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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

NATIONAL REGISTER

WALTHAM, MA MRA  
Waltham, Massachusetts

Town \_\_\_\_\_  
Address 23-25 Taylor Street

Historic Name N/A  
Leonard W. Stanley House

Use Present private residential  
Original private residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1855 - 1856

Source deed research

Style late Federal/Italianate

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings garage NC

Major Alterations (with dates) late  
19th century rear additions

Condition good

Moved no - Date -n/a

Acreage 9,166 sq. ft. 0.21A. 69-17-5

Setting Situated on rise, bordered  
on 3 sides by rubblestone retaining  
wall.

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 19/315840/4693040

USGS QUADRANGLE NEWTON

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by Edward W. Gordon

Organization Waltham Hist. Comm.

Date June, 1986

revised C. Jenkins 2/88

## NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

#23/25 Taylor Street ranks among the oldest houses on Waltham's South Side. Built ca. 1855-1856, this house represents an unusual blend of late-Federal form and Italianate elements. For many years it was the home of Leonard W. Stanley, policeman. This house possesses integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations, and meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

23/25 Taylor Street represents an interesting example of a house which might be mistaken for a center-hall-plan Federal farm house, were it not for certain Italianate features such as its deep cornice, segmental-arch attic windows, and steeply-pitched gable roof, with return eaves. The house rises 2 stories, from a low granite-block foundation to a gable roof. In general, its center entrance and windows are simply enframed and contain 6/6 wood sash. A fascia board runs above the second floor windows of the main facade. The house is U-shaped in plan. Its western ell dates to ca. 1870's, while the east ell postdates 1886. The ell windows are all simply enframed.

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

This house ranks among the oldest houses on Waltham's South Side; and more specifically, it is one of the oldest buildings east of Moody Street. In 1854, Pine, Taylor and Cushing Streets were the only streets located east of Moody Street. #23/25 Taylor Street's lot appears on the 1854 map as part of the large, vacant area on the South side of Taylor Street, between the house of L. Green (or Gray?) and W. Maynard. On September 1st, 1855, Ebenezer D. Gordon of Waltham, manufacturer, sold #23/25 Taylor Street's land to Leonard W. Stanley, policeman, for \$450.00 (see Middlesex Deed - 627:119). At the time of Stanley's purchase, the South Side had only been a part of Waltham for six years. #23/25's section of Taylor Street falls outside the boundaries of the watch factory neighborhood, west of Moody Street, and is not really a part of the chemistry neighborhood, which evolved to the east around this property until at least 1911.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Maps/Atlases - 1036, 1854, 1874, 1811, 1886, 1900  
Middlesex Deeds - 627:119; 717:454  
Waltham Directories - 1870's - 1890's

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

Section number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Waltham MRA  
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

See

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| 81. | St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church Complex<br>Substantive Review     | for Keeper <u>Betty L. Swane 9/28/89</u><br>Attest _____ |
| 82. | Stanley, Leonard W., House<br>Entered in the<br>National Register  | for Keeper <u>Alvoret Byen 9/28/89</u><br>Attest _____   |
| 83. | Stark Building<br>Entered in the<br>National Register              | for Keeper <u>Alvoret Byen 9/28/89</u><br>Attest _____   |
| 84. | Stark, Robert M., House<br>Entered in the<br>National Register     | for Keeper <u>Alvoret Byen 9/28/89</u><br>Attest _____   |
| 85. | Stearns, Amos, House<br>Entered in the<br>National Register        | for Keeper <u>Alvoret Byen 9/28/89</u><br>Attest _____   |
| 86. | Stewart, Henry, House<br>Entered in the<br>National Register       | for Keeper <u>Alvoret Byen 9/28/89</u><br>Attest _____   |
| 87. | Swasey, James, House<br>Entered in the<br>National Register        | for Keeper <u>Alvoret Byen 9/28/89</u><br>Attest _____   |
| 88. | Tyler, Frank J., House<br>Entered in the<br>National Register      | for Keeper <u>Alvoret Byen 9/28/89</u><br>Attest _____   |
| 89. | United States Watch Company<br>Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper <u>Alvoret Byen 9/28/89</u><br>Attest _____   |
| 90. | Waltham Gas Light Company<br>Entered in the<br>National Register   | for Keeper <u>Alvoret Byen 9/28/89</u><br>Attest _____   |

