

**United States Department of the Interior
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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Arlington-Basswood Historic District

and/or common (same)

2. Location

*Roughly bounded by Lawrence, Alder, Arlington,
and Juniper Sts.*

street & number multiple, see attached list n/a not for publication

city, town Lawrence n/a vicinity of

state MA code 025 county Essex code 009

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name See attached owner/property list

street & number

city, town Lawrence n/a vicinity of state MA

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. North Essex Registry of Deeds

street & number 381 Common St.

city, town Lawrence state MA

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth - Area Form A has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date August 31, 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records Massachusetts Historical Commission

city, town 294 Washington St., Boston, state MA

7. Description Arlington-Basswood Street Historic District, Lawrence

Condition		Check one	Check one		
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved		date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed				

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Arlington-Basswood Street Historic District is an early twentieth century residential area comprised primarily of three decker houses located near the northeastern corner of Lawrence, Massachusetts. The six-block area encompasses 10.74 acres of land and is bounded by Lawrence Street at the northeast, Arlington Street at the northwest, Juniper Street at the west and Alder Street at the south. Basswood, running from Arlington to Alder Streets, bisects the area. The half-block between Juniper and Poplar is devoted to a playground constructed in 1909 for the Tarbox Public School. The district is situated in a compactly-built section of the city, surrounded by residential and commercial structures.

The district contains 89 structures of which 87 are residential and two are non-contributing commercial buildings--considered intrusive elements to the district due to their date and style of construction. Other intrusions are 14 one story, cinderblock sheds/garages located to the rear of the principal residential buildings. The district is a particularly cohesive one due to its uniformity of scale, massing, style and building form; and exhibits a high density of construction with buildings set close to the street, flush with the sidewalk.

Constructed between 1909-1925, the 87 residential structures are predominately three deckers with only seven that are 1½ story cottages or two family dwellings. The coherence of the district is thus largely attributable to the predominance of this building type which is rectilinear in plan and boldly vertical in appearance. The overall use of the Classical Revival style, as adapted to this form of dwelling, also contributes to the district's strong degree of uniformity.

A typical building in the district rises three stories from a rusticated foundation and is enclosed by a flat roof with a wide, molded, sometimes dentillated cornice and overhanging eaves supported by brackets. The structures are sheathed in clapboards and often display some ornamentation by using bands of shingles that encircle the building at floor levels. The three-deckers' facades are highlighted by a three story porch which is complemented by a shallow, angled bay containing usually three, 1/1 double hung windows. The porches are supported by Doric columns often clustered in a group of three and are enclosed by turned balusters or a low banding of shingles. The main entry to the building is usually found within the porch area and features a wooden door inset with elliptical glass. Additional light is provided to the entryway and upper stairwells by a small rectangular diamond paned window located adjacent to the entry and upper level porch doors.

Although poor maintenance and the use of aluminum siding have altered the original appearance of some of the buildings in the district, a larger number remain intact and stand as well preserved examples of this important regional building type. Those which are well conserved include the building at 44-46 Basswood (Map #44) which rests on a high

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granite foundation and 9-11 Poplar St. (Map #9, photo #4) which retains the area's distinctive clapboard and shingle sheathing.

A secondary building type important to the district is the three decker structure with a commercial storefront on the street level. Examples of this form of construction are found on 6 buildings on Lawrence Street, the district's principal thoroughfare. The building at 342-346 Lawrence Street (Map #66), constructed ca. 1906, is a particularly well preserved "double" three decker with a commercial storefront, retaining its diamond paned sash in the upper story windows.

