FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
	118

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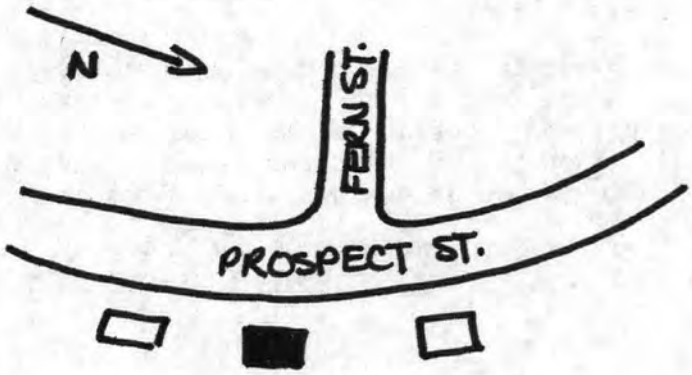
SKETCH MAP
Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Recorded by Gail Hunton/Carole Zellie

Organization Landscape Research, Ltd.

Date May, 1978/May, 1983

Assessor's Data: Block 80, Lot 24

Town Methuen

Address 669 Prospect St~~reet~~

Historic Name Asie Swan House

Present Owner: Mr. George E. Russell

Use: Present private residence

Original same

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca.1720

Source v/a; town records

Style 18th century Colonial Vernacular

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) none

Moved yes Date 1808

Approx. acreage one acre ~~or~~ less 35,720 sq. ft.

Setting located east of town center in a primarily residential neighborhood.

UTM: Lawrence Quad 1:25,000
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(Staple additional sheets here)

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

The ca.1720 Asie Swan House is a good example of the 1½-story, 18th century house built in the Methuen area. The five-bay facade has a sidelit central entry; 6/6 double-hung sash are set in windows with simple enframements. The clapboard-clad building rests on a granite foundation and is surrounded by dense vegetation. Dormers break the broad expanse of the roof; they appear to be a later addition.

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

Prior to the construction of a meeting house on "Meeting House Hill" in 1727, the Asie Swan House was used for Methuen's first town meetings, commencing in 1726. The house was moved to its present location from its original site near Prospect Hill, now a part of Lawrence. It is significant for its association with Methuen's early period of settlement, when there was no nucleated town center. The Asie Swan House possesses integrity of design, materials, and workmanship, and is significant for its association with Methuen's early town meeting history, as well as for its vernacular architectural design. Thus, it meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

Methuen Historical Commission (Records).

NPS Form 10-900-a
(7-81)

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Methuen Multiple Resource Area
State Essex County, Massachusetts

Nomination/Type of Review			Date/Signature
31. Old Town Farm	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	Deborah Byrd 1/20/84
		Attest	
32. Park Lodge	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	Deborah Byrd 1/20/84
		Attest	
33. Perkins, Joseph, House	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	Deborah Byrd 1/20/84
		Attest	
34. Pine Lodge	Substantive Review DOE/OWNER OBJECTION	Keeper	SJ 71
		Attest	
35. Searles High School	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	Deborah Byrd 1/20/84
		Attest	
36. Simpson, James E., House	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	Deborah Byrd 1/20/84
		Attest	
37. Spicket Falls Historic District	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	Deborah Byrd 01/20/84
		Attest	
38. Swan, Asie, House	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	Deborah Byrd 1/20/84
		Attest	
39. Tenny Castle Gatehouse	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper	Deborah Byrd 1/20/84
		Attest	
61 — 40. Turnpike House	Substantive Review	Keeper	Barbara Bonnegal 1/20/84
		Attest	

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("R" June 1984)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Swan, Asie, House (Methuen MRA)
Essex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. DEC - 7 1983
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85
Date Due: 1/5/84 - 1/21/84
Action: ✓ ACCEPT 1/20/84
___ RETURN
___ REJECT
Federal Agency:

Entered in the National Register

☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria
Reviewer
Discipline
Date
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ unaltered	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ altered	☐ moved date
☐ fair	☐ unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

