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This booklet is the result of 5 months of work by **Peter Richards'** class at Fayerweather Street School in Cambridge, Mass.

The area we studied was about 300 feet of an avenue in Cambridge. Besides interviewing older people in the neighborhood, we conducted interviews with shopkeepers, customers and people on the street. The Cambridge Historical Commission helped us as well.

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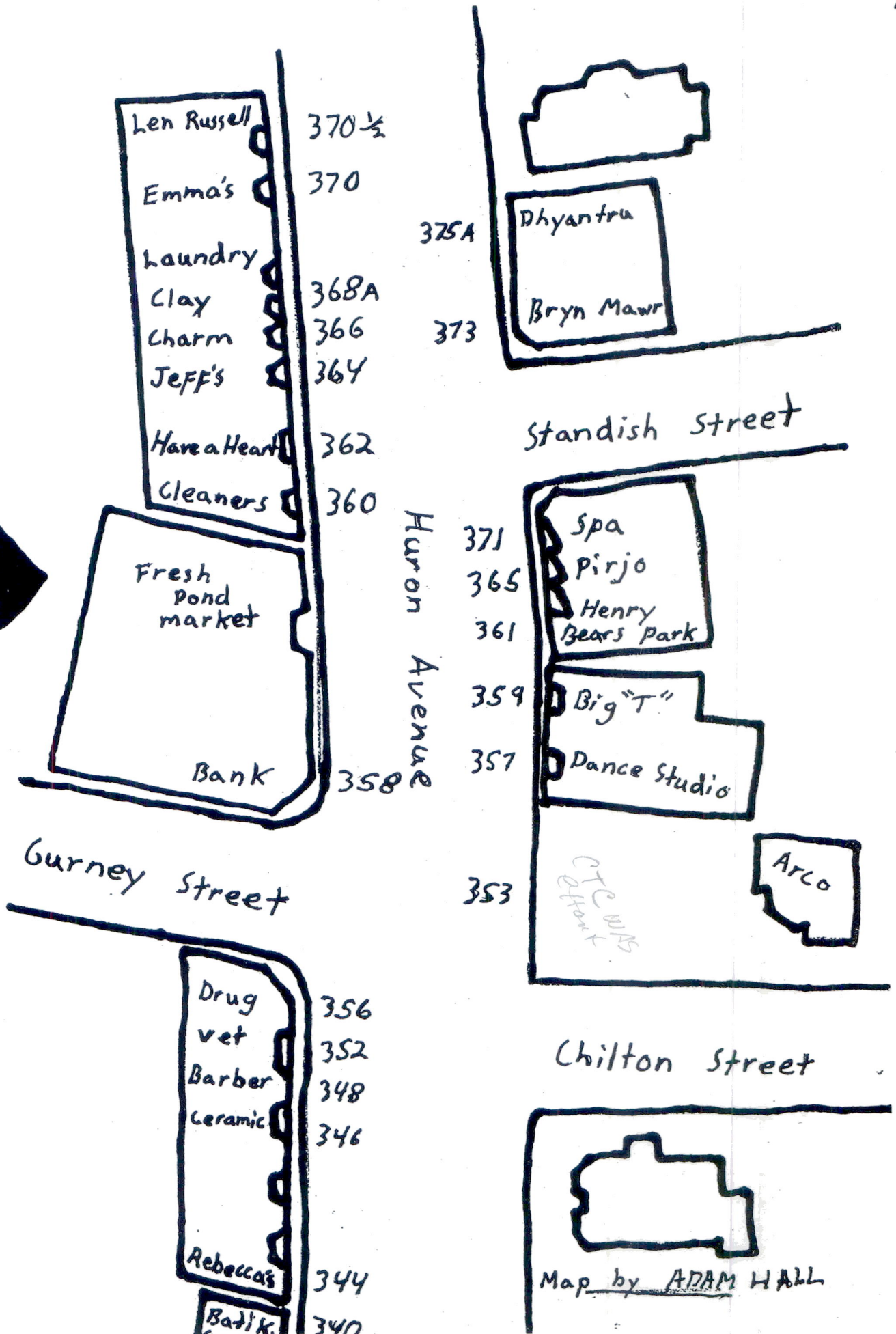
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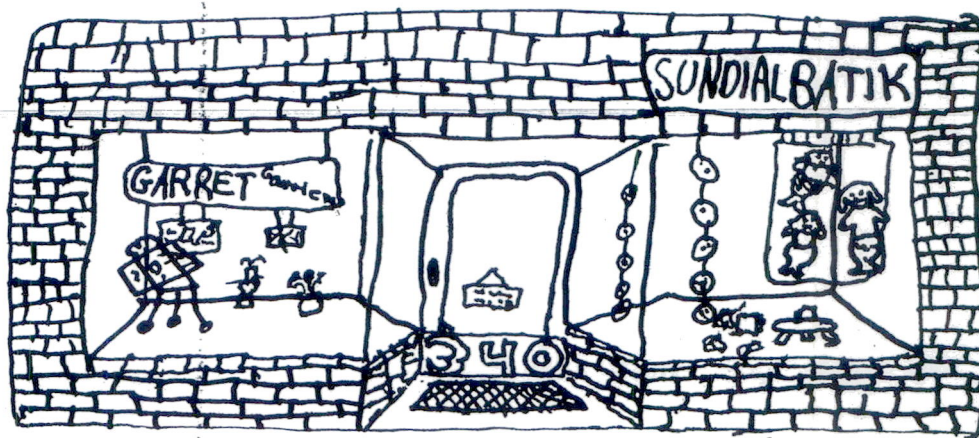
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# STUDY AREA



Map by ADAM HALL



### GARRETT GALLERY AND SUNDIAL BATIK

The Sundial Batik was started four years ago by Lucy Whilhelm, of Appleton Street, Cambridge. She is the only full-time worker and she has one part-time employee.