8. Significance Arlington-Basswood Street Historic District, Lawrence

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
prehistoric	archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	landscape architecture	religion
1400-1499	archeology-historic	conservation	law	science
1500-1599	agriculture	economics	literature	sculpture
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	education	military	social/
1700-1799	art	engineering	music	humanitarian
1800-1899	commerce	exploration/settlement	philosophy	theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	communications	industry	politics government	transportation
		invention		other (specify)

Specific dates 1909-1925 Builder/Architect unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Arlington-Basswood Historic District possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship. The district is significant for its concentration of early twentieth century three-deckers built for Lawrence's working class families, many of them employed in the textile-manufacturing industries of the city. Although the three-decker is a popular late 19th and early 20th century housing type seen in numerous industrial communities of Massachusetts, it is noticeably less well-represented in Lawrence and the Lower Merrimack Valley than in cities such as Fall River and Worcester. The latter for example, has documented over 4200 extant examples of this building form and Fall River has a single district of approximately 400 three deckers. The Arlington-Basswood District with 89 properties is thus locally significant for the comprehensiveness of this building type within the confines of one development or subdivision. The district embodies the distinctive characteristics of early twentieth century residential architecture in a New England textile center, and represents a distinguishable entity from that period. The District therefore meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places.

Until 1909, the Arlington-Basswood Street area was an undeveloped lot of former farmland near the Lawrence-Methuen border. Between ca. 1870 and 1875, Artemus Stearns, a prominent dry-goods dealer in Lawrence, acquired a parcel of land from farmer Daniel Saunders, and two other owners. It appears that Stearns purchased the land to hold for speculation. Upon Stearns' death in 1900, the parcel was sold to George C. Corless, a land agency acting for the Arlington Mills. This industrial complex, located less than $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of the district, was one of the city's principal textile mills in the late 19th-early 20th centuries and was known for its innovative practices in wool manufacturing. The company's purchase of this land parcel was made with the intention of constructing housing for employees of the mill. However, the expansion of the Arlington firm, primarily with the construction of the Tops Mill in 1908-1909, resulted in the decision to divest of non-industrial property. The land was auctioned in 1909 as a subdivided parcel of 112 lots of 40 feet by 80 feet, with improvements including graded streets and sewer connections.

With its proximity to two streetcar lines and a public school, the area quickly developed, attracting primarily working class families who, according to City Directories of 1909-1925, were generally employed as operatives and laborers in the local mills. It is significant that the privately-financed Arlington-Basswood area was developed at a time when Lawrence officials were attempting to correct overcrowding and

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poor housing conditions by prohibiting the construction of buildings of more than four units. This area, with its well-ventilated units and neighborhood playground, would have been considered a somewhat exemplary development.

The houses were built between 1909 and ca. 1920 by local carpenters. With only seven exceptions of 1½ story gable-roofed cottages, Classical Revival style three-deckers were the rule. These buildings maximize in plan the use of space and light and feature a three story front porch that serves as the focus for the facade. Other design elements that often enrich the buildings' clapboard exterior are bands of shingles, roof brackets, dentil cornice moldings, and vertical panelling.

With its nearly continuous streetscape of woodframe three decker houses, the Arlington-Basswood District presents a particularly uniform and cohesive visual entity. This homogeneity is most unusual for an area that developed without deed restrictions, with buildings constructed not for speculation, but for individual owners.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Morgan, Maurice. History of Lawrence, MA Cambridge, 1924.
City Atlas of Lawrence, 1875, 1896, 1906
Building Permits
The Evening Tribune, May 27, 1909
North Essex Registry of Deeds

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 10.74
Quadrangle name Lawrence Quadrangle scale 1:25 000

UTM References

A	1 9	3 2 2 2 9 0	4 7 3 1 8 5 0	B	1 9	3 2 2 4 9 0	4 7 3 1 6 2 0
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C	1 9	3 2 2 4 9 0	4 7 3 1 5 4 0	D	1 9	3 2 2 2 5 0	4 7 3 1 5 3 0
E	1 9	3 2 2 2 3 0	4 7 3 1 7 6 0	F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

District boundaries are those of the original land parcel owned and maintained by the Stearns family, purchased by the Arlington Mills in 1900, and subdivided and offered for sale by the Arlington Mills with improvements in 1909. Boundaries are as indicated by the heavy line on the attached map

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries
entitled Arlington-Basswood HD and drawn to a scale of 1" = 100'

state	code	county	code
n/a			
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

Kathryn Kubie, Preservation Planner with Carole Zellie, Landscape Research name/title

