

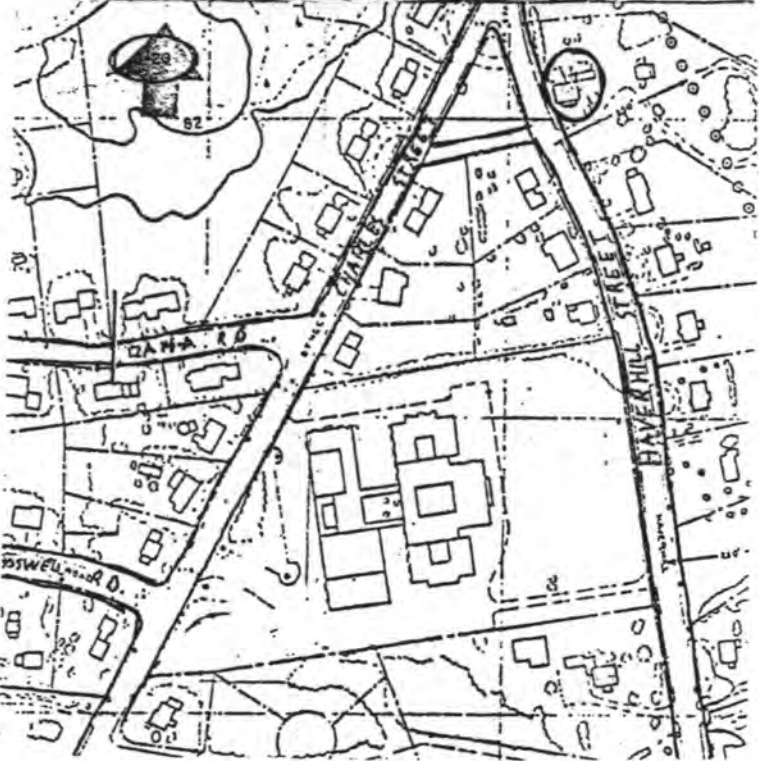
FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
A	6

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Reading  
 Address 379 Haverhill Street  
 Historic Name Timothy Hartshorn House  
 Original dwelling  
 Present dwelling  
 Ownership:  Private individual  
                   Private organization \_\_\_\_\_  
                   Public \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original owner Timothy Hartshorn



DESCRIPTION:  
 Date c. 1787  
 Source Roof trees  
 Style Vernacular Federal  
 Architect --  
 Exterior wall fabric clapboards  
 Outbuildings garage  
 Major alterations (with dates) Front porch;  
one-story extension, east; side entry;  
two-story ell, north  
 Moved NO Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage 3.1 acres

Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates Setting Faces south, perpendicular to  
 Organization Reading Historical Commission 17th-century road  
 Date November 1980

Date 6-82

UTM: 19/328420/4711980

**ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)**

This house is a good example of Reading's vernacular version of the Georgian-Federal style. It is five bays long and two and one-half stories high, with a central chimney. Small, narrow windows reach almost to the plate. The narrow, central doorway surround is framed by fluted pilasters with high capitals. The entablature is now obscured by a late 19th-century porch, but the six-panel door remains.

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

The farm originally was established here in the early 18th century by Abraham Roberts. It is thought that this house was built in 1787 by Timothy Hartshorn, whose family had been among the first settlers of Reading. Hartshorn was a farmer and a shoemaker, as were so many of his townsmen for the next hundred years. A prosperous man, he bought the farm, built this house, and owned a share in the Lobs Pound sawmill on the Ipswich River.

Timothy W. Hartshorn, who lived here until he died in 1870, was a photographer; he owned a "daguerreotype saloon" located on the Common.

This property was in Hartshorn family ownership for almost 100 yeras.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

1765 map earlier house  
1795 map T. Hartshorn (Timothy)  
1830 map yes  
1854 map S. Hartshorn (Sally)  
1875 map Miss Mary Hartshorn  
1889 map Clarence Frost  
Bishop, Rooftrees, Chapter 16

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Reading	Form No: A-6
Property Name: 379 Haverhill St.	

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

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The Timothy Hartshorn house is significant (1) for its role as an early farm/shoemaking homestead; (2) for its connection with the locally important Hartshorn family; and (3) as a largely unaltered example of vernacular Georgian-Federal architecture. It retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, and feeling, and meets Criteria A, B, and C of the National Register.