The Sundial Batik is open from 11-5 and is closed Monday and Sunday.

Lucy's most popular items are the hoops, displayed in her window, and things with cats and rainbows. The largest batik she has ever made is 3' x 4'. The Sundial Batik uses about 100 pounds of wax per year. The newest products are stuffed mermaids, displayed in the window. The busiest day is Saturday.

The Garrett Gallery was opened the same time as the Sundial Batik. The Garrett's most popular items are jewelry and greeting cards. Both stores get deliveries 3 or 4 times a week.

During working hours, most customers are women.

The Garrett and Batik have a pleasant smell of heated wax and wood. They are in a good location and many people are regular customers. Corita Kent (nationally known artist) has been a customer.

Sarah P. Steele (10)





REBECCA'S

Kathy Ball lives on Alpine Street in Cambridge. She was born in Boston on February 1, 1954. She has managed Rebecca's for about five months. Rebecca Caras started the business in 1973 in her own kitchen.

Kathy has three full-time employees and four part-time ones. Her busiest day is Saturday and her busiest hours are from 12:00 to 2:00. Rebecca's is open from 10:30 to 6 Mondays and Saturdays, and 10:30 to 9 Tuesday to Friday.

Kathy thinks that some of the good things about having a store in the Huron Avenue area are that:

- Rebecca's is the only restaurant in that part of Cambridge.
- it's not so busy or crowded as Harvard Square, "it's much more pleasant."

The store's employees were born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Scranton, Pa., Buffalo, N.Y., New York, N.Y., and Belmont, Mass.

The monthly rent for Rebecca's is over \$200.

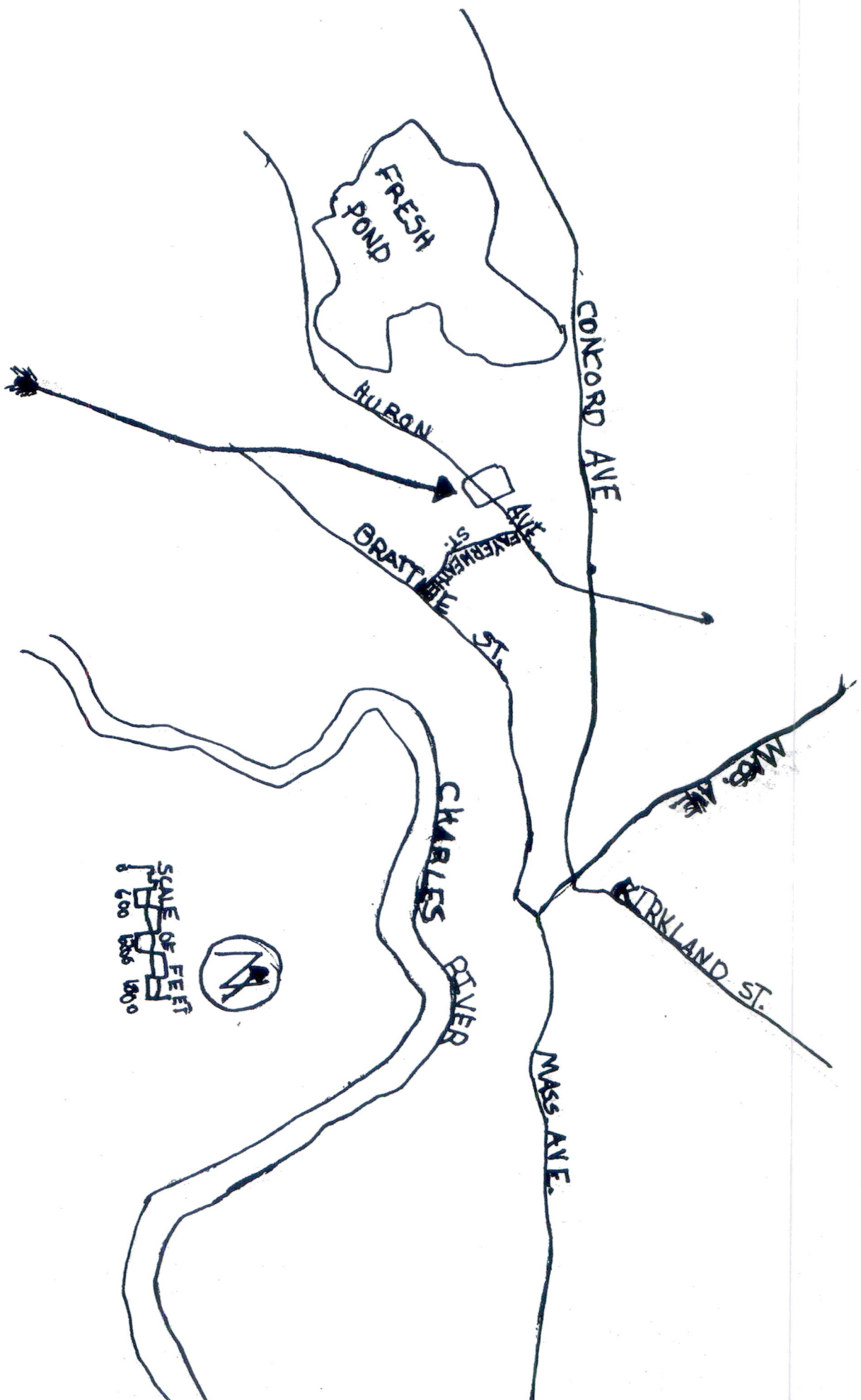
Rebecca's has had famous customers: Alastair Cook, Carol Channing and various news broadcasters. Their catering service caters weekly to Mayor White. Rebecca's has had customers from far away, some customers from towns in eastern Massachusetts.

