

FORM A - AREA

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

Form numbers in this area	Area letter
N/A	C



Arlington, MA

of area (if any) Orvis Road

Historic District (proposed) _____

Historical date or period 1918-1930

indicating properties within it.
Inventory forms have been completed.
and indicate north. (Attach a

UTM:
A: 19/323540/4696910
B: 19/323320/4696720
C: 19/323280/4696800
D: 19/323470/4696970

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg, Preservation
Planner

Organization Mass. Historical Commission

Date January 1985

(Staple additional sheets here)

MAR 6 1985

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Arlington MRA/Orvis Road Historic District

Area C

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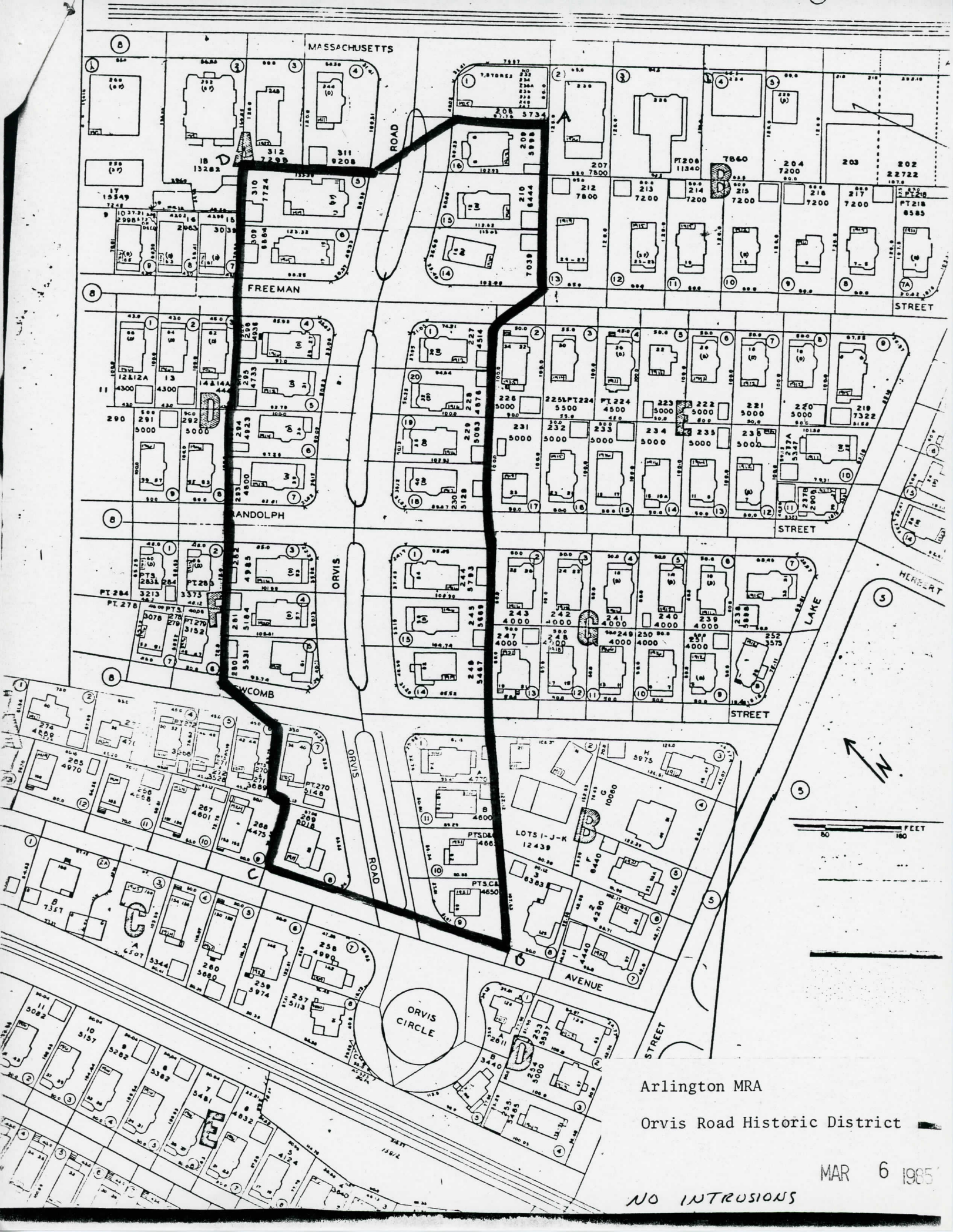
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Arlington MRA/Orvis Road Historic District, continued

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Arlington MRA

Orvis Road Historic District

MAR 6 1985

NO INTRUSIONS

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Orvis Road Historic District (Arlington MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. MAR 6 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 4/4/85 - 4/20/85
Action: ACCEPT
 RETURN 4-18-85
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- 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

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80 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

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Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form

Photo number _____

Town Arlington, MA

Name of area (if any) Orvis Road

Historic District

General date or period 1918-1930

Sketch map. Draw a general map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets (including route numbers, if any) and indicate north. (Attach a separate sheet if space here is not sufficient)

See attached map.