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date July 1984
street & number 294 Washington St. telephone 727-8470
city or town Boston state MA

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Valerie A. Talmage
State Historic Preservation Officer
title Massachusetts Historical Commission date Sept. 27, 1984

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Melrose Byer Entered in the National Register date 11-13-84
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____
Chief of Registration

Arlington--Basswood Historic District

MAP #	ADDRESS	OWNER & MAILING ADDRESS (if different)	CONSTRUCTION DATE	STYLE
1	11-13 Alder St. &	Anna Ciardello &	1921	Triple Decker
2	15-17 Alder St.	George Wigner	1921	"
3	19-21 Alder St.	Chester Barton	1912	"
4	23-25 Alder St.	Julia Zaremba	1911	"
5	27-29 Alder St.	Sixto & Noeya Valentin	1910	"
6	31-33 Alder St.	Calvin R. & Joyce E. Anderson	1912	"
7	35-37 Alder St.	Pedro & Juanita Rodriguez	1923	"
8	39-41 Alder St.	John & Elmira & Lawrence Wheeler	1923	"
9	9-11 Poplar St.	Real & Guilda Clavette 9 Poplar	1910	"
10	17-19 Poplar St.	Laura E. Monroe 17 Poplar St.	1916	"
11	21-23 Poplar St.	Joseph J. Mironowicz 21 Poplar St.	1917	"
12	25-27 Poplar	Laurea T & Gisele Pelletier	1923	"
13	29-31 Poplar St.	C.M.T. Realty	1923	"
14	24-26 Poplar St.	Beverly & James LaCroix	1918	"
15	32-34 Poplar St.	Linval & Joan C. Henry 32 Poplar St.	1924	"
16	36-38 Poplar St.	James & Sandra K. Hopkinson 104 Pearl St., Lawrence, 01841	1923	"
17	40-42 Poplar	Joseph & Rachel Boren 49 Basswood St.	1924	"
18	44-46 Poplar St.	Wanda & James Schembi	1923	"
19	3 Basswood St.	Francisco & Elizabeth A. Gomez	1910	1½ story Cottage
20	5 Basswood St.	Genevieve Tavomina	1919	2½ story Cottage
21	7-9 Basswood St.	Khatoun Ghoutgoian	1923	Triple Decker
22	17-19 Basswood St.	Margaret F. Erban	1916	"
23	25-27 Basswood St.	Nicole Polanco & Angela Lantigua 201 Jackston St., Lawrence 01841	1923	"
24	29-31 Basswood St.	Nuco Realty Trust, Robert Nuccitelli & Louis M. Costa Trustees, 125 High St., Haverhill 01830	1923	"
25	33-35 Basswood St.	Joseph S. Boren 49 Basswood St.	1915	"

MAP #	ADDRESS	OWNER & MAILING ADDRESS (if different)	CONSTRUCTION	
			Date	STYLE
26	37-39 Basswood St.	Richard & Susan D'Agostino 26 Logan St., Lawrence 01841	1923	Triple Decker
27	43-45 Basswood St.	John J. & Rita T. Shine	1923	"
28	49-51 Basswood St.	Joseph S. Boren	1917	"
29	53-55 Basswood St.	Santo & Maria Alicea 120 Bennington St., Lawrence 01841	1917	"
30	57-59 Basswood St.	Carmen & Damaso Matias	1923	"
31	61-63 Basswood St.	Susan C. & Felix Mendez	1926	"
32	69-71 Basswood St.	Kenenth & Karen Keyser 15 Vincent Rd., Burlington, MA	1916	"
33	73-75 Basswood St.	Joseph Boren 49 Basswood St., Lawrence 01841	1923	"
34	77-79 Basswood St.	Stanley M. Rosinski & Evelyn J. Musker	1923	"
35	81-83 Basswood St.	Robert E. & Genevieve A. Powers	1909	"
36	85-87 Basswood St.	Constance M. Erna	1916	"
37	2-4 Basswood St.	German & Evlalia Arnaiz	1910	"
38	6-8 Basswood St.	Richard & Bridget McCarthy	1910	"
39	10-12 Basswood St.	Rachel Boren 85 Waverly rd., N. Andover 01845	1923	"
40	18-20 Basswood St.	Fernando & Evelyn Cruz 18 Basswood St.	1925	"
41	24 Basswood St.	Atty. Angelo R. Fisichella 175 Haverhill St., Lawrence 01841	1909	"
42	26 Basswood St.	" " " " "		
43	38-40 Basswood St.	Rachel Boren 85 Waverly Rd., No. Andover 01845	1911	"
44	44-46 Basswood St.	Leonard & Andrew & Guido Lombardi 73 Hazel St., Methuen, MA 01844	1923	"
45	50-52 Basswood St.	Filiberto L. & Fernando Santiago 52 Basswood St.	ca 1920	"
45	64 Basswood St.	Filiberto L. & Fernando Santiago	ca 1920	"
46	64 Basswood St.	Rachel Boren 85 Waverly Rd., No. Andover 01845	1918	"
47	66 Basswood St.	Rachel Boren 85 Waverly Rd., No. Andover 01845	1919	"