Before the shop was there, there was a newspaper delivery service (Eliot News) and before that a carpenter's shop.

The store has deliveries two times a day from its central kitchen in North Cambridge.



# STUDY AREA



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Kathy Ball, the manager, has had these jobs before she was at Rebecca's:

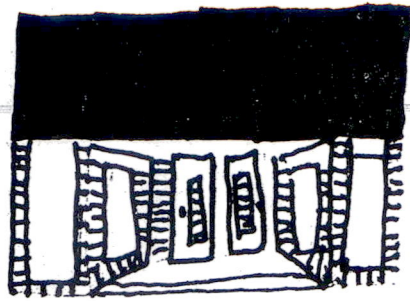
- an editor at Harvard University of a legal bibliography
- a research assistant for the Institute for the Study of Intellectual Behavior at the University of Colorado
- a camp counselor
- a sales woman.

Kathy does not intend to work at Rebecca's until she retires.

The store is rather small and it's crowded at lunch time. Smells of breads and pastries are all around the store. There are pictures of Haymarket on the walls, along with the menu, which is written on a blackboard. The customers come to eat a relaxing lunch and to chat or read the newspaper.

Stefanie Cohen (10)





### CERAMIC MOSAICS

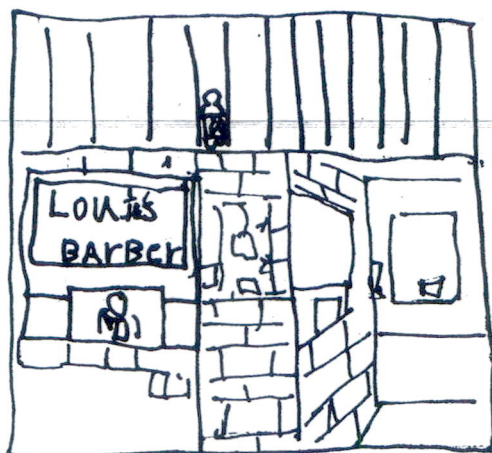
Ceramic Mosaics is open from 8 AM to 6 PM, and is located at 346 Huron Avenue. It is run by Dave Holloman. He teaches Tuesdays and Thursdays at Stonehill College. He teaches art. He teaches five classes a day. Most of his business is doing mosaics. He gets around \$2,000.00 for each mosaic and sells around five mosaics a year. A mosaic is a mixture of artwork and claywork. Sometimes, Dave does stained-glass windows.

Dave Holloman was born in 1927 in Arlington and now he lives in Lexington. Before he started his own shop, he worked in the YMCA in Boston and the YMHA in Roxbury, Stonehill College and he was a school teacher for a while.

He sometimes gets some calls from pretty far away, North Africa and Europe. He has had some famous people in his store, such as Ginger Rogers and representatives from the Government.

His largest mosaic he's ever made was 58 feet long and 12 feet wide.

Marin Auker (10)



### BARBER SHOP

Louie has worked at the barber shop for 21 years. He has 1 full-time employee and no part-time employees. Louie lives in Waltham. He usually goes to work in a car.

His rent is over \$200 a month. He gets deliveries every two weeks.

He has two barber shop chairs and one small sink. It is a small shop. There are three small cabinets and an old fashioned cash register. There are very few customers.

(Louis Maccagno died Wednesday night, the 18th of January, 1978, at the age of 48. There is now a new Louie working at the shop, which has always been a barber shop.)

Simon Vining (9)





HURON ANIMAL CLINIC, INC.

The Huron Animal Clinic, at 352 Huron Avenue, was started by Yashar Bahceli in 1975. He has never had any famous people in his store, but he has customers from far away. He was born in Turkey in 1943 and he lives in Newton. Saturday is his busiest day, and between 9-10:30 is his busiest time. He is open from 8 to 6 weekdays and 8 to 3 on Saturdays. He does not intend to make his store bigger and thinks that there is no way to eliminate double-parking. Only cats can be boarded at the clinic (there isn't space for dogs).

