

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET

NATIONAL
REGISTER

AREA	FORM NO.
	136

WALTHAM, MA MRA



1 Waltham, MA

Address 90 Worcester Lane

Historic Name Mt. Prospect School for Boys

Present private residence

Original institutional

DESCRIPTION

Date 1923

Owner Owner

Style Georgian Revival

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings



Architect unknown --

Exterior Wall Fabric brick

Buildings Garage/Servants Quarters- C

Alterations (with dates) converted to residence (c.1933), converted to nursing home (1950); reconverted to residence (1985)

Condition good

Lot no -- Date n/a --

Area 138,236 sq.ft. 3.7A 41-2-16

Setting Dramatically sited on rise, surrounded by well-maintained tree shaded grounds

Area of substantial mid-19th-20th c.

UTM REFERENCE 19/315 280/4695 270

USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON

SCALE 1:25,000

homes. Area retains Pre-20th c. rustic charm.

Recorded by Ed Gordon

Organization Waltham Historical Comm.

Date July 1986

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Historical Significance
90 Worcester Lane (cont'd)

(although the school is last listed in the 1941 Directory). During the 1930's and early 1940's, 90 Worcester Lane was the home of Leonard Wing. Mr. Wing, an invalid, modified the building to accommodate his wheelchair. After Mr. Wing's death in the 1940's the property was purchased by the Willard Settlement Corporation and run as a nursing home until 1983. At that time the property was renovated to function as a residence.



NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

#90 Worcester Lane is a fine example of early 1920's Georgian Revival institutional architecture which has been adapted for a variety of uses overtime. It was originally built to house the Mt. Prospect School for Boys. This building has important historical association with the school's founder, Arthur Astor Carey, philanthropist and one of the foremost leaders in the Boy Scouts of America during the early 20th century. This house possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations. It meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Owners, John and Lenore Walker
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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: Mt. Prospect School for Boys

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: 89001525

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 9/28/89 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Please clarify an applicable area of significance for criterion A eligibility. Criteria statement mentions associations with founder Carey - wouldn't this be B then?
Please clarify a period of significance in light of above comment. Carey died before school was completed.*

RECOM./CRITERIA
REVIEWER Savage
DISCIPLINE Architectural History
DATE 9/28/89

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

Please reevaluate and revise documentation accordingly.

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
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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

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Date July 1986

revised by C. Jenkins 3/88

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 19J315280/4695270

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SCALE 1:25,000

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Waltham MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

61. Mount Feaks Cemetery **Entered in the National Register** *for* Keeper Melrose Byrum 9/28/89
Attest _____

scr 62. Mt. Prospect School for Boys **Substantive Review** *for* Keeper Beth L. Savage 3/9/90
Attest _____

63. Murray, Robert, House **Entered in the National Register** *for* Keeper Melrose Byrum 9/28/89
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65. North Lexington Street Historic District **Entered in the National Register** *for* Keeper Melrose Byrum 9/28/89
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66. O'Hara Waltham Dial Company **Entered in the National Register** *for* Keeper Melrose Byrum 9/28/89
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67. Olcott, John E., House **Entered in the National Register** *for* Keeper Melrose Byrum 9/28/89
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68. Oxford, The **Entered in the National Register** *for* Keeper Melrose Byrum 9/28/89
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scr 70. Piety Corner Historic District **Substantive Review** *for* Keeper Beth L. Savage 3/9/90
Attest _____

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NOMINATOR: STATE

DETAILED EVALUATION: Y

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 3/9/90 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Locally significant Georgian Revival institutional building associated with the philanthropy and educational philosophy of Arthur Astor Carey.

Initial comments addressed.

