

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Photo (3"x 3" 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 19/317340/4697050
USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON
SCALE 1:25,000

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AREA

FORM NO.

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WALTHAM, MA MRA

Town WalthamAddress 685 Trapelo RoadHistoric Name Wellington-CastnerHouseUse Present private residenceOriginal private residence

DESCRIPTION

Date 1902Source Elizabeth Castner W.P.L.,
archivist.Style Queen Anne VernacularArchitect - unknownExterior Wall Fabric clapboardsOutbuildings stable - CMajor Alterations (with dates) Porch
on west side removed (late 1920's)Condition goodMoved no Date n/aAcreage 0.6 A. 26,925 sq.ft. 16-2-16Setting Retains much of its pre-
20th century rural charm w/stone
wall, mature trees, attractive cupola
topped stableRecorded by Edward W. GordonOrganization Waltham Historical Comm.Date June, 1986

revised by C. Jenkins 3/88

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Wellington-Castner House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It demonstrates the long-term presence of the Wellington family in the Trapelo Road area, as well as the continuation of agricultural activities into the 20th century. It thus 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.

#685 Trapelo is a restrained example of early 20th century, Queen Anne, wood-framed, vernacular architecture. It is a straight-forward, side-hall plan house, which rises 2 stories from a rubblestone foundation, to a broad, gable roof. Its front porch features a slat-work railing, with square porch posts. In general, its windows are simply enframed, with 1/1 wood sash. Its edges are accented by narrow cornerboards. Its attic is finely framed in a manner reminiscent of Greek Revival houses. Projecting from the west wall is an octagonal bay window. Still intact, abutting the northeast corner, is a 1-1/2-story clapboard-clad stable which is enclosed with a gable roof.

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

#685 Trapelo Road is historically significant as one of the last houses built on Trapelo Road prior to suburban development. It was built c.1902 by Charles Lowell Wellington. As early as 1636, Roger Wellington was granted land in Watertown in what is now the Mount Auburn Cemetery. In 1659, he bought a house and 12 acres of land in the northern part of the town, now in Belmont. He died in March 1697-98, age 88 years. His son, Joseph was the only one to settle in the West precinct (Waltham). His house was on the south side of Trapelo Road near the northeast corner of land now owned by the Walter E. Fernald State School. A Thomas and Rebecca Simmons Wellington purchased a farm at Trapelo Road and Woburn Street in 1718. Charles Lowell Wellington was the last member of the family to hold the whole property. He sold #685 Trapelo Road to a William Thompson ca.1915. In 1918, the house was purchased by Ervin Castner, who married into the Wellington family. The main Wellington house was the Georgian house at 735 Trapelo Road (built ca.1779). # 685 Trapelo Road remains in the Castner family to the present day.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

91. Waltham Gas and Electric Company
Generating Plant Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
Attest _____92. Waltham High School Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
Attest _____93. Waltham Water Works Shop Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
Attest _____

94. Warren, Nathan, House Substantive Review

for Keeper Beth A. Savage 3/9/90
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Attest _____96. Wellington, William, House
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97. Wellington--Castner House

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
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100. Whitney--Farrington--Cook House

for Keeper Melrose Byers 9/28/89
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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 Wellington--Castner 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: 89001511