There used to be a law office and a plumbing store where the clinic is now. The two stores were combined and there are a lot of rooms and cages inside. It has a lot of plants and chairs near the front desk. In the examining room there is a table and all kinds of medicine.

He has been robbed twice by kids in 1975 and 1976. They were never caught. He likes this area because it is small and friendly and there is easy transportation to Harvard Square.

Gophie Aikman (10)



#### HURON DRUG COMPANY, INC.

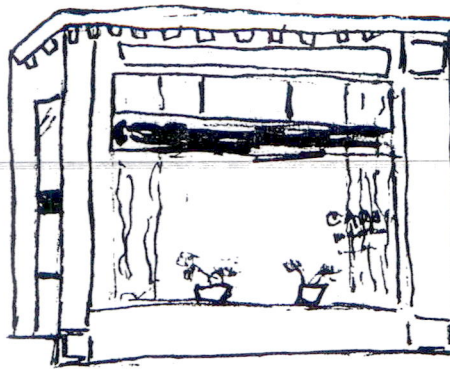
Huron Drug is on the corner of Huron Avenue and Gurney Street. Lewis Dorfman, the owner of the store, lives in Belmont and drives to his store every day. He has 4 full-time employees and 3 part-time. Lewis was a pharmacist, a writer for the Cambridge Chronicle, and an amateur thespian of great unknown. He was born October 1, 1916. He has worked at Huron Drug for 32 years. He says all his customers are famous! Most of the customers of the drug store come by car.

The drug store's busiest days are Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The store's busiest hours are 11 to 1 and 4 to 6. The store has deliveries several times daily.

The store has two floor heights. Their difference in height is about 2 feet. Lew sells things like papers, cards, magazines, candy, pens and he also has a post office in the store.

Eric Colburn (8)





### CAMBRIDGE TRUST CO

Nancy Blackburn is the manager of Cambridge Trust Company. She has 4 full-time employees and 2 part-time employees.

She was born in New York in May, 1949. She lives in Cambridge and she takes 10 minutes by car to get to the Cambridge Trust Company.

The Cambridge Trust Company is open from Monday through Friday 8:00 to 5:00. How it was from 2:00 to 2:30 on Monday the 30th of Jan.: around 13 people came into the bank. At that time 2 people were working in the booth and 2 people working at desks. The guard's name is Eric. It was very quiet and peaceful. I would like to work here. It's like a little community. Everybody knows everybody. It is great. But after a while a man came in, and everybody talked a little. Then everybody was laughing and he cashed his check and left.

The cellar has a lunch room, storage shelves, and computer equipment in it. There was a drug store before the bank.

The Cambridge Trust Co. has around 1,750 accounts. Here are some of 28 services: they have business accounts, Now Accounts, Regular Saving, 90 Day Notice Savings, Bank by mail, Collections, Display Windows, Credit Reserve Checking, Foreign Currency, Foreign Drafts, Loans (All types), that's only 11 services.

This Cambridge Trust Co. was started 3 years ago but Cambridge

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Trust Company dates back to 1880-some. The Cambridge Trust Co. used to be only a place to put your valuables, but now it is a top bank. The Cambridge Trust Co. gets customers from very far away. 50% walk and 50% drive to cometo the Cambridge Trust Co. Once a week--sometimes twice--the Cambridge Trust Co. gets deliveries from Harvard Square. The Cambridge Trust Co. is not planning to change or expand within the year.

The Cambridge Trust Co. was robbed in Jan. 1977 by two men but they were caught. The Cambridge Trust Co. has never had fire. A big problem is parking!!!!

reported by Bart Paine (11)





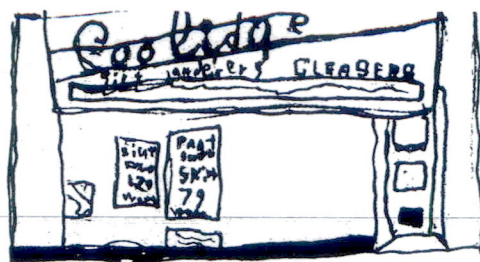
FRESH POND MARKET

Leo's Market has a lot of customers every morning. Some parts of the store sell cake and cup cakes and other things like that. The things are all put in order so people can find them. Leo sells most of the things you would probably want. The market doesn't smell at all. Leo sells a lot of a variety of everything he has and sells. Leo's is very crowded most of the time. He has prices that are fine for the kind of food he sells. It's a good little market. He has good everything.

Leo takes a car to work. It takes him about 20 minutes to get to work. He's worked there 17 years. He is going to work until he retires. He has 6 full-time employees and 6 part-time employees. His cellar doesn't leak. He stocks about 2000 items. He's open from 8 AM to 6 PM. He started the business so he could live on it.

There used to be two houses on the site before Leo's was there. They were moved down Huron Avenue and are near Grozier Road, with a lot between them.

Leo worked in the army before he started to work at his market. He has a boiler in the cellar. He has deliveries two times a day at about 9:00. Mr. Semonian, Leo's father-in-law, started the business. Justin Dore (8)



### COOLIDGE CLEANERS

The woman who answered the questionnaire wasn't serious about it. When I asked her what was in the store's basement, she said, "who knows." When I asked her what was in the backyard she said, "what backyard." She said, "All of the people that go here are famous."

