

# "THE VILLAGE," WEST NEWTON

1855-1960

Department of Planning and Development



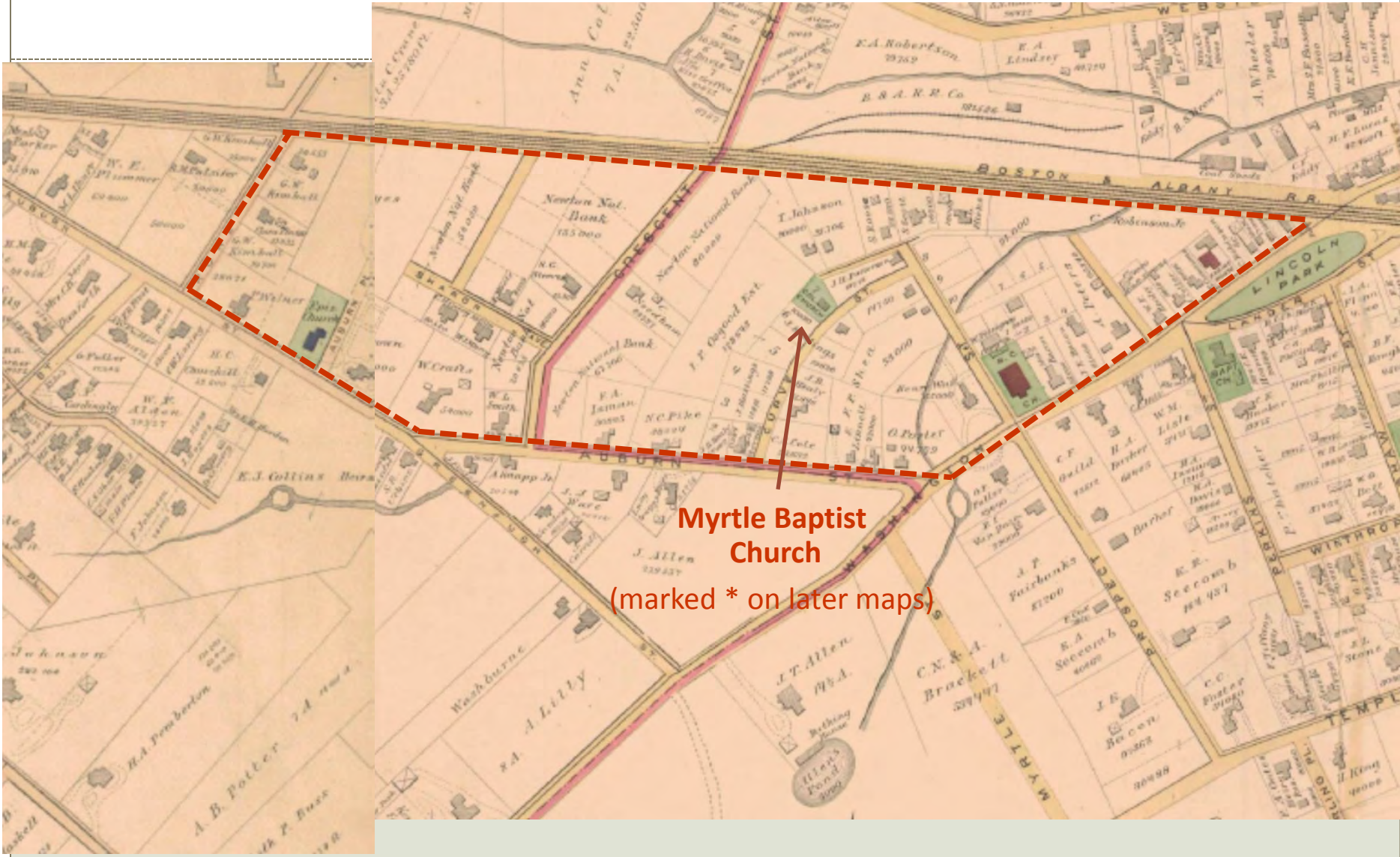
based partly on

*Redevelopment & Resilience:  
How Myrtle Baptist Survived the Mass Pike*

November 19, 2006

Sponsored by Myrtle Baptist Church  
& the Newton History Museum

1886



Myrtle Baptist Church  
(marked \* on later maps)

\* **CRESCENT**, West Newton; fr. Auburn, n. Greenough, to Webster, wards 3, 4.

*Right Side.*

- 0 Lackey Thomas F. clerk
- 0 Needham Christopher, painter  
Needham F. C. painter, b.

*B. & A. R. R. crosses.*

- 0 Allen Charles T. painter  
Allen Hattie T. bookkeeper, b.

*Left Side.*

Vacant lots

*Sharon Ave. begins.*

- 0 Price Elizabeth, widow  
Harris Charles A.  
Mowry Edw. L. carpenter, b.
- B. & A. R. R. crosses.*
- 0 Fewkes George A. clerk
- 0 Shepherd H. E. salesman
- 0 Kimball Charles M. foreman  
Kimball Charles E. clerk, b.

\* **CURVE**, West Newton; from Auburn, n. Washington, to Prospect, ward 3.

*Right Side.*

- 0 Healy James B. clerk
- 0 Moye Caroline, widow  
Grason S. laborer
- 0 Barry Dennis, painter  
Barry David C. carpenter, b.

*Left Side.*

- 0 Ghant John W. laborer
- 0 Lomax Burrell, mason
- 0 Smith Edward J. mason  
Carter Charles, hostler
- 0 Jones Henry H. laborer

- 0 Cross George W. janitor  
Weeks James, gardener, b.  
Weeks George, carpenter, b.
- 0 Myrtle Baptist Church