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48	3-5 Hemlock St.	Margareta F. Erban	1924-25	Triple Decker
49	8-10 Hemlock St.	Lorraine G. & Susan L. Jean & Sandra J. Taylor	1920	Double Decker
50	266 Lawrence St.	Nicolas J. & Angelina Murphy	1914	2½ story Cottage
51	268-270-270A Lawrence St.	Haikal & Amal Farah 7 Saratoga St., Lawrence 01841	1923	Triple Decker Store Front
52	272-274 Lawrence St.	Joseph Faris 272 Lawrence St.	1923	Triple Decker Store Front
53	276-278 Lawrence St.	Helio Serpa & Algadiela Demelo 276 Lawrence St.	1917	Triple Decker
54	280-282 Lawrence St.	Manuel & Maria Garcia 280 Lawrence St.	1916	"
55	284-286 Lawrence St.	Joseph & Evelyn Wrobel 30 Magna Rd., Methuen 01844	1910	"
56	288-290 Lawrence St.	Stanley & Arlene Zapenas 290 Lawrence St.	1917	Triple Decker Store Front
57	292-294 Lawrence St.	Angelo Fisichella 175 Haverhill St., Lawrence 01841	1913	Triple Decker Store Front
-	296-296A Lawrence St.	Ralph M. Marino 7 Tamarack Rd., Methuen 01844		Store Front
58	298-298A Lawrence St.	Alice & Allan J. Bistany 298 Lawrence St.	1921	Triple Decker
59	298C-298B Lawrence St.	Vasco E. Demelo & Estefania deMelo 298B Lawrence St.	1921	"
60	300-302 Lawrence St.	Armand & Noella Michaud 122 Arlington St., Lawrence	1909	"
61	304-306 Lawrence St.	Herman & Rebecca Figuero 304 Lawrence St.	1909	"
62	308-310 Lawrence St.	Stephen & Jennie Mazurowski	1915	"
63	314-316 Lawrence St.	Mario & Maria Vargas 7 Byron Ave., Lawrence	1920	"
64	318-320 Lawrence St.	David & Susan Recuperero 42 Cypress St., Methuen 01844	1920	"
65	326 Lawrence St.	Tami Realty Trust and Minor Trustees, Joseph Taylor 429 Broadway, Lawrence, MA 01841	1911	"