Mr. Turin started the business. His rent is under two hundred dollars and he has two employees. His busiest day is Wednesday and his busiest hour of the day is three to five. He stocks a lot. The times when it's open are Monday to Saturday from eight to six.

It takes the woman who works there half an hour to get to work. She has been working in the Coolidge for seven years. Most of the customers walk.

They have two deliveries and he doesn't have a backyard. He doesn't plan to change it within the year. The store hasn't been robbed yet. It looks beaten up.

The store isn't responsible for any garments over thirty days. There is a five hour service at the same price as all other cleaning.

The person who works there is a little nice. It's a little drafty. It's a nice place. Whenever someone comes in they get into a little conversation. I think that it needs painting. It seems that anyone who comes in is her friend. She is in the business because it's busy and it's in a nice spot. It usually isn't crowded. It has a big sign that covers almost all of the building.





### HAVE A HEART

Joanie Mackall, the manager of Have a Heart, lives at 10 Fayerweather Street and was born February 2, 1952 in Connecticut. Her sister, Lucy Mackall, started the business, but now runs Lucy's Canvas. Joanie has been working in her store for about one year so far, but she doesn't plan to keep working there until she retires. Luckily, she has never been robbed, and she hasn't had a fire in her store yet. Most of her customers get to her store by car, but she walks to work.

Joanie has mostly hearts in her store. (That's why it's called HAVE A HEART.) She has hearts are made of glass and other materials. She also has heart-shaped candles and mirrors, even a heart that beats! Now that it's very near Valentine's Day, she sells a lot of valentine cards and candy. She sells a real lot of jewelry and she works very hard to keep her store tidy and neat. She sells some ~~very~~nice sachets, too. Everything is very expensive! Her store is great for valentine gifts. Joanie has some clay stuff in her store also.

Joanie works all week in her store alone except for Mondays when Debbie comes and takes over so Joanie can go home and take a rest. HAVE A HEART is opened 10-6 Mon.-Sat. Her busiest day is Saturday and her busiest hour is around 1:00. Joanie stocks over 100 items and most of her deliveries come from New York.



### JEFF'S DISCOUNT KITCHEN

Jeff Lass lives in Cambridge. It takes him 5 to 30 minutes to get to work. He goes to work by bus and sometimes by car and sometimes he walks. He was born in Brooklyn, New York and he does not plan to work at the Kitchen until he retires.

He worked 11 years before he owned his first store. He thinks that one-third of his customers walk and two-thirds take a car. Some of his customers live far away. He does not know any history of his building. He does not know what was on that spot before this building. He does not know what is in his cellar. His rent is \$400. He does not have any full-time employees and he does not have any part-time employees. His busiest days are Friday and Saturday nights. He is open 5:30 to 10:00.

He has two or three deliveries a week. He has been robbed once. He got robbed when he just opened and they were not caught. He has not had any fires.

When I went down to Jeff's, he was always closed and I could not see in because he has a curtain in the way.

Stephen Lynch (8)





### CHARM BEAUTY SALON

Charm Beauty Salon has been run at 366 Huron Avenue for one year by Claire DiGiambattista.

She plans to keep on working until she retires. She has had another store before the Charm Beauty Salon and before that another store. She worked for seven years before she owned her first store.

When Claire owned the stores she always did hairdressing. She learned to do hair-dressing at hairdressing school. She was born in Cambridge in 1942. Her rent is around \$200 a month. The Charm Beauty Salon hasn't had many customers when I have been there, but when they do have customers they talk a lot to keep them entertained.

Also they can give coffee to their customers. Some of their customers, such as the lady from Henry Bear's Park, are from other stores in the neighborhood. Most of their customers come from nearby places.

Anna Guillemin (8)



Clayworks is run by Kathy O'Neill who was born in Boston in 1946. She lives at 452 Franklin Street in Cambridge.

She get to work mostly by car and this takes her ten minutes. Kathy is in the present business to make a living and to work in clay art. She has been in the business for five years and her store is opened six days a week from 10:30 to 6:00.

She's been a student and a mother before owning her first store. She doesn't plan to stay here until she retires. She doesn't have any full-time employees but she has 6 part-time employees. Two of them were born in New York City and one was born in Philadelphia. Most of the customers drive or walk from Cambridge, Belmont, Somerville and Boston. She hasn't had any famous customers that she knows of.

Kathy doesn't know the history of the building or what was on the site before it was erected. She hasn't any names of people who may know the history of the building but knows there was an upholsterer and a studio-business previously. The cellar in the building doesn't leak and she keeps paint, an old kiln and wood in it.



Her monthly rent is over \$200. Her busiest day is Saturday, and her busiest hour is lunch time.

She carries pottery all white in various styles. Kathy gets two deliveries per month from other businesses. There isn't enough room for parking and diagonal parking with meters would solve the problem of double parking. In the back of the store is a yard for enjoyment. Kathy has no plans for expanding the store within the next year.

She has been robbed twice, once in the spring of 1975 and in 1977. The robbers haven't been caught and she doesn't know who they were. She hasn't had any fires.

