fireplace in the rear living room a bold bolelection molding. It is uncertain whether the fireplace was reconstructed by Chandler or survived from earlier days. The rest of the finish of the living room is elaborate early Second Period style super-raised paneling with bolelection moldings. There are corner cupboards with arched, glazed doors.

A garden designed by landscape gardner, Ellen Shipman, remains in more or less its original configuration south of the house.

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HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Old Farm is an example of a First Period house associated with the early 20th century restoration movement. Restored and enlarged in 1911 by Mr. and Mrs. Alanson Daniels of Boston as their summer home, the house is representative of a larger group of First Period structures which have been preserved on the North Shore under similar circumstances. Old Farm was the subject of an article in House Beautiful in 1921. [1] The restoration is illustrative of the work of Joseph Everett Chandler. Chandler, a prominent restoration architect in the early 20th century, restored such buildings as the Old State House and the Paul Revere House in Boston and the Hooper-Lee-Nichols house in Cambridge. Chandler's additions to historic houses drew upon features of the original houses, but often, as in the case of Old Farm, finish designs were not limited to the historical precedent of the given period.

The preservation of the early 20th century "old fashioned perennial garden" designed by landscape architect Ellen Shipman is also noteworthy. [2]

REFERENCES

1. Lydia Garrison, "Old Farm," House Beautiful, May 1921.
2. Lydia Garrison, "An Honest-to-Goodness Garden," House Beautiful, March, 1921.

North Shore Breeze and Reminder, August 2, 1919.

Photograph by B.H. Conant, plate #79, Nov. 6, 1890. "Col. Kent's House." (Wenham Historical Society Collection).

Photograph by B.H. Conant, plate 01754 Sept. 27, 1900. (Wenham Historical Society Collection).

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Old Farm House is set back from the road in the middle of meadows and fields that are cultivated. ³The line of convenience, drawn around the house, follows the gravel drive on the north side of the house and extends approximately 50' on each side of the house. The southerly line of approximately 100' connects the side lines. The boundary includes the house and the walled garden on the south facade. The barns and carriage house are located a considerable distance from the house. Surrounding meadows enhance the rural setting.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR
State _____

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

50661. Newman--Fiske--Dodge House **Substantive Review** Keeper Beth L. Savage 3/9/90
Attest _____
62. ~~Noyes~~, James, House Entered in the National Register Keeper Melvin Byrum 3/9/90
Attest _____
- 51 63. ~~Old Farm~~ **Substantive Review** Keeper Beth L. Savage 3/9/90
Attest _____
64. Old Garrison House **Substantive Review** Keeper _____ 3/9/90
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65. Osborne, Prince, House Entered in the National Register Keeper Melvin Byrum 3/9/90
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66. Osgood, Col. John, House **Substantive Review** Keeper Beth L. Savage 3/9/90
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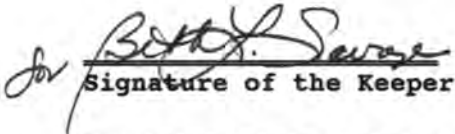
SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90000265 Date Listed: 03/09/90

Old Farm Essex MA
Property Name County State

First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.


Signature of the Keeper

03/09/90
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Geographical Data: VBD

The handwritten scale on the sketch map supersedes the typed or printed one: the handwritten scale is the appropriate scale for the reduced map.

The acreage is <1.

This information has been confirmed with Ann Tait, MASHPO, by telephone.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Old Farm
NAME:

MULTIPLE First Period Buildings of Eastern Massachusetts TR
NAME:

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: 90000265

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: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 3/9/90 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept C
REVIEWER Savage
DISCIPLINE Architectural History
DATE 3/9/90