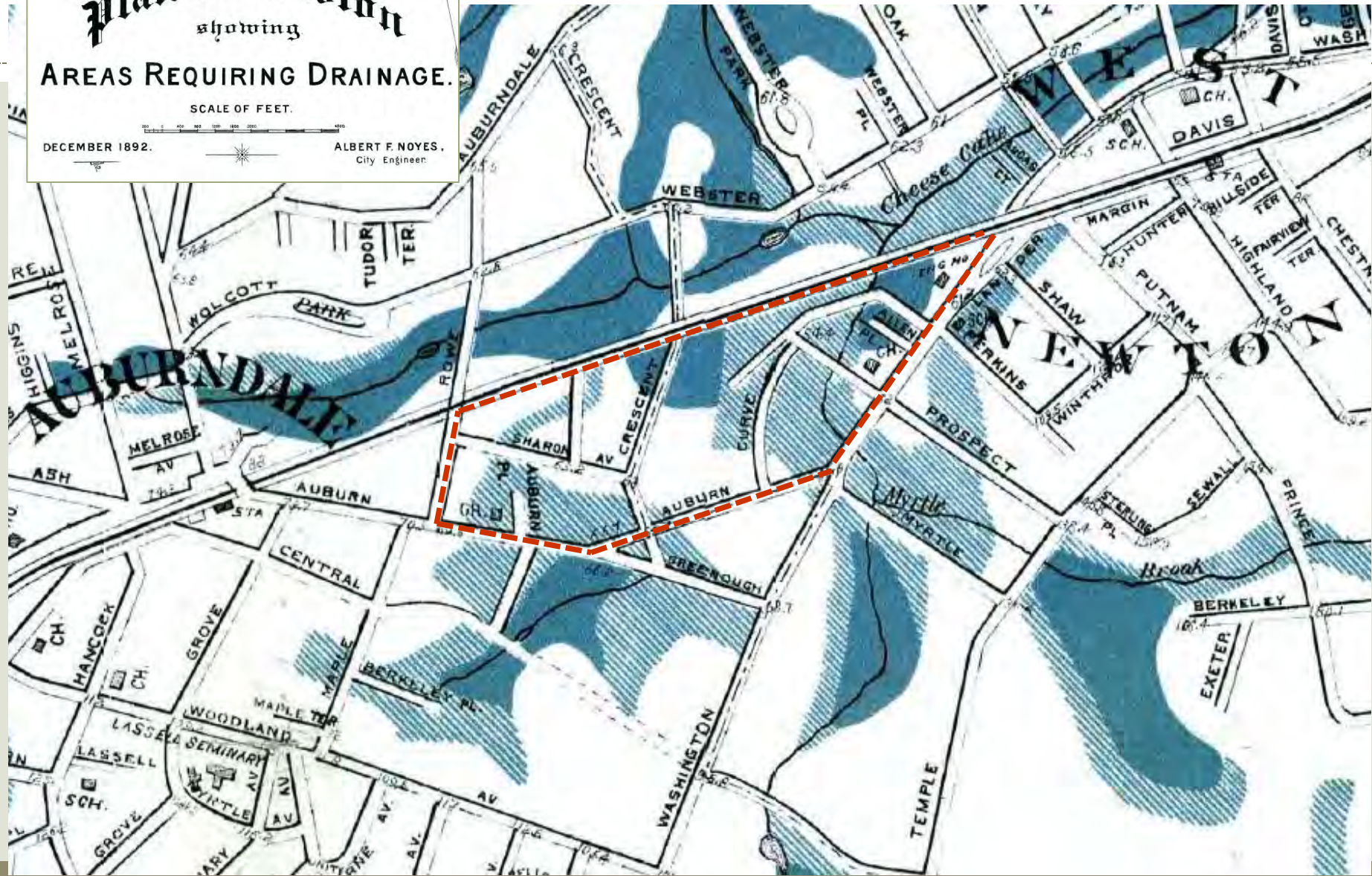
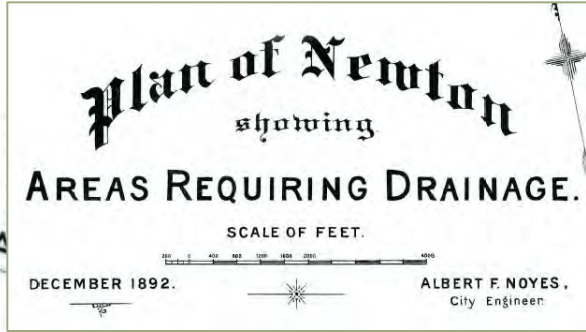


1892

**Plan of Newton**  
showing  
**AREAS REQUIRING DRAINAGE.**

SCALE OF FEET.

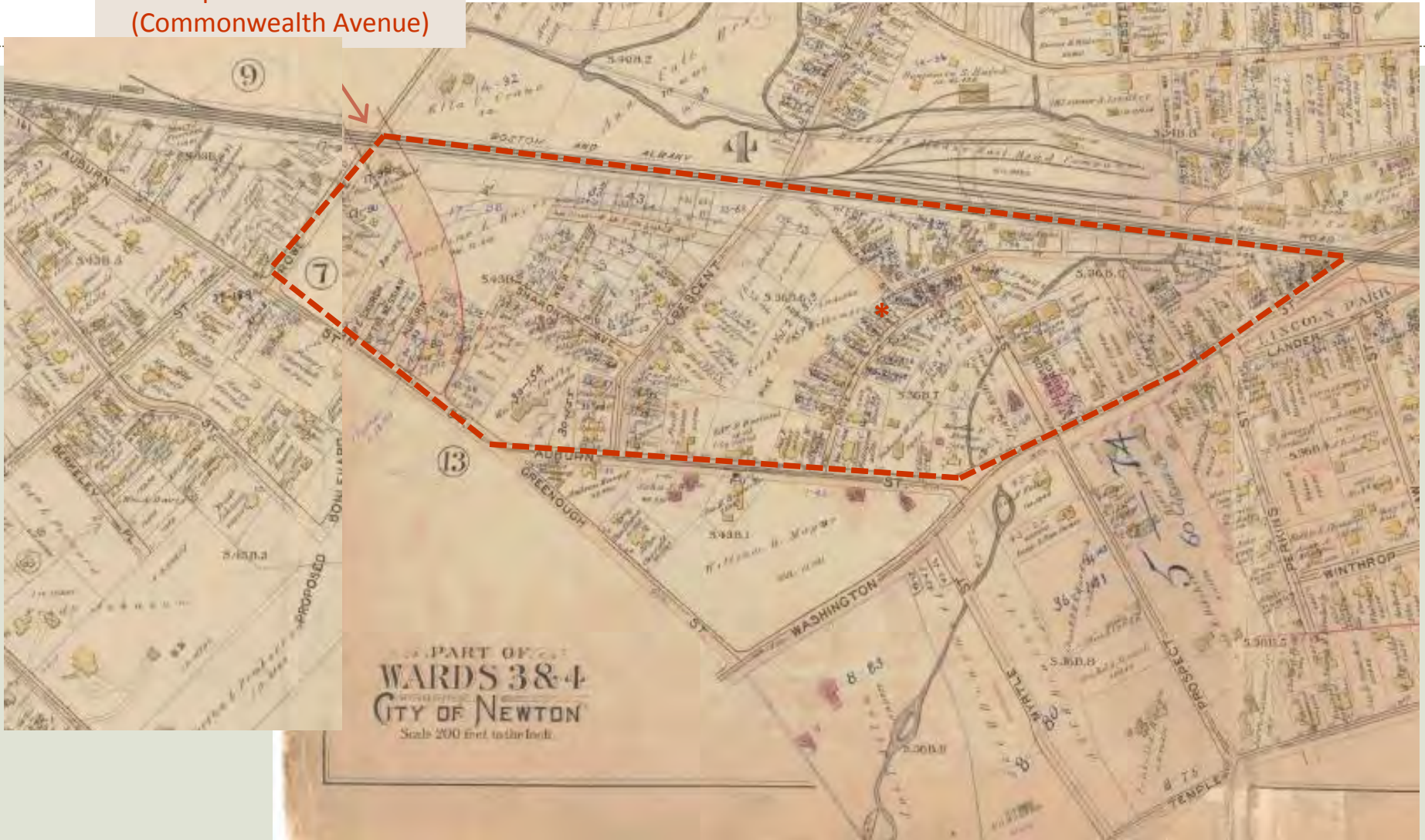
DECEMBER 1892. ALBERT F. NOYES.  
City Engineer.