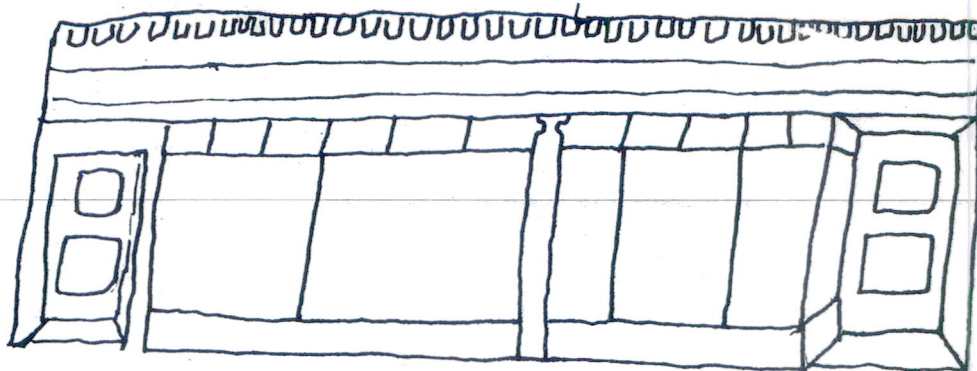
The good points about owning a store are people who like her work and paying rent within a reasonable price.

The bad point about having a store in this area is parking.

In CLAYWORKS, Kathy has bowls, salt and pepper shakers, cups, mugs, tea kettles, plates, candle holders, plant holders and much more.

CLAYWORKS is mainly painted white inside except for some brown and white striped canvas that she has on the ceiling.

Varinia Michalun (9)



### COIN-A-MATIC

Paul Martel owns the laundramat on Huron Avenue. He lives in Marblehead and it takes him three fourths of an hour to get to work in his car. He has one part-time employee and no full-time employees. In his cellar there is a cement floor. His busiest days are Saturday and Sunday. His busiest hours are between six and eight at night. His rent is \$400 per month. He thinks that one of the problems about having a store in this area is parking. He had one fire but that was just a small dryer fire.

Here are some interviews that I had with people:

"I like the notes on the bulletin board because it tells me what's going on in the neighborhood. I like to come in the middle of the week because it isn't crowded and it's very clean. I like it because it's close to my house."

"I think there should be more heat because the only heat you get is from the dryers and washers. And also my toes are frozen."

So, if you have some dirty clothes and want some nice, crisp clean clothes just drop in. He's open from 7 AM to Midnight daily and he has 23 washers and 10 dryers.

Adam Hall (11)





Emma's Pizza is located at 370 Huron Avenue. It has no employees except Emma and her husband Gregory, who are the owners. Most people think Emma started the store but this isn't true, Greg started it. Emma was born in Italy in 1918, I suppose Greg was born then too. They own all the stores from the dry cleaners to the headquarters. They rent the stores out.

Our class used to buy pizza from them once a week. We usually spent about \$15 a week and the other class did too. We are now boycotting them because:

- (1) Emma did not cooperate with the questionnaire
- (2) she wouldn't let us dig a 1 square meter hole (for finding things like old jars and red glass) in her backyard.
- (3) she has been rude to us.

Emma and Greg have a very good business. People go in there every fifteen or twenty minutes. Emma doesn't pay any rent because they own the store. Her customers say that her pizza is the best in Boston. I think it is good, too. Her customers get pizza from Emma about three or four times a week.

Emma has a cellar and a big yard but she doesn't use them. I don't know why. Emma or Greg or both of them were bakers 12 years ago. They have been in the pizza business for 12 years obviously. The building is fifty-eight years old.

Noah Prince (10)



LEN RUSSELL HEADQUARTERS

Len Russell lives in Cambridge and was born there in 1932. He worked for 20 years as a disposal contractor and a salesman before he owned his first store. Then 4 years ago he started Headquarters (which is a small election effice) His employees there were all born in Cambridge and are volunteers. It takes him about 2 or 3 minutes to get to work either by car or by walking. He plans to work there until he retires. His rent is about \$250. The business that was there before from 1957-1970 was a cobbler (who also sold shoes and sneakers).

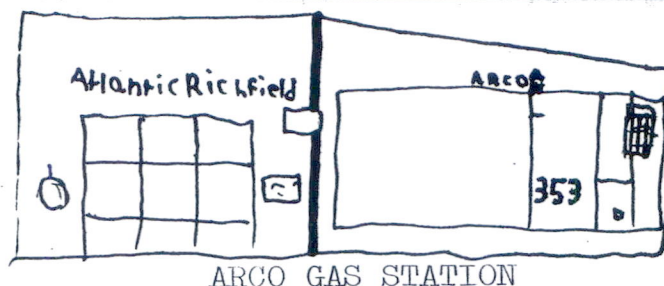
Headquarters is open Thursday evening 7 to 10 at various times in an election year. He thinks one of the area's biggest problems is parking. He would elinininate double parking by turning the brusks in his backyard into a parking lot. He has never been robbed or had a fire at Headquarters.