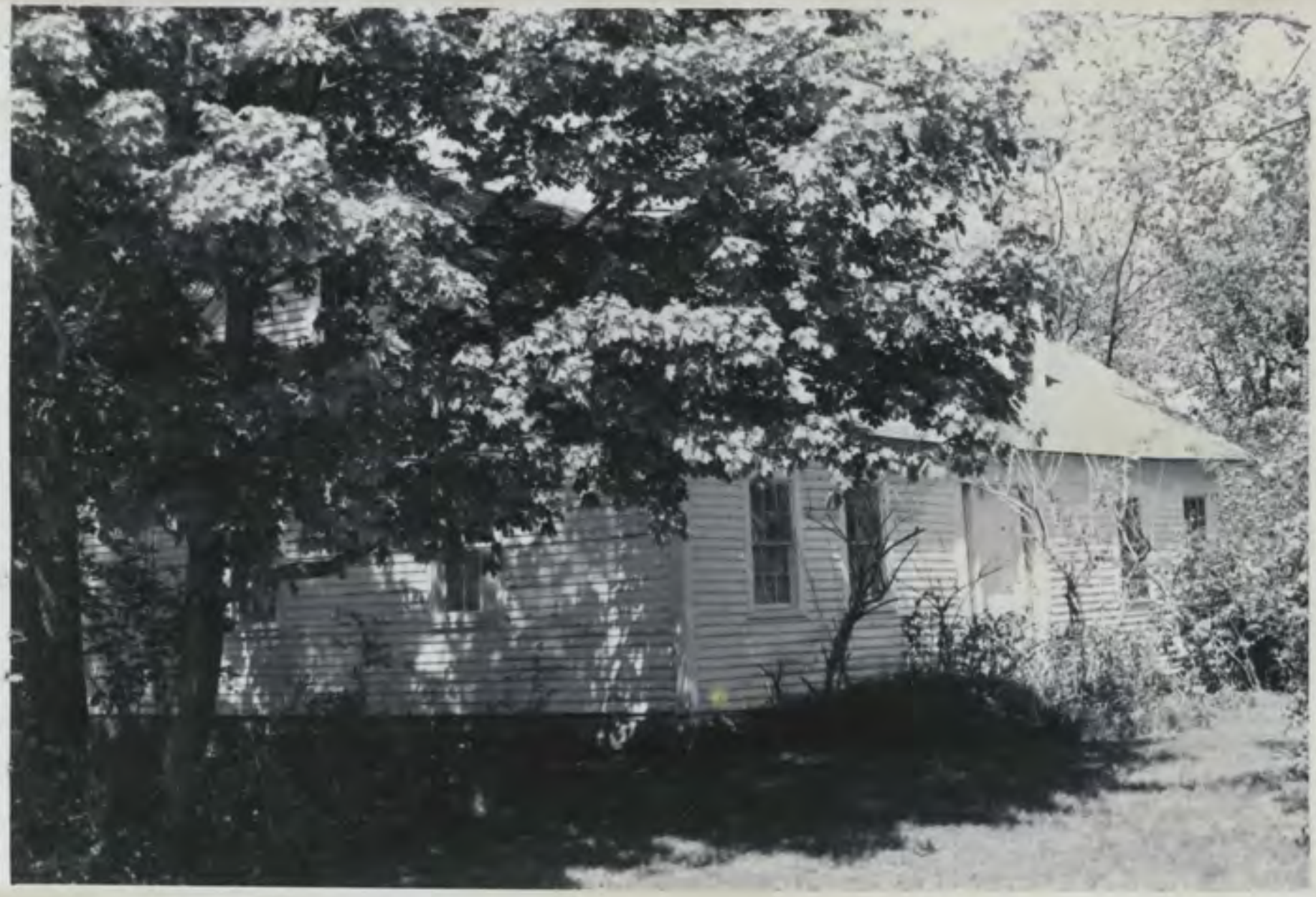
13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Swan, Asie, Mrs