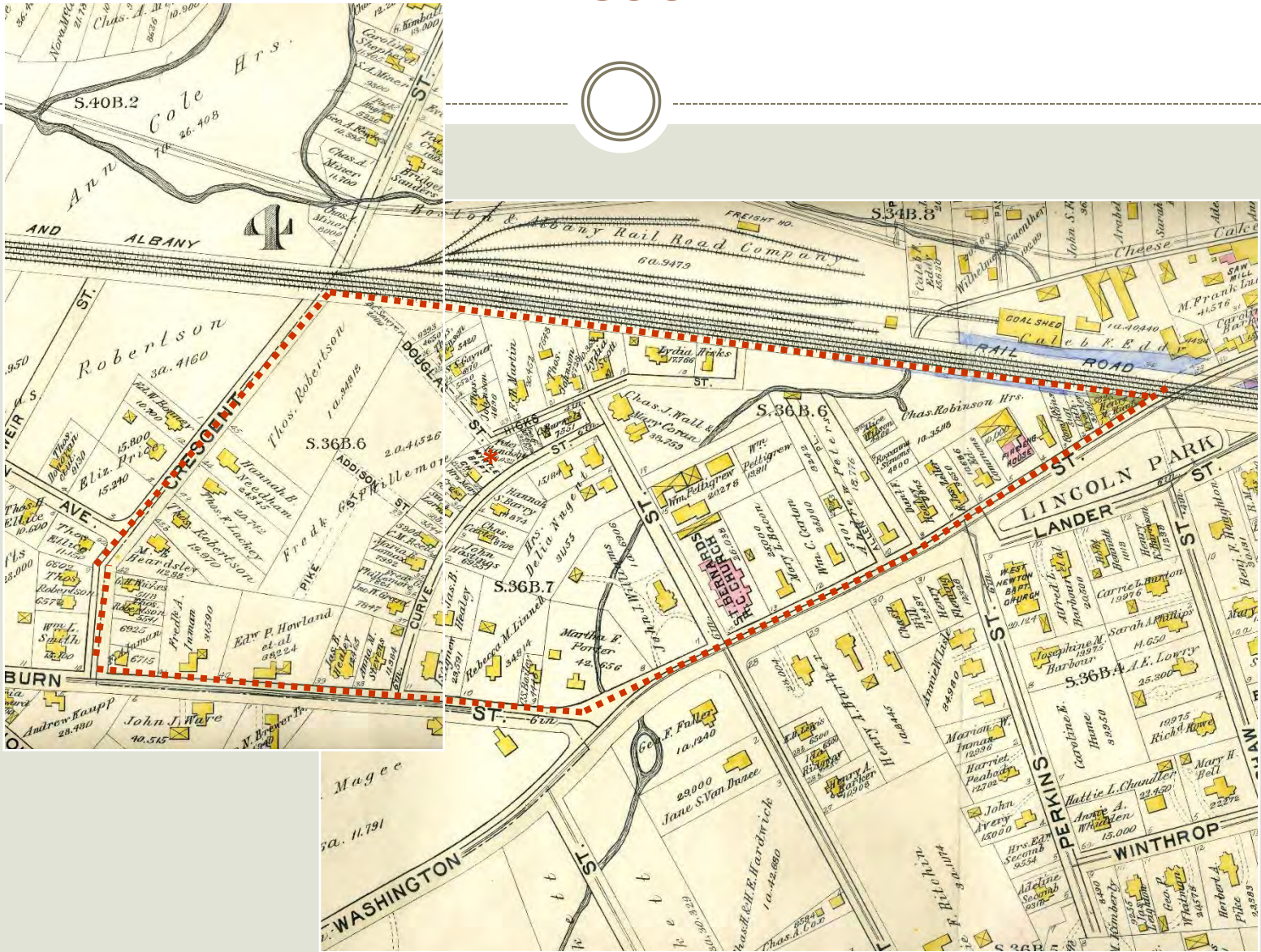
# 1895

Proposed Boulevard  
(Commonwealth Avenue)





1895



# 1901 City Directory

**\*CRESCENT, West Newton; fr. Webster to Auburn n. Greenough, wards 3, 4.**

*Right Side.*

- 3 Kimball Charles M. carpenter
- 13 Shepherd H. E. salesman
- 17 Vacant house
- 21 Rego John J. Mr. & Mrs.
- 29 Jones George H. driver
- 33 Donnelly S. laborer
- 37 Griffiths William H. coachman

*Street not open across R. R.*

*B. & A. R. R. crosses.*

*Robin Hood Road begins.*

- 85 Ethridge Mark A. carpenter
- Faunce George A. lineman
- 89 Bonney Edward Mr. & Mrs.
- Langille M. A. wood turner
- 95 Price Elizabeth Mrs.
- Harris Elizabeth Mrs.
- Harris Florence Miss, b.
- Sharon Ave. begins.*
- 117 Broad H. A. Mr. & Mrs.
- 124 Dow Charles F. Mr. & Mrs.

*Left Side.*

- 10 Vokey Abram, carpenter
- 14 Allen Chas. T. Mr. & Mrs.
- Allen George E. painter, b.
- Allen Ernest W. plumber, b.
- 30 Saunders Nicholas, laborer
- Saunders Daniel J. laborer, b.
- Street not open across R. R.*
- B. & A. R. R. crosses.*

- 76 Hargedon Patrick, coachman
- 82 Enholm Carl A. wood turner
- 84 Jones Thomas E. carrier
- 88 Needham Hannah B. Mrs.
- Needham C. D. painter, b.
- Needham F. C. painter, b.
- 94 Lackey Thomas F. clerk
- Lackey Thos. F. jr. collector, b.
- 100 Rackemann W. Mr. & Mrs.
- Stevens Juliette O. Mrs. b.
- 108 Beardsley M. E. Mr. & Mrs.
- 116 Cooke George B. painter
- 120 Dow Henry A. T. Mr. & Mrs.
- Whitcher Celende T. Mrs. b.