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Reading Multiple Resource Area  
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 31. Damon, Joseph, House      | Entered in the<br>National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u>Melona Byers</u> 7/19/84 |
|                               |                                     | Attest            | _____                       |
| 32. Damon, Washington, House  | Entered in the<br>National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u>Melona Byers</u> 7/19/84 |
|                               |                                     | Attest            | _____                       |
| 33. Dewey Place               | Entered in the<br>National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u>Melona Byers</u> 7/19/84 |
|                               |                                     | Attest            | _____                       |
| 34. Durgin House              | Entered in the<br>National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u>Melona Byers</u> 7/19/84 |
|                               |                                     | Attest            | _____                       |
| 35. Eaton-Prescott House      | Entered in the<br>National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u>Melona Byers</u> 7/19/84 |
|                               |                                     | Attest            | _____                       |
| 36. Elliott, Luther, House    | Entered in the<br>National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u>Melona Byers</u> 7/19/84 |
|                               |                                     | Attest            | _____                       |
| 37. Hall, Stephen, House      | Entered in the<br>National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u>Melona Byers</u> 7/19/84 |
|                               |                                     | Attest            | _____                       |
| 38. Hartshorn, Timothy, House | Entered in the<br>National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u>Melona Byers</u> 7/19/84 |
|                               |                                     | Attest            | _____                       |
| 39. Hartwell House            | Entered in the<br>National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u>Melona Byers</u> 7/19/84 |
|                               |                                     | Attest            | _____                       |
| 40. Highland School           | Entered in the<br>National Register | <i>for</i> Keeper | <u>Melona Byers</u> 7/19/84 |
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Hartshorn, Timothy, House (Reading MRA)  
Middlesex County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. JUN 4 1984  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/5/85  
Date Due: 7-5-84 / 7-19-84  
Action:  ACCEPT 7-19-84  
 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