** The cut and paste on the inventory form is not acceptable. NPS will copy page #2 onto archival paper.*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A+C
REVIEWER Jared
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

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Mt. Prospect School for Boys

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90 Worcester Lane



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MHC #136
William, Ma. NRA
90 Worcester Lane



90 Worcester Lane (Secondary Property)

Mt. Prospect School for Boys

Waltham, Mass MKA
MHC #136



Waltham Prospect School for Boys

MHC # 13C

Waltham MA MRA

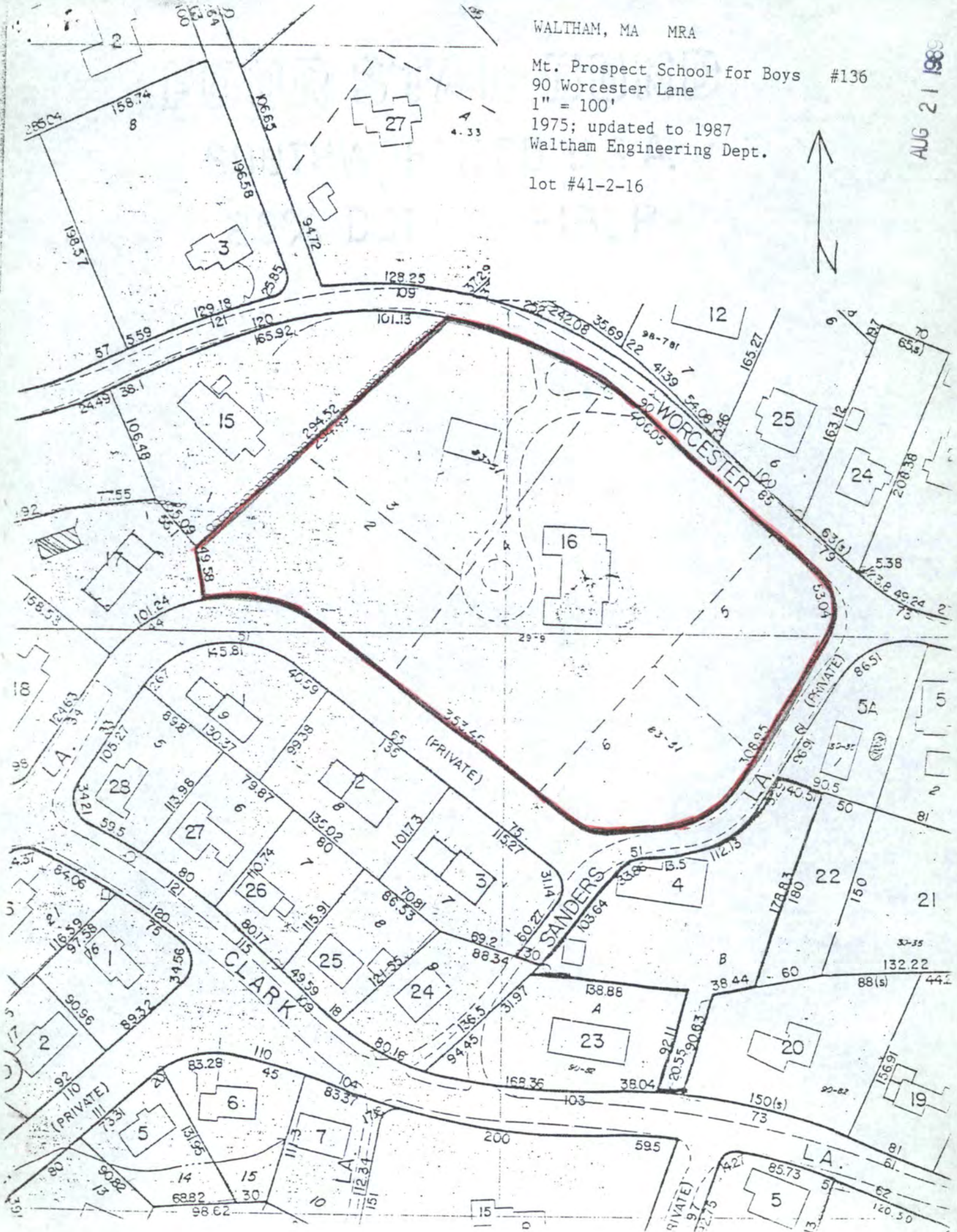
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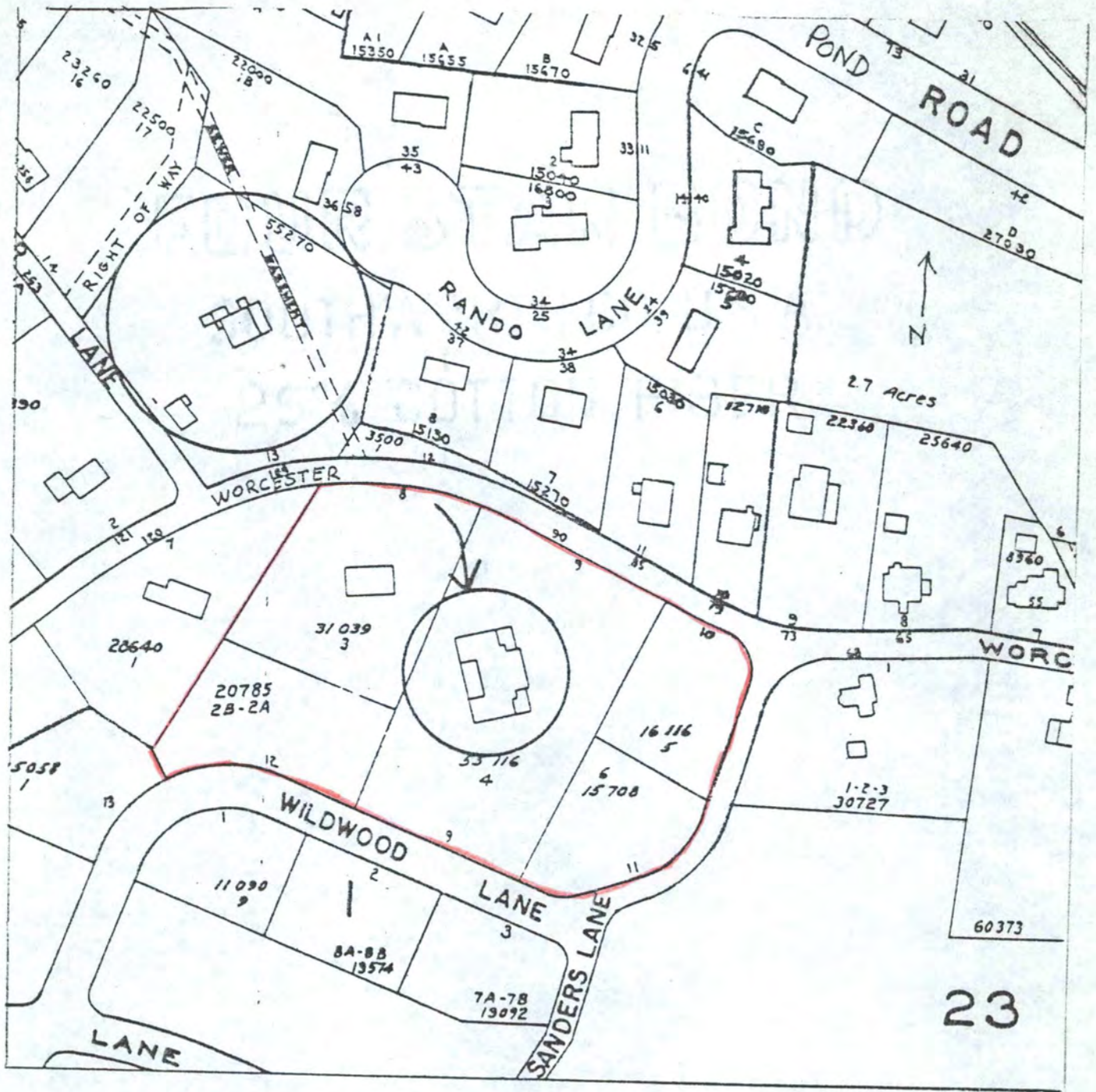
WALTHAM, MA MRA

Mt. Prospect School for Boys #136
90 Worcester Lane
1" = 100'
1975; updated to 1987
Waltham Engineering Dept.

lot #41-2-16

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

Waltham, Massachusetts MRA
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Mount Prospect School
49-H-9 MHC #136

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000301