**\*CURVE, West Newton; fr. 5 No. Prospect to 25 Auburn, ward 3.**

*Right Side.*

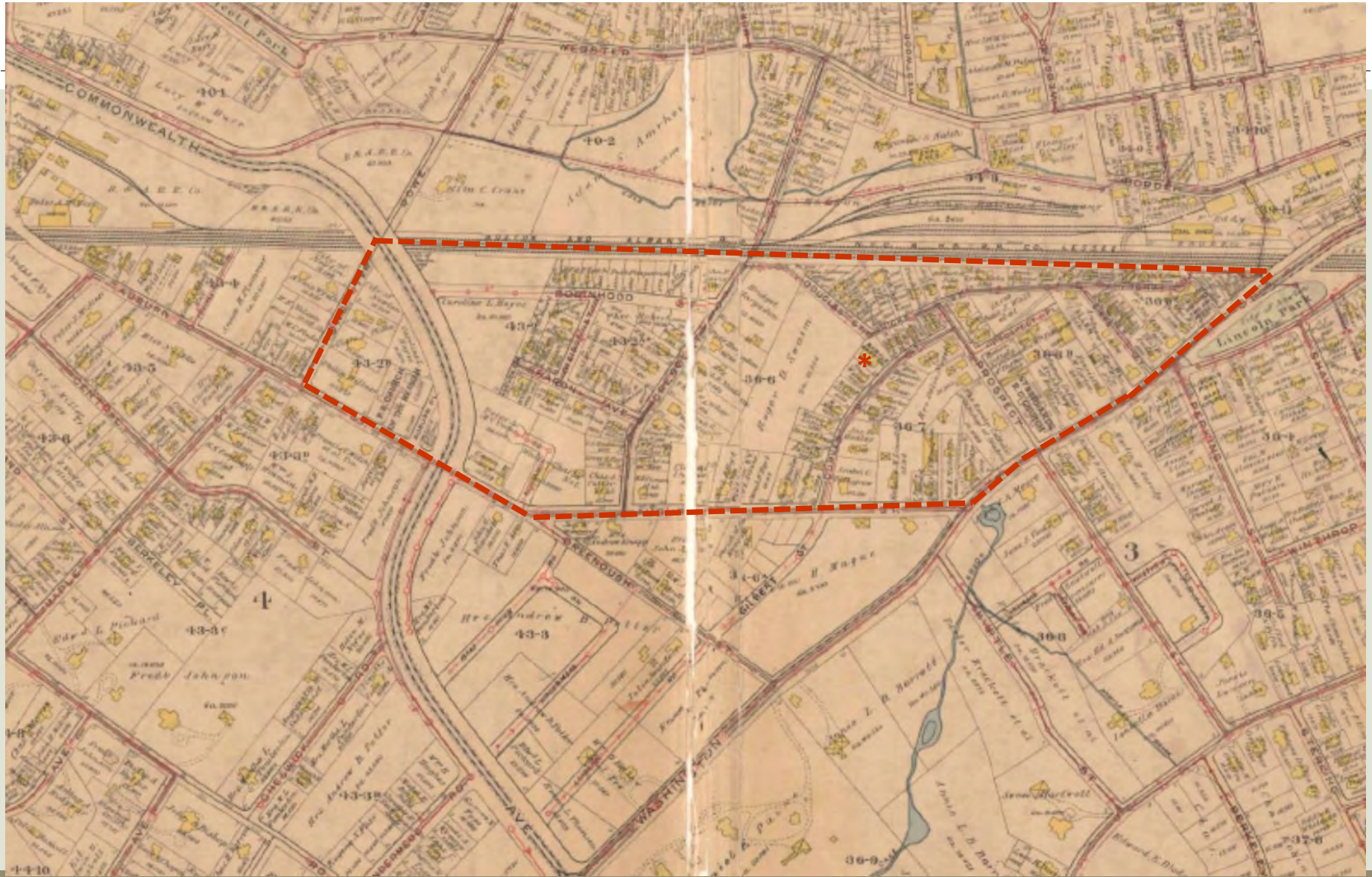
- 9 McCraw John, sexton
- Burke Mary Mrs.
- 0 Vacant house
- 00 Myrtle Baptist Church
- 25 Weeks James, coachman
- 31 Allen Joseph A. laborer
- Cooper Elijah, brakeman, b.
- 37 Moore Sidney, laborer
- 41 Lomax Burrell, mason
- 49 Vacant house

*Left Side.*

- 8 Melvin Ira R. carpenter
- 12 Carter Sarah E. Mrs.
- 20 Barry Dennis, painter
- Barry David C. carpenter
- 28 Carter Charles, expressman
- 34 Athey George, laborer
- Jackson William, hostler
- 46 Healy James B. clerk
- Healy Mary V. organist, b.