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Stanley, Leonard W., House

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: 89001509

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

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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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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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTMs       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps     USGS maps     photographs     presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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Leonard W. Stanley House #50

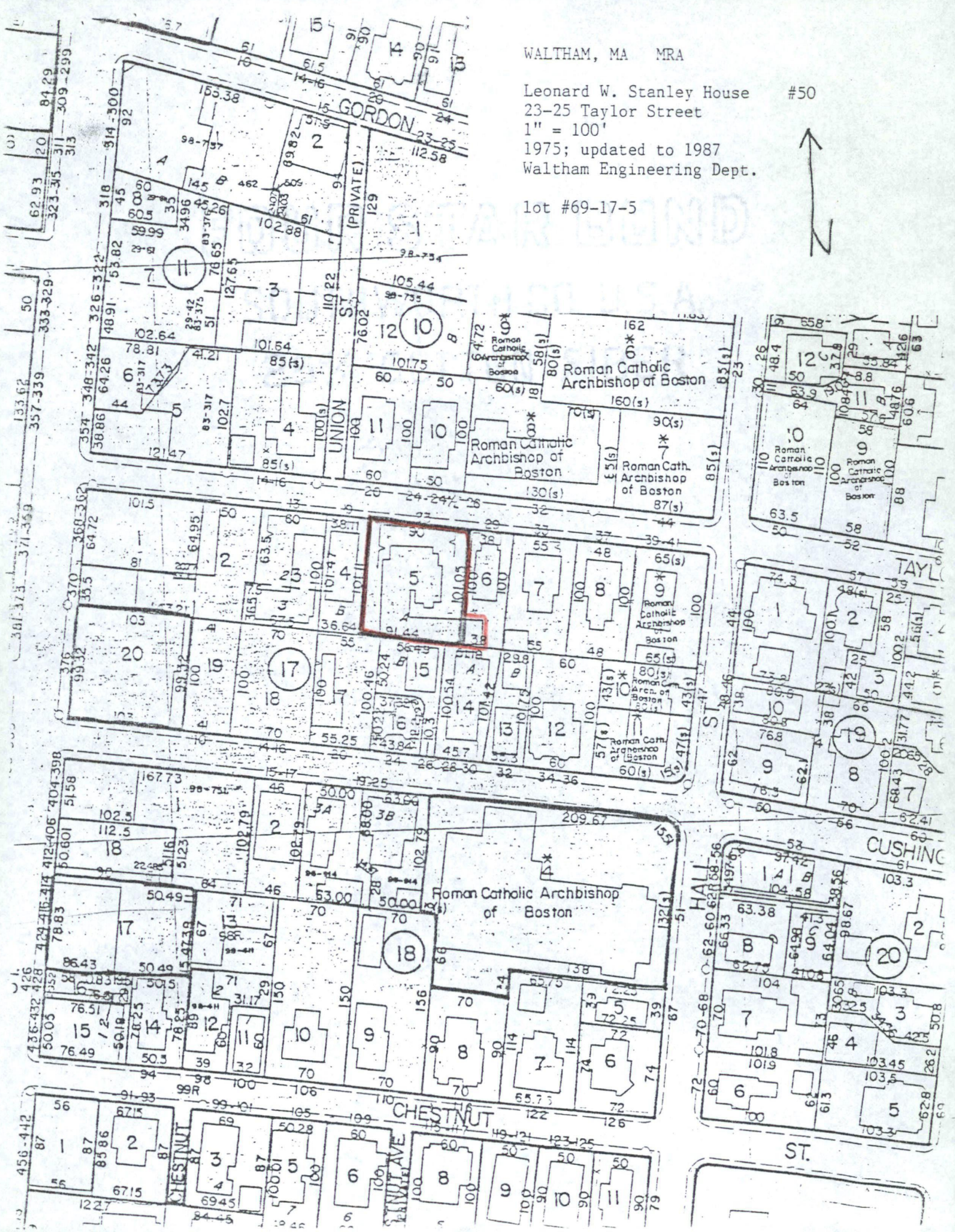
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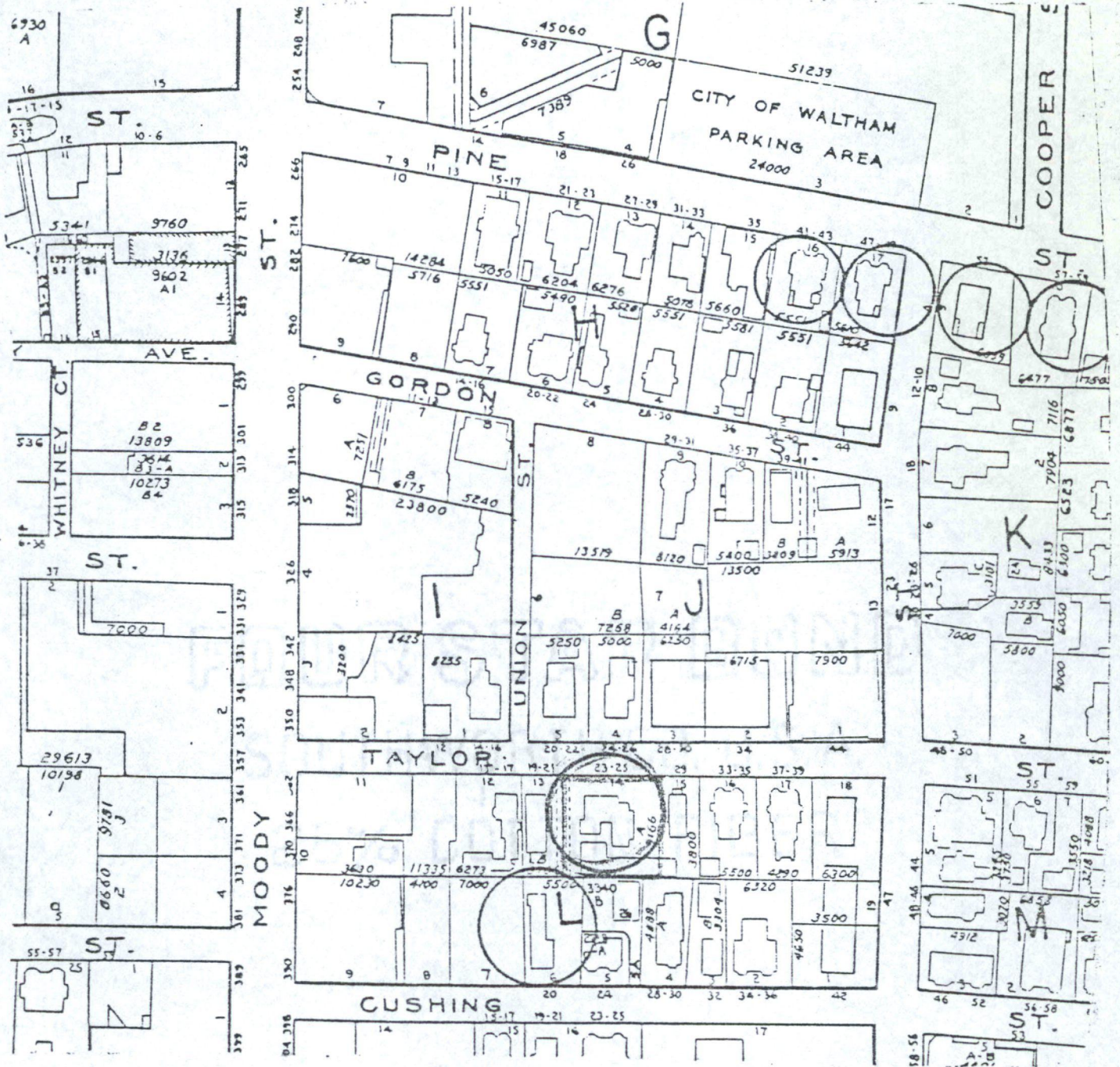
1" = 100'

1975; updated to 1987

Waltham Engineering Dept.

lot #69-17-5





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

Waltham, MA MRA  
 23-25 TAYLOR ST  
 Leonard Stanley House  
 4-L-14, MHC #50

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000301