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 _____



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Old Farm

9 Maple St

Wenham, MA

South facade

1985

1st Period Buildings of E. Ma, TN



Wenham, MA
"Old Farm" 16-1

9 Maple Street
detail: molded post
1985

1st Period Buildings of E. Ma, TR



Wentham, TLA

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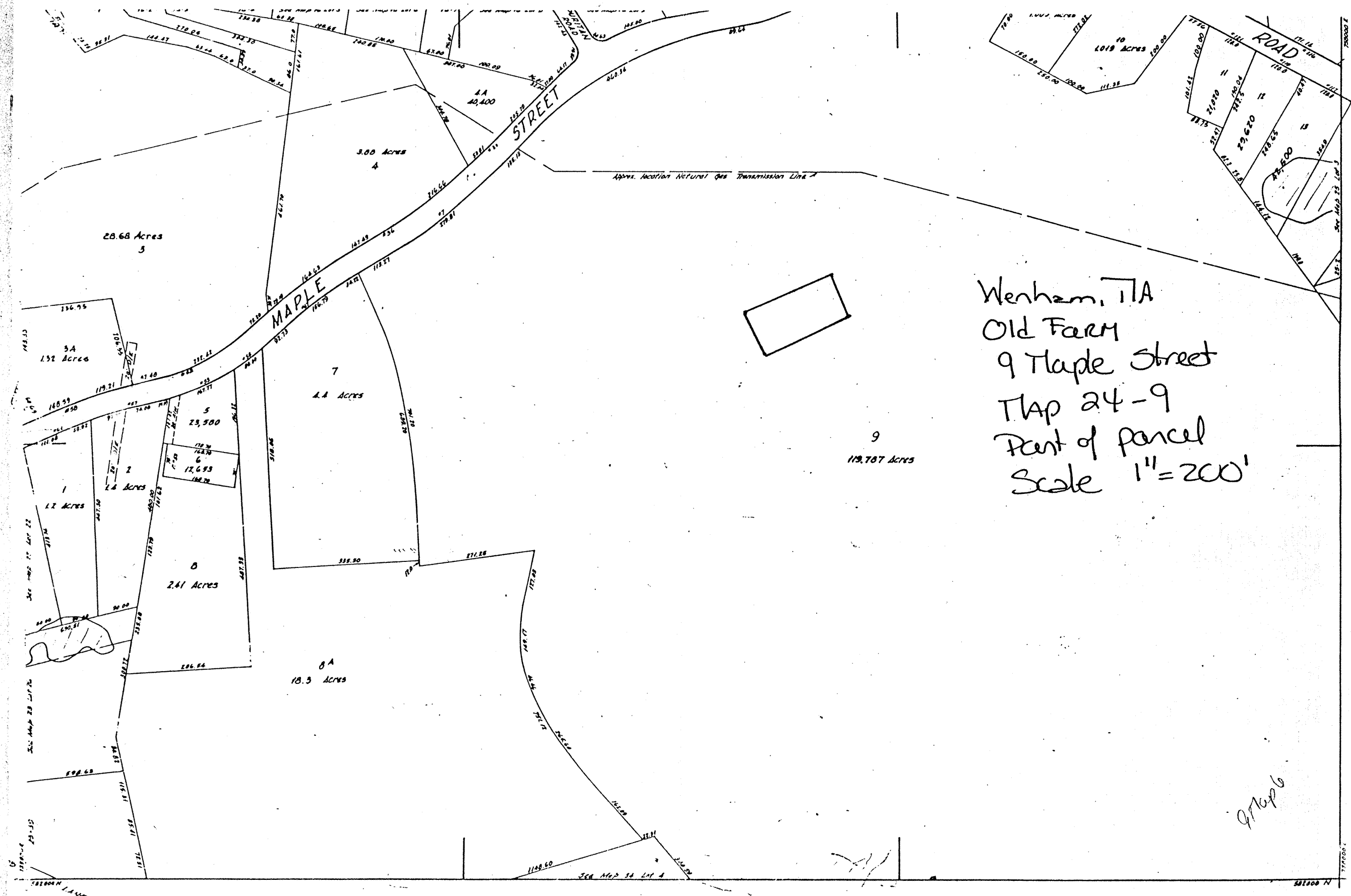
9 Maple Street

near addition

1985

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Wenham, MA
 Old Farm
 9 Maple Street
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 Part of parcel
 Scale 1" = 200'

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Please refer to the map in the
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for this property

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