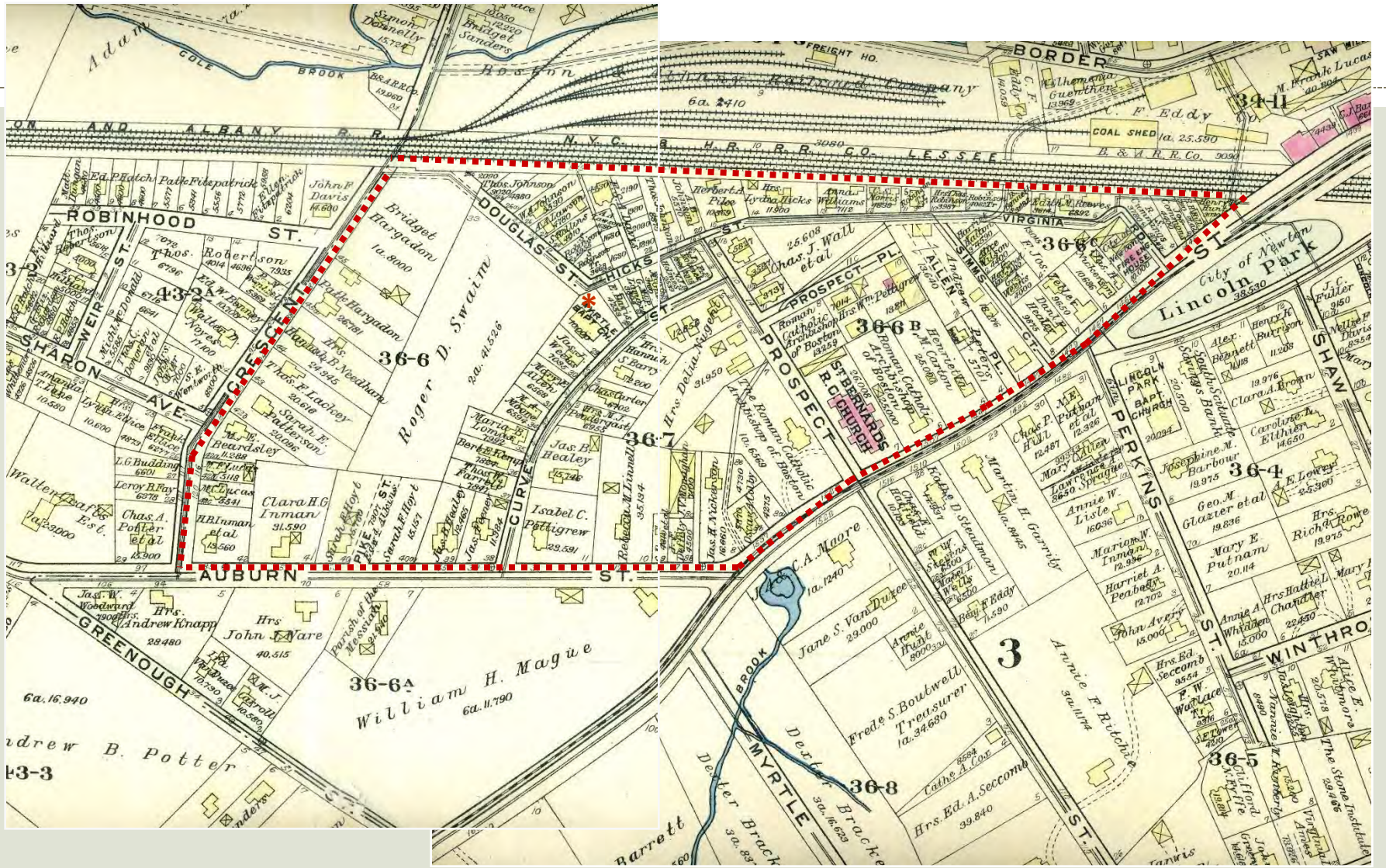


1907





1907





# 1911 City Directory

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**\*CRESCENT** (West Newton) from  
232 Webster to 91 Auburn  
near Greenough wards 3, 4

**Right Side**

- 3 Kimball Chas M cabinetmaker  
" Stella M dressmaker b
- 13 Shepherd H E salesman
- 17 Berry Leonard B woodworker
- 21 Ryan James E teamster
- 29 Jones George H laundryman
- 33 Donnelly Simon gardener
- 37 McGough John A driver

ROBIN HOOD RD BEGINS

- 85 Wentzel E J carpenter
- Lorrett John S C jr driver
- 89 Bonney Edward carpenter
- Clark Walter H motorman  
" Lucy J Mrs b
- 95 Powers John J engineer
- 97 Reynolds John P painter
- 99 Phelps Charles W clerk

SHARON AV BEGINS

- 117 Budding Herbert B Mr & Mrs
- 121 Fay Leroy B Mr & Mrs

**Left Side**

- 10 Thompson Harriet F Mrs 34
- Ramsdell Mary J Mrs b
- 14 Allen Eva M Mrs  
Jefferson Harriet I Mrs b
- Perron Alzena nurse b
- 30 Saunders Nicholas laborer  
" Daniel J tinsmith b

STREET NOT OPEN ACROSS R R

B & A R R CROSSES

- 76 Hargedon Patrick coachman
- 82 Hoar David C gardener
- 84 Blair Charles S carpenter  
Blaquere Joseph carpenter b
- 88 Needham Franklin C painter
- 94 Lackey Thomas F clerk  
" Thomas F jr collector b
- 100 Webster Louis H Mr & Mrs  
Lyman Theresa A Mrs b
- 108 Beardsley M E Mr & Mrs  
Cox Norry carpenter b
- 116 Manter John H Mr & Mrs  
" Nellie D Mrs b
- 120 Mague Francis J Mr & Mrs

**\*CURVE** (West Newton) from 7  
North Prospect to 37 Auburn  
ward 3

**Right Side**

- 9 McCraw John sexton  
" Ruth E Miss b  
" Cappel G machinist b
- 11 Lomax Wm E carrier
- 15 Davis Timothy T jr painter
- 21 Myrtle Baptist Church
- 25 Weeks James coachman
- 31 Allen Joseph A laborer  
Holmes Christina Mrs b
- 37 Moore Sidney laborer
- 41 Lomax Burrell mason  
Murray Elnora Mrs b
- 45 Weeks George W sexton  
Williams Abraham waiter b
- 49 Farrell Thos W laborer

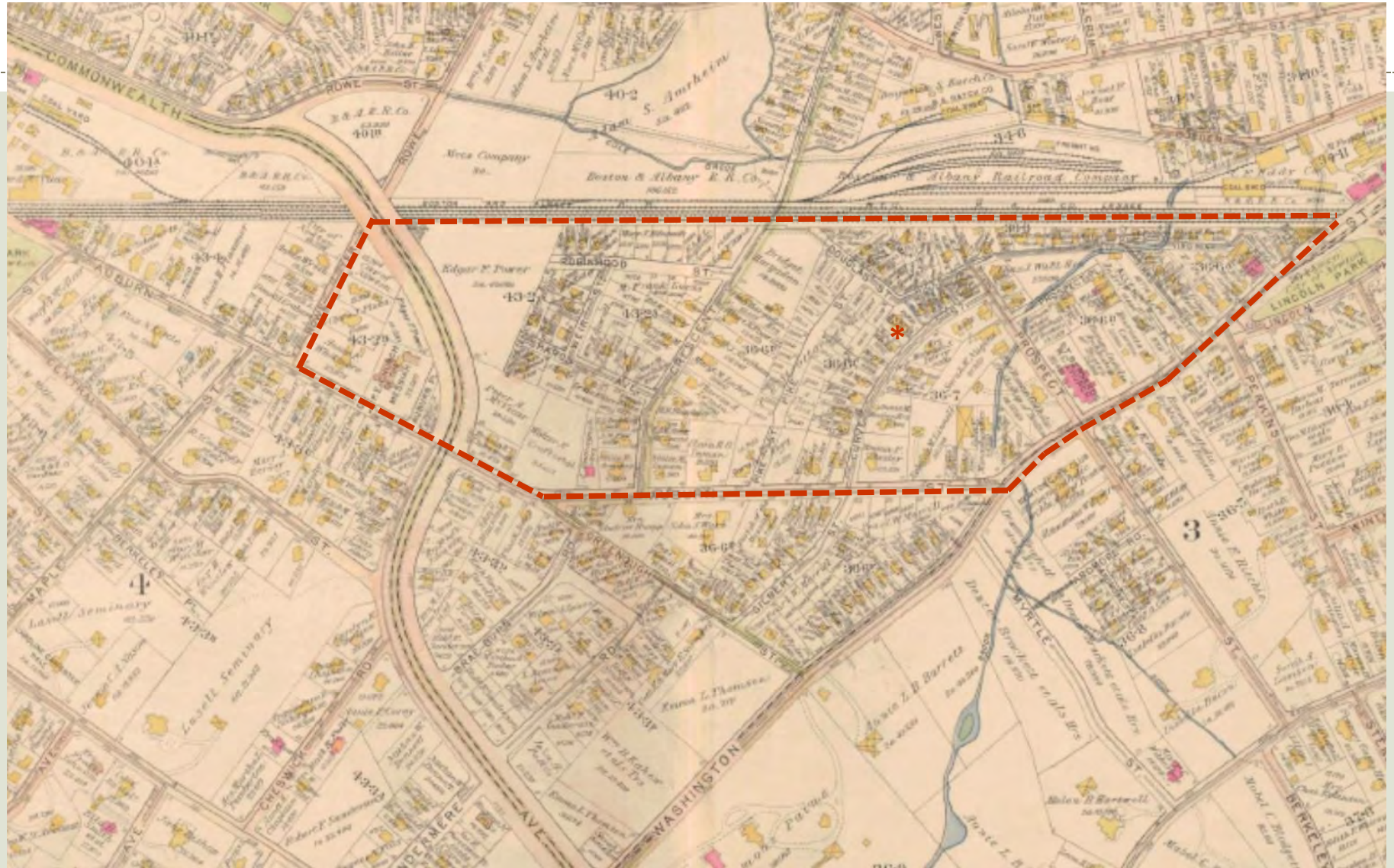
**Left Side**

- 8 Melvin Ira R carpenter  
" George H driver b
- 12 Fraser Murdock S driver  
Howland Hibbard S laborer
- 20 Barry Dennis painter  
" Jessie M Mrs