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66	340-342-344 Lawrence St.	340 - Wilfred Belanger, Jr. of 8 Francella Rd., Methuen, MA 342-344 Bernard & Phyllis Licato 342 Lawrence St.	ca 1906	Triple Decker Store Front
67	31-33 Juniper St.	Tami Realty Trust, Joseph Taylor, Donald Minor Tru., 429 Broadway, Lawrence, MA	1919	Triple Decker
68	35-37 Juniper St.	Stuart H. Labell 85 Clayton Ave., Methuen 01844 Milton S. Levine 7 Cypress Ave., Lawrence	1920	"
69	39-41 Juniper St.	Americo S. & Florence E. DiZazzo	1920	"
70	43-45 Juniper St.	James N. & Sandra Hopkinson 104 Pearl St., Lawrence, MA 01841	1924	"
71	47-49 Juniper St.	Walter E. Quinteros 945 Riverside Dr., Methuen 01844	1924	"
72	51-53 Juniper St.	Bruno F. and Julia Loik	1924	"
73	55-57 Juniper St.	Robert B. and Paula E. Follett	1924	"
74	61 Juniper St.	Walter Quinteros 945 Riverside Dr., Methuen, MA	1917	"
75	12-14 Juniper St.	Enrique & Miriam Matso & Eleodoro Matos and Matos Matos	1914	"
76	24-26 Juniper St.	Joseph C. Cronin & Mary C. Naughton & Catherine Drew	1917	"
77	28-30 Juniper St.	Nuco Realty Trust, Louis Costa & Robert Nucoitelli, Trs. 141 Willow St., Lawrence	1920	"
78	32-34 Juniper St.	Stuart Labell & Milton S. Levine M&S Realty Co., 68 So. Broadway, Lawrence	1923	Double Decker
79	36-38 Juniper St.	John J. & Marie Ohan	1923	Triple Decker
80	40-42 Juniper St.	Roland N. & Fabiola Morin	1916	"
81	46 Juniper St.	Wasył & Nellie Sehovich	1910	2½ story Cottage
82	48-50 Juniper St.	Guido Santocrose, Sylvester J. Marino & Jennie H. Marino	1924	Triple Decker
83	60 Juniper St.	Marcel & Ann E. Bucych	1913	1½ story Cottage
84	62-64 Juniper St.	Stanley Amsiejus	1918	Triple Decker
85	66-68 Juniper St.	Joseph Pothier 8 Wildwood Rd., Windham, NH 03087	1918	"

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86	64-62 Arlington St.	Walter Quinteros 945 Riverside Dr., Methuen 01844	ca 1918	Triple Decker
87	66-68 Arlington St.	Maryanna Rosinski 82 Arlington St., Lawrence 01841	ca 1918	"