UTM:

A: 19/323540/4696910

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Acreage: approx. 4 1/2 acres

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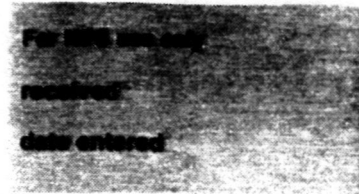
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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



Continuation sheet

Item number

Page

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Arlington Multiple Resource Area
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

script cover number 4/18/85
Date/Signature

✓ 1. ^{ARLINGTON} ~~Town~~ Center Historic District (BOUNDARY INCREASE)
SUBSTANTIATE MATERIAL ✓ Keeper

Franklin Dwyer 9/27/85

Attest

✓ 2. Pierce Farm Historic District Entered in the National Register ✓ Keeper

Delores Byers 9/27/85

Attest

✓ 3. Kensington Park Historic District Entered in the National Register ✓ Keeper

Delores Byers 9/27/85

Attest

✓ 4. Orvis Road Historic District Entered in the National Register ✓ Keeper

Delores Byers 9/27/85

Attest

✓ 5. Allyn House Entered in the National Register ✓ Keeper

Delores Byers 9/27/85

Attest

6. Arlington Coal & Lumber Entered in the National Register ✓ Keeper

Delores Byers 4/18/85

Attest

7. Arlington Gaslight Company Entered in the National Register ✓ Keeper

Delores Byers 4/18/85

Attest

8. Arlington Pumping Station Entered in the National Register ✓ Keeper

Delores Byers 4/18/85

Attest

9. Arlington Reservoir SUBSTANTIATE MATERIAL ✓ Keeper

Franklin Dwyer 9/27/85

Attest

10. Baptist Society Meeting House Entered in the National Register ✓ Keeper

Delores Byers 4/18/85

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REF #
8500 2677

Orvis Road Historic District (Arlington MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 3/6/85
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86
Date Due: 9/28/85
Action: ACCEPT 9-27-85
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
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- appeal

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Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
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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

Acreege 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: _____



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Orvis Road Historic District
Arlington MA (MRA)

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View W, showing S, E elevs.

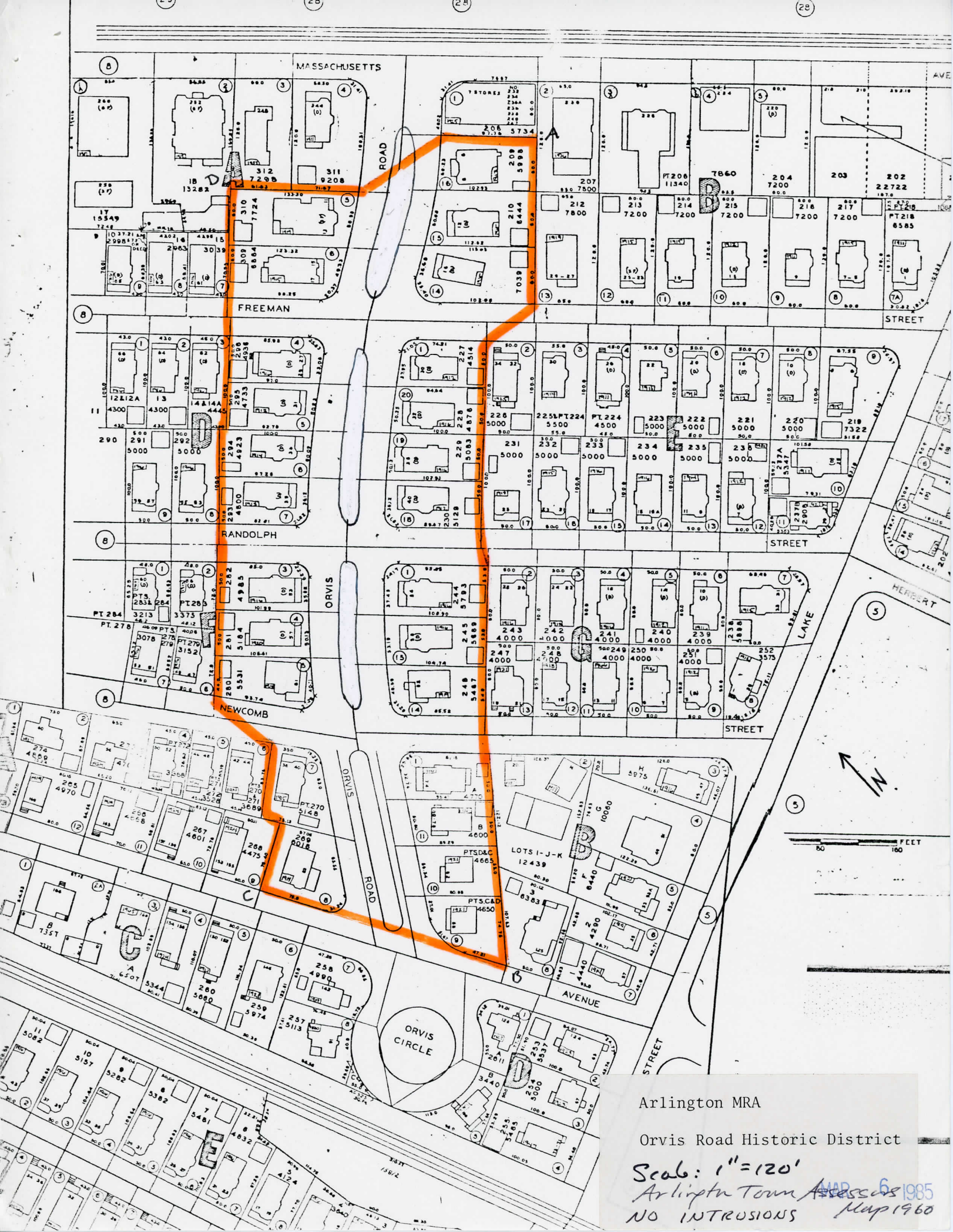
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Orvis Rd

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Orvis Road Historic District

Scale: 1" = 120'
 Arlington Town Assessors 6/1985
 NO INTRUSIONS Map 1960