- 28 Carter Charles expressman 36
- 34 Bosworth Herbert A clerk
- 46 Healy Annie M Mrs  
" Mary V organist b  
" Michael R clerk b  
" Arthur J clerk b



1917





1917





\*CRESCENT (West Newton) from  
232 Webster to 91 Auburn near  
Greenough wards 3, 4

*Right Side*

- 3 Smith Elisha B gardener  
" Chester A chauffeur b  
Peary Grace L b  
13 Shepherd H E salesman  
Ballou Jennie F Mrs housek  
17 Bourke Thomas B Mr & M  
21 Powers John J engineer Mr  
Mrs  
" Mary A student b  
29 Clarke Edward P Mr & Mrs  
" Joseph fireman b  
33 Donnelly Simon gardener  
" Mary F steno b  
37 McGough John A driver

STREET NOT OPEN ACROSS R R

B & A R R CROSSES

# 1921 City Directory

ROBINHOOD ST BEGINS

- 85 Barnicle Daniel H market  
Allen Robert E S  
89 Bonney Edward carpenter  
" Chester E clerk b  
" Elwin F student b  
Vayro John W Mr & Mrs  
95 Gates Louis M carrier  
97 Cavanaugh Emma  
" Margare b  
99 Alexander Edgar W cigarmaker  
SHARON AV BEGINS  
117 Budding Herbert B Mr & Mrs  
121 Fay Leroy B Mr & Mrs

*Left Side*

- 10 Fitzsimmons William Mr & Mrs  
" James T b  
Daly Timothy T b  
" Patrick F b  
14 Connolly John  
" Mary opr b  
" Catherine b  
" Sarah b  
" Margaret b  
30 Saunders Nicholas laborer  
" Daniel J tinsmith b

STREET NOT OPEN ACROSS R R  
B & A R R CROSSES

- 76 Hargedon Bridget Mrs  
" Mary I bookkeeper b  
82 King Robert baggageman  
84 Fogwell William W Mr & Mrs  
" Gladys M clerk b  
88 Valley Fred Mr & Mrs  
Breen James b  
94 Lackey Thomas F jr cashier  
" Mary b  
" Margaret b  
100 Webster Louis H Mr & Mrs  
Lyman Theresa A Mrs b  
108 Beardsley M E Mr & Mrs  
" Hoyt b  
Fogwell Susanna N b  
" Hazel T b  
116 Barry James I carpenter  
" Gladys L steno b  
" Edna F bookkeeper b  
" Clarence W b  
Barry Carl W b  
120 Wylie William Mr & Mrs  
" Forrest R Mr & Mrs

**\*CURVE** (West Newton) from 7  
North Prospect to 37 Auburn  
ward 3

*Right Side*

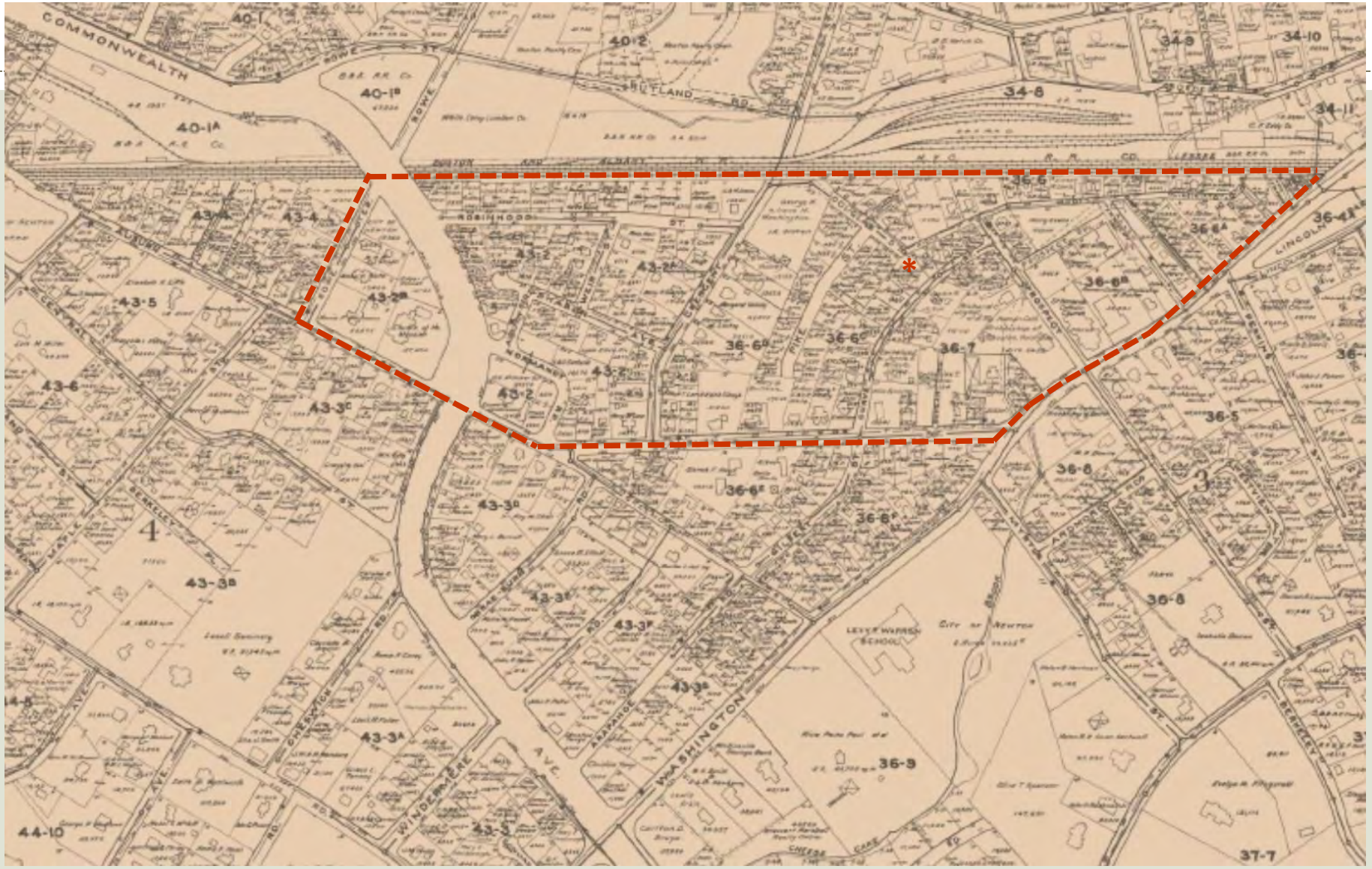
- 9 Weeks George W sexton  
Weeks George E fireman b  
" Gladys E b
- 11 Lomax Eugene A driver  
" Theresa J b  
" William E machinist b  
" Chester driver b
- 15 Davis Timothy T porter
- 21 Myrtle Baptist Church
- 25 Weeks James J chauffeur
- 31 Allen Joseph A laborer
- 37 Moore Sidney laborer
- 41 Lomax Maria Mrs  
Murray Elleene Mrs b
- 45 Lawson Timothy laborer  
Houston Tiny E butler  
Read Joseph janitor
- 49 Farrell Thomas W watchman  
Patterson Robert G Mr & Mrs
- 53 Feeney James F motorman