Intrusions and Vacant Lots

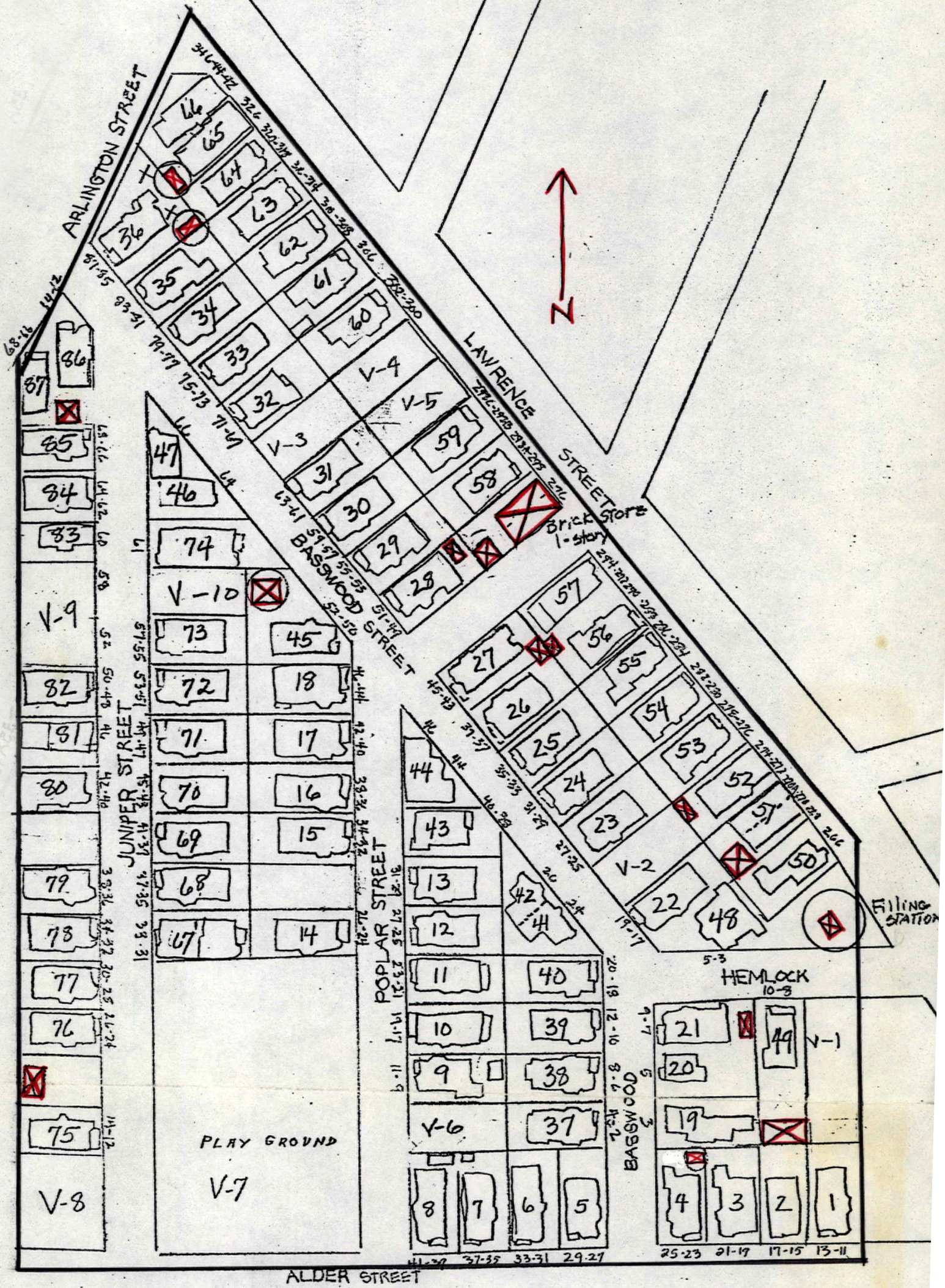
VACANT LOTS

MAP	ADDRESS	OWNER	MAILING
V1	6 Hemlock	Robert Haywood	11 Memorial Pk. Ave. Lynn, MA 01903
V2	21-23 Basswood	Joseph J. & George A. Faris	272 Lawrence St., Lawrence, MA 01841
V3	65-67 Basswood	Felix & Susan C. Mendez	61 Basswood
V4	296-298	Francesco Culosi	315 Lawrence
V5		Vasco Demelo	298 B Lawrence
V6	5-7 Poplar	Real & Guilda Clavette	7 Poplar St.
V7	Playground	City of Lawrence	
V8	63-69 Alder St.	" " "	
V9	52-58 Juniper	Marcel & Ann Bucyck	60 Juniper St.
V10	59 Juniper	Madeline Henry	