Matt Amory (8)



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**HURON AVE. NORTH**



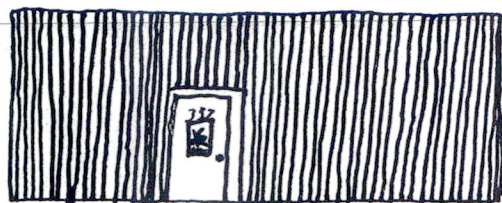
Arco is another member of the Huron Avenue district. Carl Clark, the owner, lives in Somerville. He was born in Cambridge in 1940. He plans to work there until he retires. He has worked at Arco for 6 years. Most of his customers come by car. He owns his house and he has no cellar at Arco. His busiest days are Friday and Saturday. His busiest hours are 7-9 in the morning and 4-5:30 in the afternoon. He is open 6 AM to 6:30 PM, Monday to Friday. He is open 7:30 to 4:00 PM on Saturday.

There is a house in back of Arco. Clark likes to have a station in this area because he likes to meet people.

The station smells like gas. It is very busy; cars and trucks are constantly asking for gas. There is a bell that is almost always ringing and it is hard to write. There is a lot of smoke inside and there are a lot of tires. There is a t.v. and an adding machine on the desk. There is a water bubbler across from a coke machine.

Calvin Brown (8)





### ERNA SPORNER

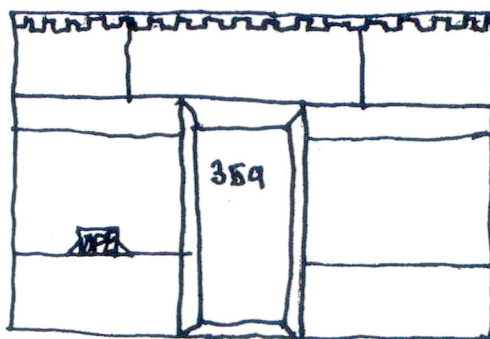
Erna Sporer, now living in Brookline, was born in Vienna, Austria, November 24, 1907.

She started a dance studio in 1968 and she plans to work there until she retires. She has had famous people come to her studio, but she will not say who. She would like to somehow make sure there are more parking places for her and everybody else. She uses her back yard for a garden and uses it for some summer and some spring classes. "Two months ago, the best thing about having a studio in this area was the great parking. But now it's impossible to park here," she said recently.

Some time ago, I visited there. They had a lot of nice plants in the window. Prim roses, bogoniam, coleus, philodendron, angel-winged begonia and a rubber tree made the studio very green.

It seems like a very homey and comfortable place. Erna Sporer has a very pretty German accent. The people who she teaches seem to have a lot of fun.

Amy Barber (11)



BIG "T" SUB SHOP

The Big "T" Sub Shop is run by Tina and Tommy Guanino. Tina started the business in 1962 and has been working there for 16 years. Before the sub shop, Tina had a gas station. Before the sub shop, she worked for thirty years at jobs. Tina and Tommy were both born in the Boston area. Their deliveries come from Cambridge and their meat deliveries come twice a week and the pastry comes four times a week. In the back of the store they have a garden but they don't get their vegetables in the garden. The most famous person who came into the store was Joseph Kennedy, Jr. Their busiest hours are 11:00 to 1:00. They open at 6:00 and close at 4:00.

In the store they have soda, pastry and, of course, subs. They have no helpers, they do everything themselves. The people who come the farthest to the store come from three or four miles away.

When you come into the store, there is a dim light and Tina is usually talking with people. It is a small place and has two counters. The smaller one faces the pastries and the larger one faced the sub list and the stuff to make subs.



In the windows of the sub shop they have some plants. Tommy and Tina let people display cards for things in their window. For instance, if you wanted to put up a sign about a garage sale, they would probably let you put it up in their window. The smell of the shop is sort of a coffee shop.

Emily Botein (8)



### HENRY BEAR'S PARK

Henry Bear's Park is a very well-established shop. The owner, Sally Lesser, has one full-time employee and 3 part-time employees. Their most expensive item is 132 dollar doll house, and the least is a 10¢ balloon.

I think they handle the store very well considering the dozens of kids coming in every day. Most kids come in mostly between 3 and 4. The minute you come in you could almost think it is a library because it is quiet. I sometimes wish there weren't so much stuff because you sit there all day deciding what to get. Around 15-20 people come in between 3 and 4. The most popular item is the koala bear. Henry Bear's Park was named after a book of the same name by a friend of the Lessers. At first the store was only going to be a book store but they had so much space and they were located in a good area that they decided to make it a toy store.

Joe Gittleman (9)



### PIRJO

Pirjo is located on Huron Avenue. It's number is 365. Pirjo knits dresses, scarves, sweaters and things like that. Pirjo also sells jewelry. She knits and designs the clothes, but some are bought. PIRJO was named after the owner of the store whose name is Pirjo, but you pronounce it as peer-ee-o. Pirjo was a designer before she had her store, but she liked designing so much that she got herself a store where she could design clothes.