McMurran, MRA, Ma

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Swan, Asie, House
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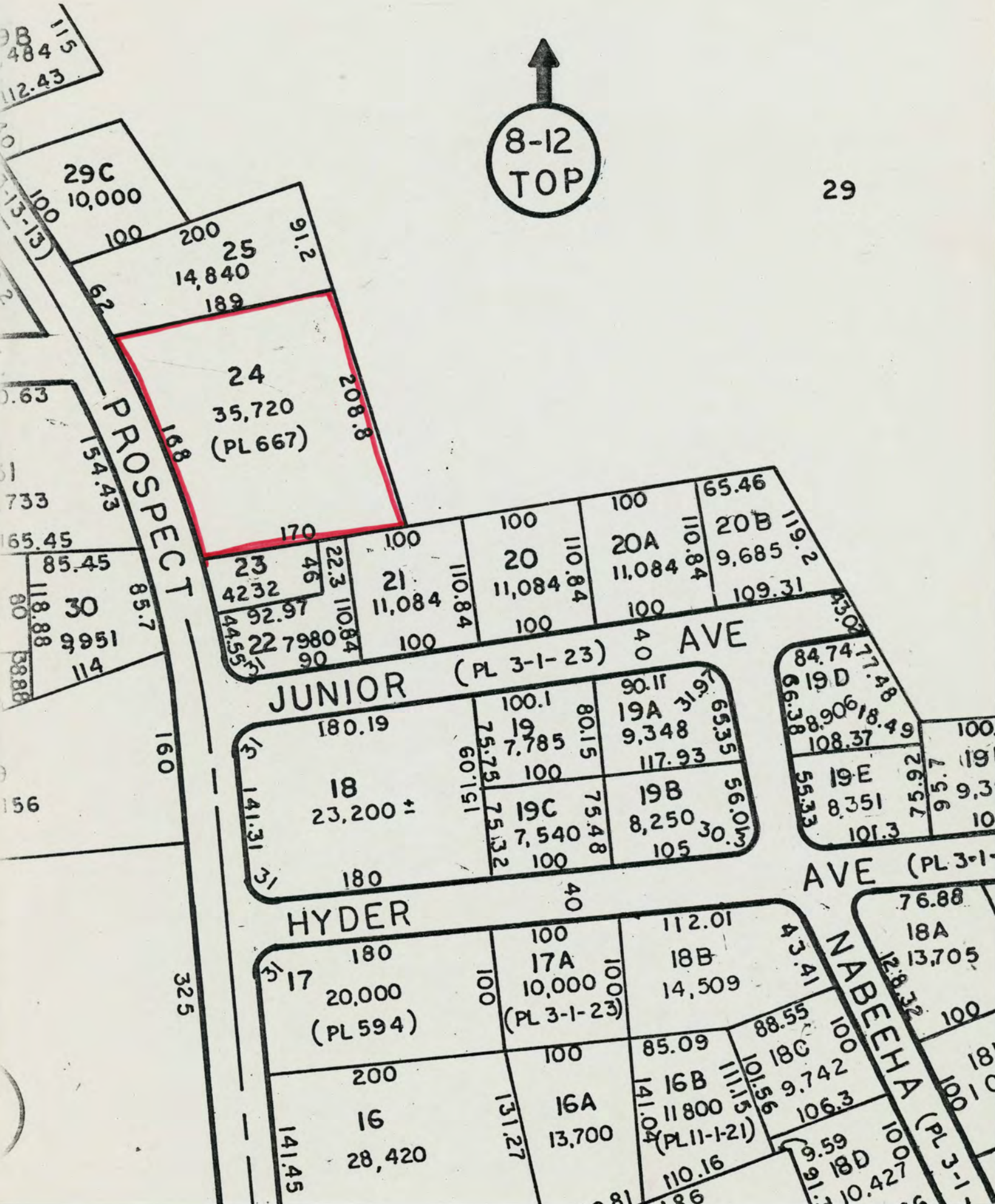
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Please refer to the map in the Multiple Property Cover Sheet for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000284