INTRUSIONS

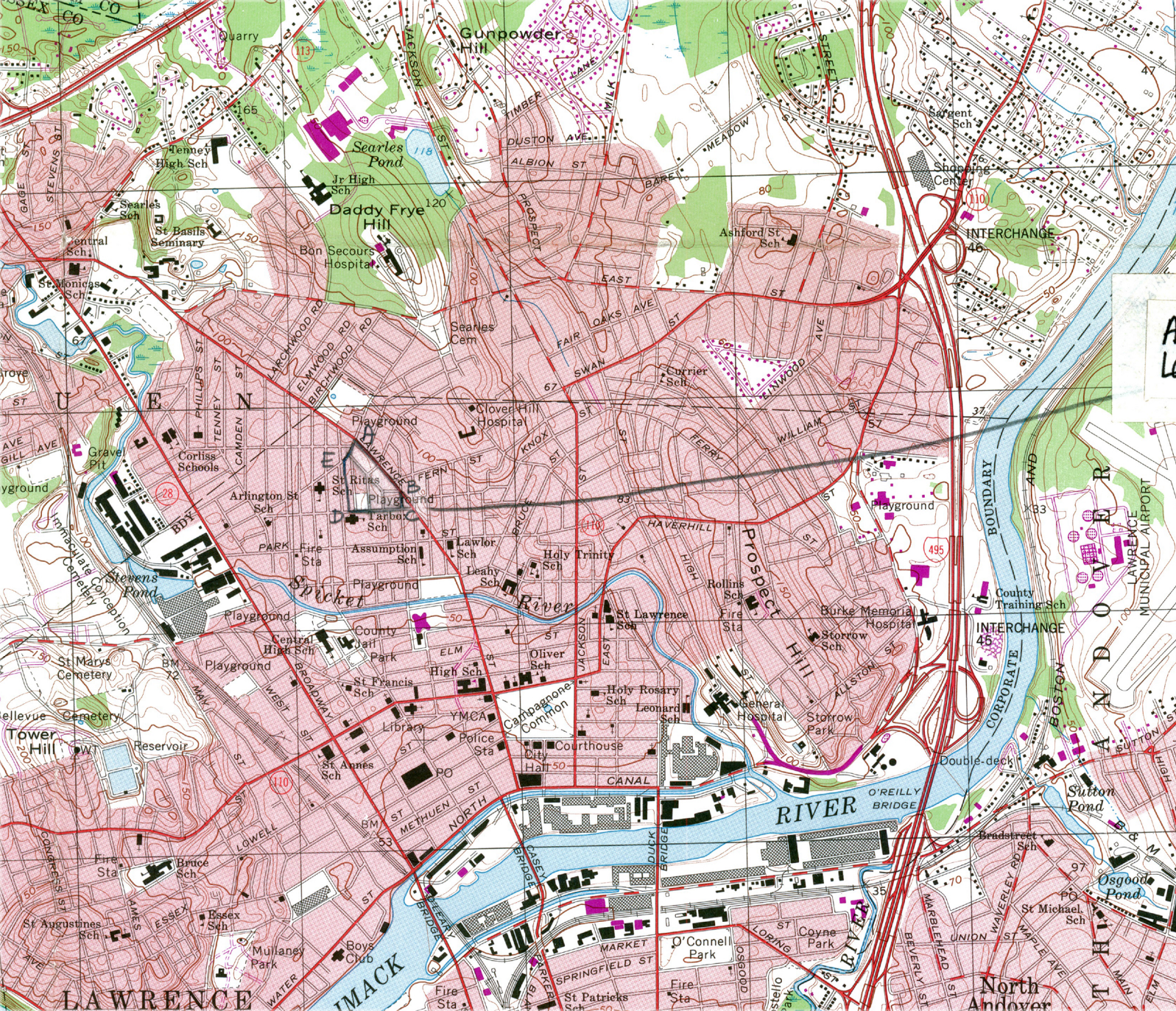
260 Lawrence St.	Filling Station Haffner Realty Trust Emma Haffner et. al. Trs.	64 Bigelow St. Lawrence, MA 01843
296 Lawrence St.	One-Story Brick Store	

other intrusions are one-story cinder Block garages and sheds



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Lawrence, MA

scale 1" = 100'
Sanborn Map Company, 1963
10.74 acres
X= Intrusions V= Vacant



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630 000 FEET
(MASS.)

Arlington-Basswood HD
Lawrence, MA

RICT

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CONVER:
SCALE

Feet

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42'30"

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North Andover



1. 31-33 Juniper Street and adjacent block, west side, looking north (Photograph: Carole Zellie, March 1983)



2. Tarbox School Playground, Juniper-Poplar Block (Photograph: Carole Zellie, March 1983)



3. Poplar Street, east side looking north. (Photograph: Carole Zellie, March 1983)



4. 9-11 Poplar, detail (Photograph: Carole Zellie, March 1983)



5. Juniper Street, looking north, east and west sides (Photograph: Carole Zellie, March 1983)



[No caption provided. ca. 1983 aerial photo of Arlington-Bassword Historic District, looking north across Alder Street (lower foreground). Tarbox School (not in district) bottom center; Poplar Street runs north along east side of Cronin Park.]