*Left Side*

- 8 Kiley Maurice hostler  
" James, U S N  
" Thomas, U S N
- 12 Cooper Henderson E Mr & Mrs
- 20 Barry Dennis painter  
" Jessie M Mrs  
Benson Ralph Mr & Mrs b
- 28 Davis John T Mr & Mrs
- 34 Houston Ernest C M Mr & Mrs  
Hill Ralph S chauffeur
- 46 Fanning John R Mr & Mrs  
McCauley John b

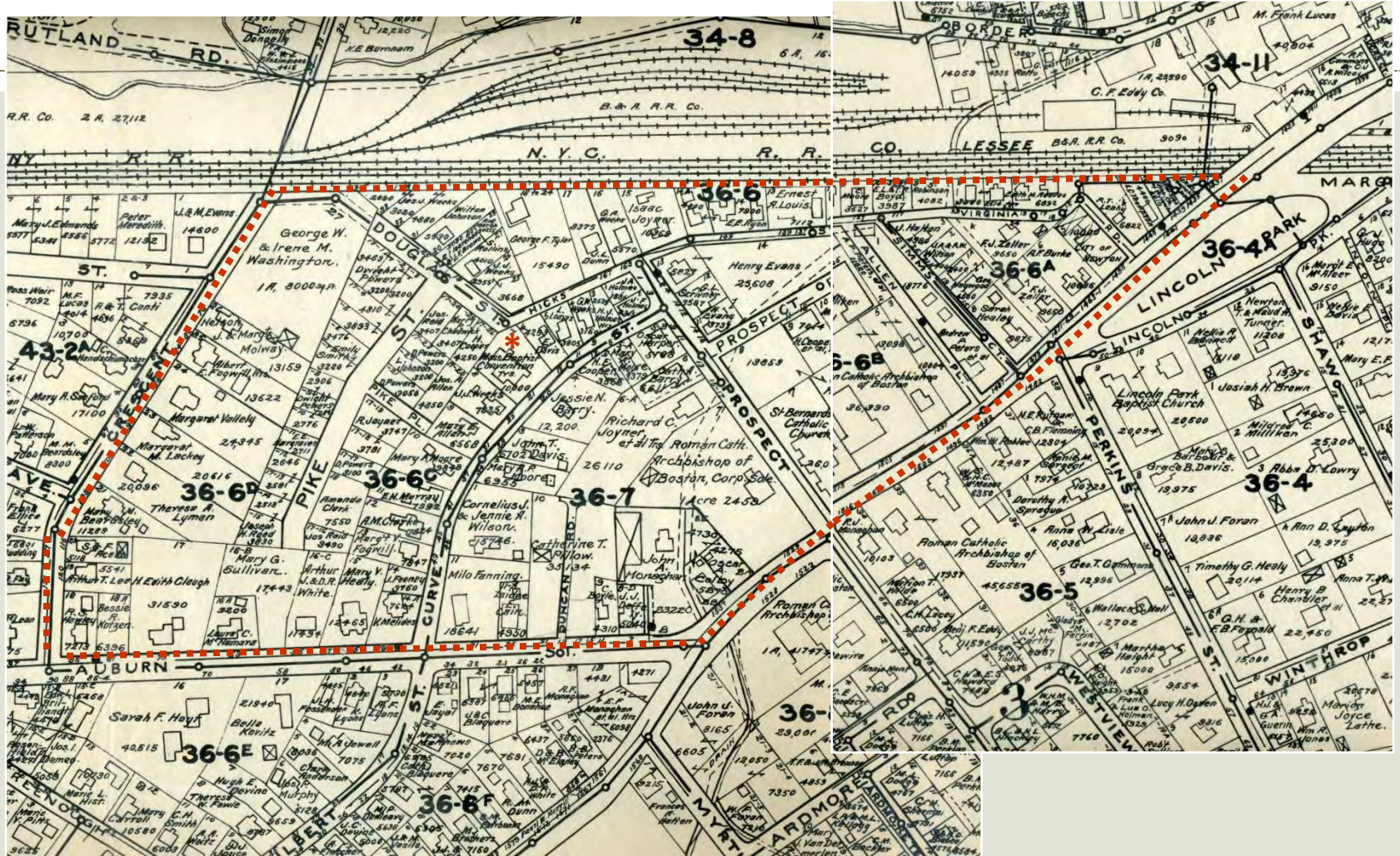


1929





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# 1931 City Directory

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**\*\*CRESCENT** (West Newton and Au-  
burndale) from 232 Webster south-  
erly to 91 Auburn near Greenough  
wards 3, 4 Map C-4

*Right Left*

- 3 Smith Elisha B Mr & Mrs  
Peary Grace L b
- 10 Linnehan Thomas J Mr & Mrs
- 13 Cassidy Joseph P Mr & Mrs
- 14 McGough John A Mr & Mrs  
Kiley Maurice J gardener b
- 17 Burke Thomas P Mr & Mrs  
" William F clerk b
- 21 Powers John J Mr & Mrs  
" John J jr clerk b
- 26 Keene Patrick J Mr & Mrs
- 29 Clarke Edward Payson Mr &  
Mrs  
" Arthur W clerk b  
" Elizabeth M steno b
- 30 Burnham Henry E Mr & Mrs  
" Edward F bookkeeper b  
Saunders Daniel J tinsmith  
Sprague Dorothy Mrs b
- 33 Donnelly Simon gardener  
" Ann E clerk b  
" James T b  
" Kathleen A bookkeeper b  
" Mary F steno b
- 37 Fitzsimmons William Mr & Mrs  
STREET NOT OPEN ACROSS R R  
B & A R R CROSSES  
ROBIN HOOD ST BEGINS
- 76 Washington George W Rev &  
Mrs  
Jones George H student b
- 82 Kersting Henry Mr & Mrs
- 84 Fogwill William U Mr & Mrs