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

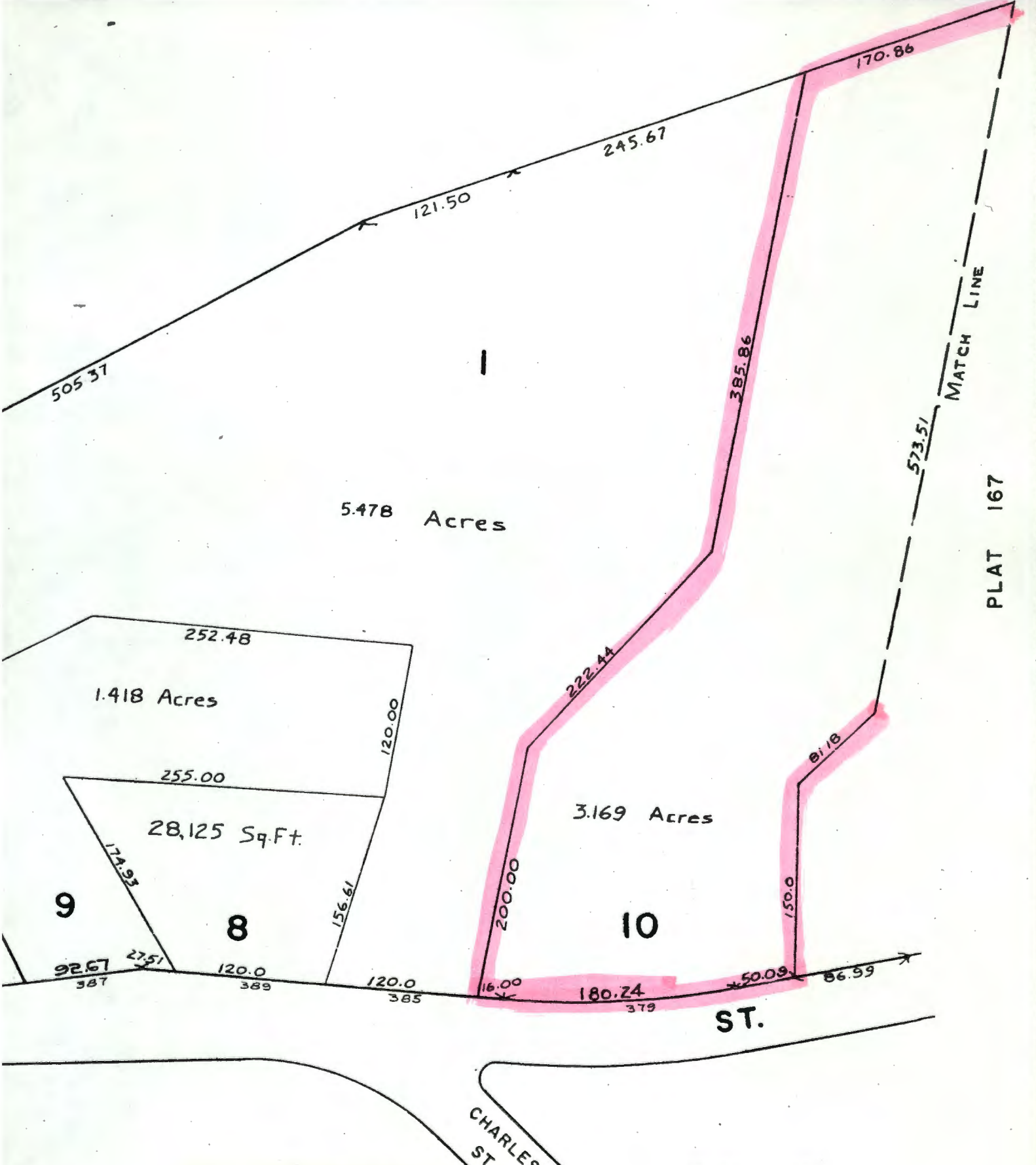




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Reading MA Ma

379 Haverhill St.

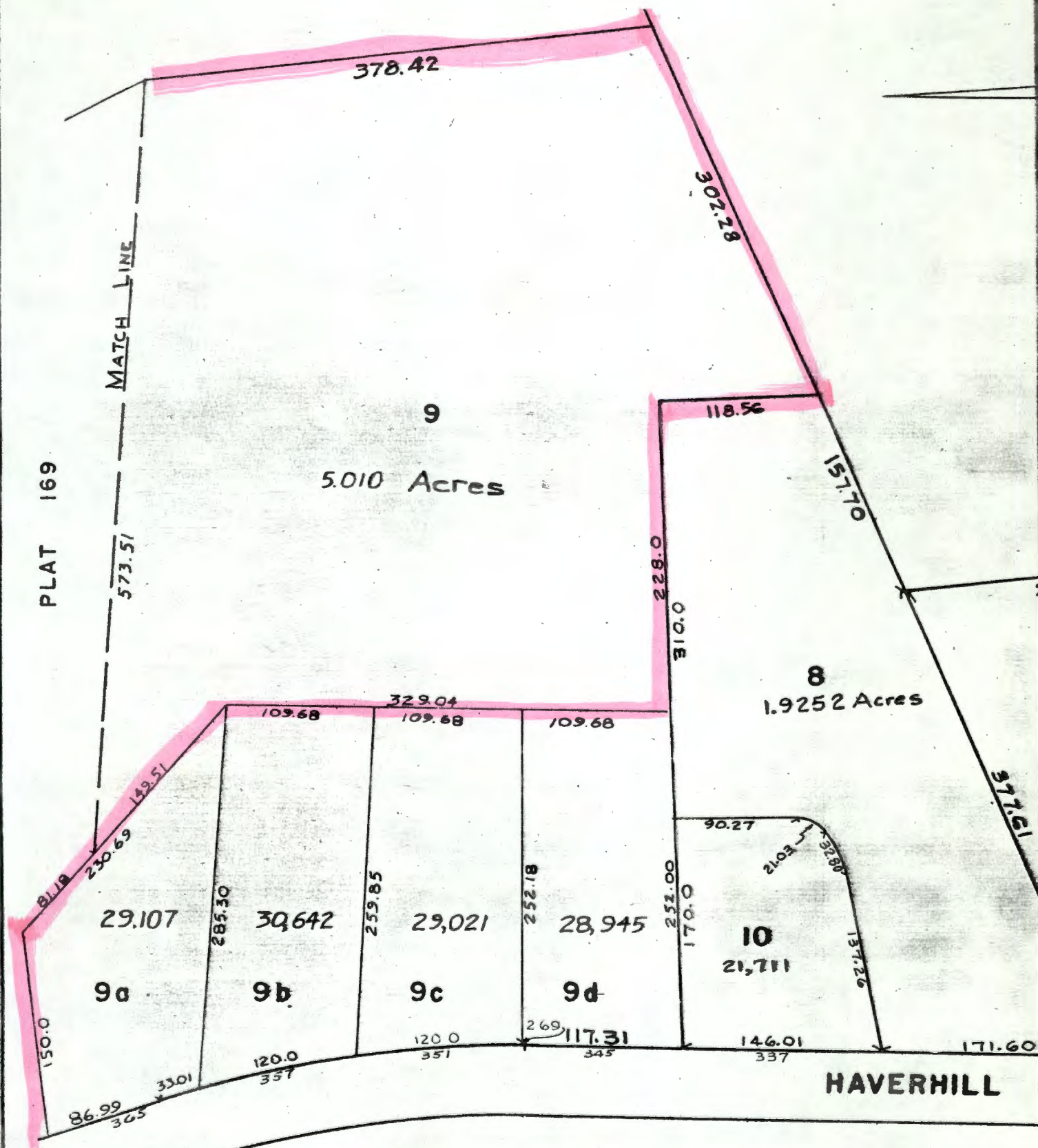
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 1983 Assessors Map  
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Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: \_\_\_\_\_ 64000290