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 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
___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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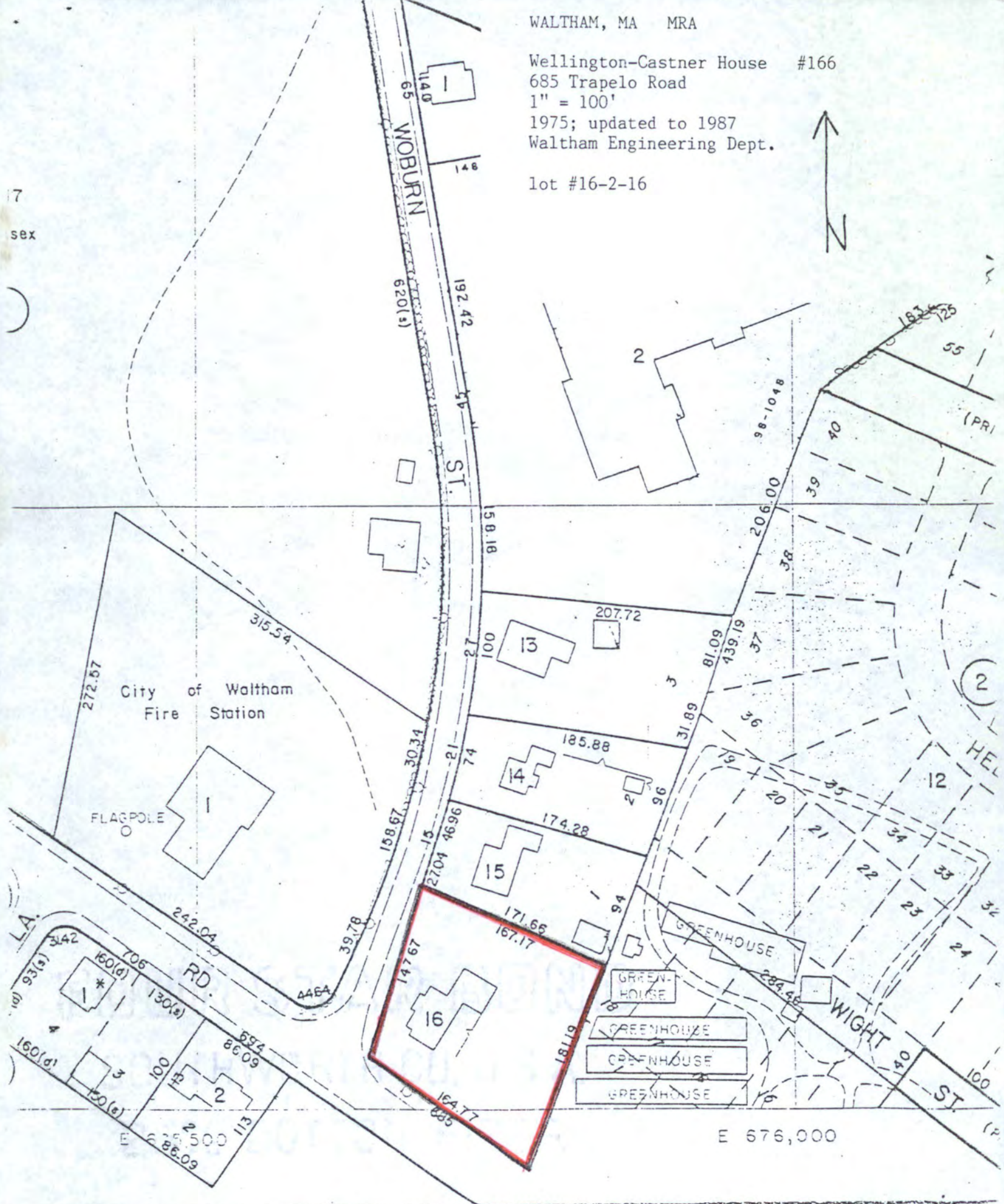
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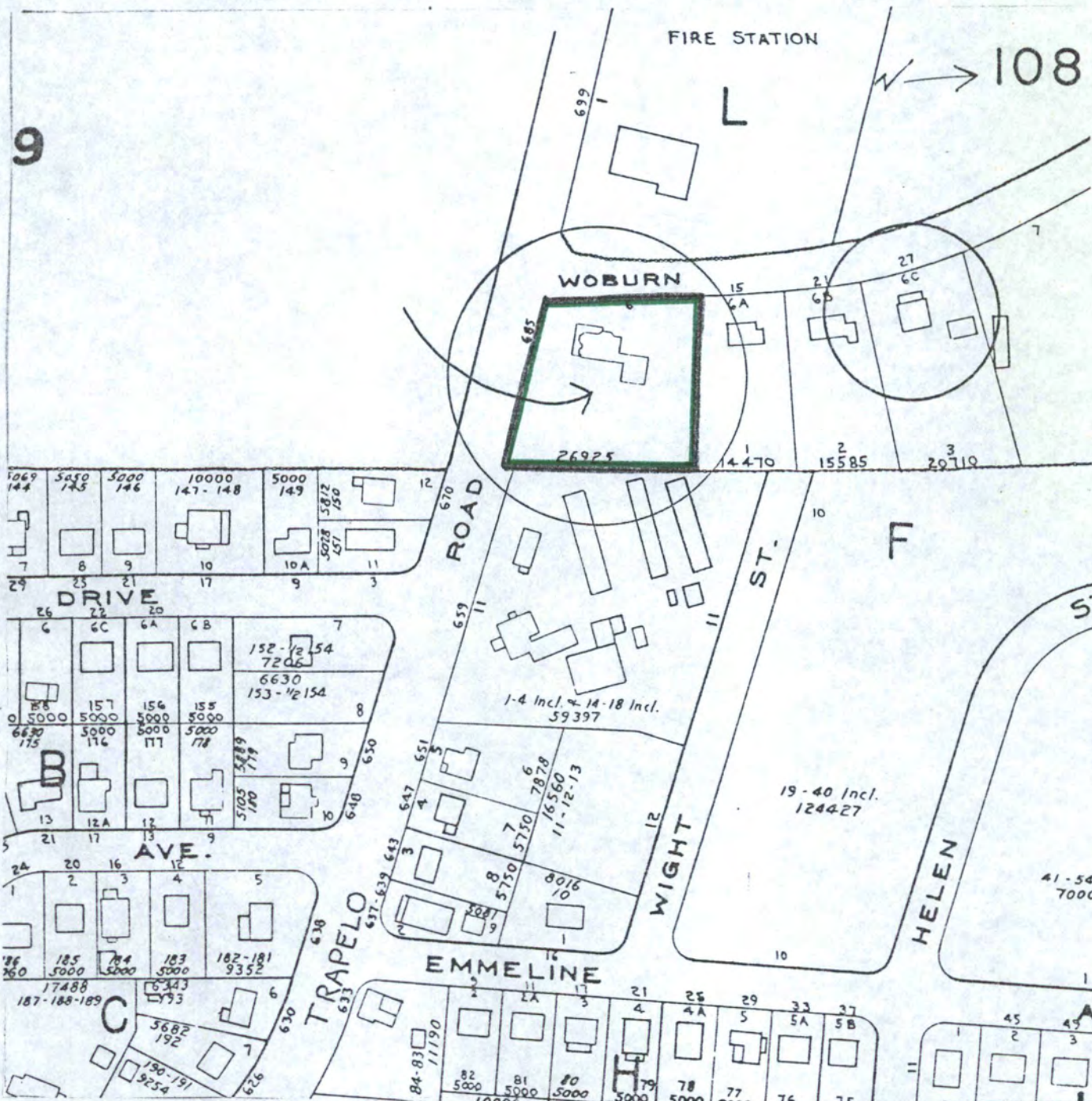
1" = 100'

1975; updated to 1987

Waltham Engineering Dept.

lot #16-2-16





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

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 685 Trapelo Road
 Wellington Castner House
 110-F-6 MITC #166

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000301