- 85 Conti Angelo Mr & Mrs  
Sweatt Gertrude K Mrs  
" Gladys H bookkeeper b
- 88 Valley Fred Mr & Mrs  
" Charles A printer b  
" James A carpenter b  
Bennett Edward H forester b
- 89 Corcoran Henry J Mr & Mrs  
Handschumacher August Mr &  
Mrs

*Right Left*

- 94 Lackey Thomas F jr clerk  
" Margaret M b  
" Mary repairer b
- 95 Sanford Harry G Mr & Mrs  
" Esther M b  
" Frederick M painter b  
Moss Lillian waitress b  
Stevens Mary A Mrs b
- 97 O'Neil William A Mr & Mrs
- 99 Churchill Clement J paperhanger  
" Clement J Mr & Mrs
- 100 Webster Louis steno
- 108 Beardsley Maurice E carpenter  
and builder  
" Maurice E Mr & Mrs  
" A Hoyt b  
" Mildred b
- SHARON AV BEGINS
- 116 Aceto Salvatore Mr & Mrs  
" Mary H clerk b
- 117 Mayo Alfred G Mr & Mrs  
" Alfred G Mr & Mrs b
- 120 Lee Arthur T Mr & Mrs  
Robertson Charles A gardener b
- 121 Fay Leroy B Mr & Mrs

# 1931 City Directory

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**\*CURVE** (West Newton) from 7 Prospect southerly to 37 Auburn ward 3 Map C-5

*Right Left*

- 8 Houston Helen Mrs  
 9 Weeks George W Mr & Mrs  
 11 Lomax Eugene A Mr & Mrs  
 " William E machinist b  
 12 Cooper Henderson E Mr & Mrs  
 15 Furr Stanley Mr & Mrs  
 20 Barry Jessie M Mrs  
 " Charles D mason b  
 " David J city laborer b  
 " Dennis b  
 " Edward S helper b  
 21 Myrtle Baptist Church  
 25 Weeks James J Mr & Mrs  
 28 Davis John T Mr & Mrs  
 31 Allen Joseph A Mr & Mrs  
 34 Moore Austin C Mr & Mrs  
 Reed Joseph gardener  
 37 Moore Sidney Mr & Mrs  
 41 Murray Ellene N  
 Davis Elizabeth laundress b  
 Lomax Chester P chauffeur b  
 45 Perry Sarah Mr & Mrs  
 " Jonas jr Mr & Mrs b  
 Turner George Mr & Mrs b  
 46 Wilson Cornelius Mr & Mrs

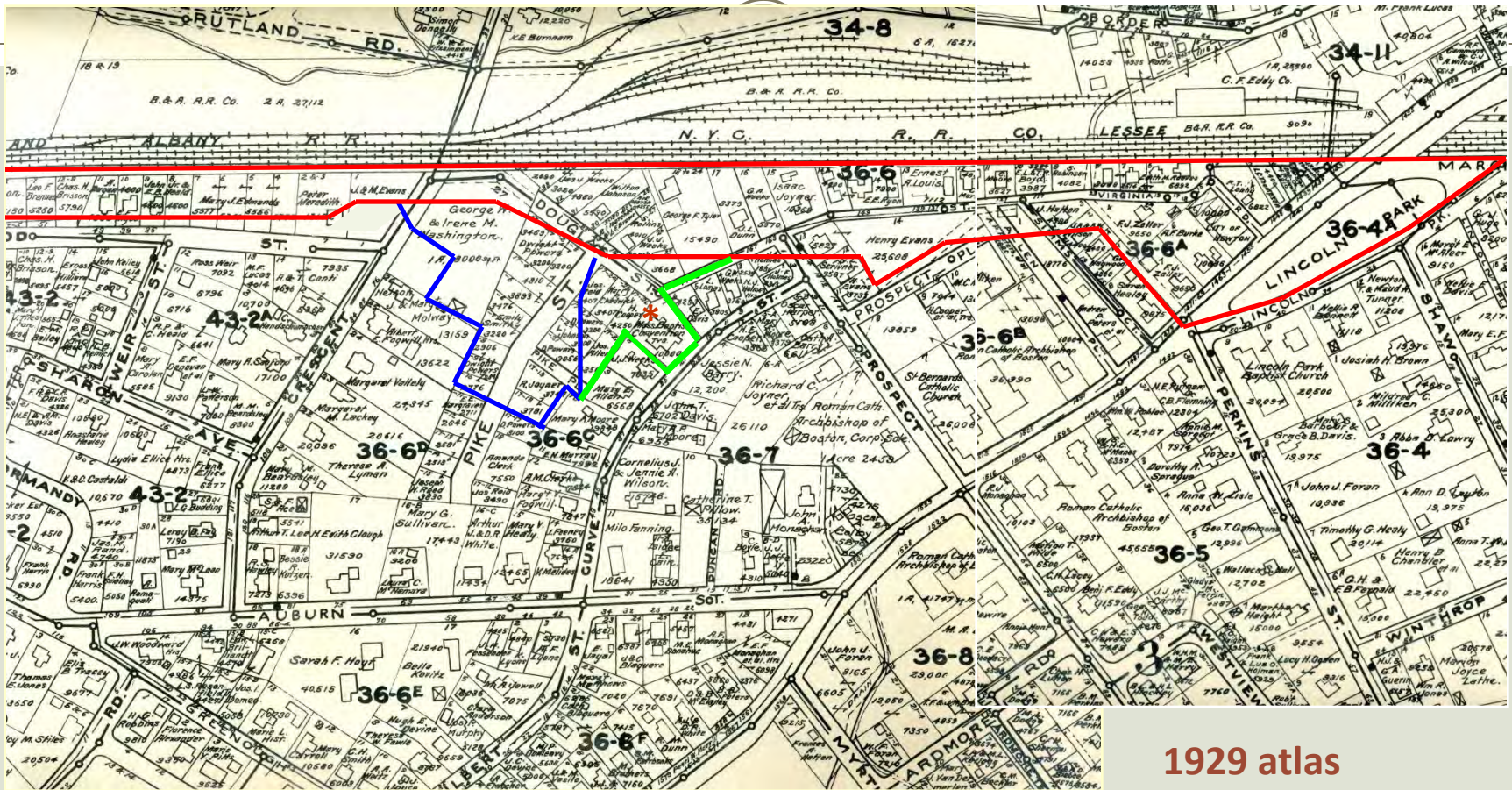
*Right Left*

- 49 Farrell Thomas W watchman  
 53 Feeney James F Mr & Mrs  
 " Clement musician b  
 " Frank J teller b  
 " Mildred student nurse b



# “The Village,” West Newton

streets & houses taken by eminent domain for the Turnpike Extension, 1962



1929 atlas

post-1962  
ownership:

Massachusetts  
Turnpike  
Authority

taken by Turnpike Authority,  
then transferred to City of Newton  
(used by Parks & Recreation Dept.)

Myrtle Baptist  
Church