When you buy a sweater (or something knit) at Pirjo and it gets a little hole in it, you can go back to Pirjo and get it fixed. Also, if you want to buy a dress or something but you don't like the color it is in, you can choose from their wool and they will make the thing in that wool to fit you. They will also make some changes if you like. Pirjo has one part-time employee and one full-time employee. Both are females. One was born in Indiana and the other in Illinois. Pirjo was born in Finland. Her things look very Finnish probably because of that fact. Pirjo has been robbed three times: one in 1975 in December, one in 1976 in December, and one in 1977 in January. Only once were the robbers caught, but they didn't just steal the money, but also lots of the sweaters and dresses.

The store is sort of small. Some dresses are colorful and some of them aren't. There are a couple of old colorful rugs on the floor. You smell the wool. In the window she has dresses



on coathangers and then she sometimes will hang a necklace around the neck of the sweater or dress. She also has a big neon sign in her window.

There is a knitting machine in the back; when I visited the store there was a lady who came in with a sweater which had a hole in it. An assistant was able to fix the hole but the sweater would have to be sent back to the shop.

I like the shop because it seems cozy and the people there have been very kind to me.

Karen Guillemín (8)

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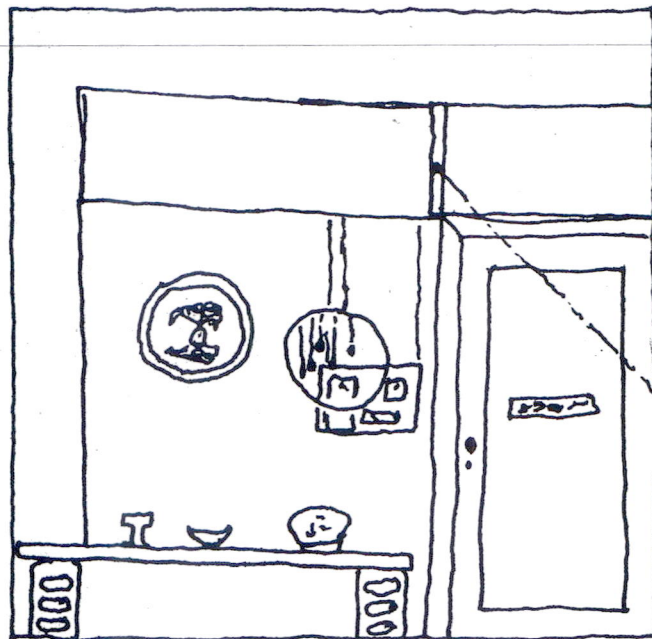
Angie, at the Spa, refused to have anything to do with our project, even after the Head of the school asked him to help.



The Bryn Mawr is very quiet. The people at the counter are rather old but the people looking around are young. I was sitting next to a lady who was mumbling and looking at some books at the same time. People just walk around and look. It smells like old books and it sort of dark inside. The ladies at the counter are nice, they laugh and are very kind.

The Bryn Mawr Book Sale is a non-profit corporation. The people who work there are volunteers. They live in Cambridge, Belmont, Dover, Concord, Winchester, Boston and lots of other places. Some of them work just a few hours, some work a whole day. All the money they make goes to the Bryn Mawr College. The store started with a once-a-year sale in 1959 at another location. Then they started the store for the school. They keep books in the cellar. Their stock is donated and is brought to the store any day of the week any time. The van men come from Maine to Connecticut. There is usually not enough room for them to park in front of the store so they usually park in their backyard. In the backyard there is a paved area with a curb out so they can drive in to unload. They have a two-family apartment building in part of the property.





### DHYANATARU

Dhyanataru is at 375 Huron Avenue. It is essentially a Rajneesh meditation center. During the day it is a place where people can purchase goods such as crystals, Rajneesh books, tapes, photographs and also works by different artists. Every evening at 6:00 there is a meditation, followed by different consciousness awareness groups, sufi dancing or whatever is scheduled for that particular night. Sometimes they have incense burning and generally there's music playing.

It was started by four women but now there are three running it. They have no full-time employees, it is all run on a volunteer basis. It is open from 1 to 6:00.

Mike Kearney (10)

# THE DIG WE DID

One of our projects was an archaeological dig. It was excavated behind the ceramic mosaics shop. We staked off a square plot, and split the square plot into four sections, and each person started digging. Mostly we found glass from different kinds of bottles and jars. Two kids found pieces of glass with red writing, which they could almost put together into a whole bottle. We thought it was a milk bottle, but we weren't quite sure. A lot of painted rocks were found, too. We think they must be from the mosaics place.

Each day different groups of kids went out to dig, rain, sleet, or snow. We dug with trowels and sifted it out for every single piece. The second week of the dig, we found out that rain had washed mud and leaves into the hole. We dug it all back out and kept on going. It was hard working through all the clay.

It was a good idea, but we didn't find much. It was funner at the beginning than at the end. Some of the stuff that we found was really neat, like a tiny watch spring, cigarette butts, long pieces of weird-shaped metal, pipe, a gigantic washer, and a lot of coal.

-Bart Paine  
Noah Prince  
Mike Kearney

## A HURON AVE. REPORT

I have been in this neighborhood for a year and I haven't really gotten to know a lot of people, like Mike or Sophie. But I like lots of stores because the people are mostly friendly. I like the school, too, because it's nice and small. My favorite store is Henry Bear's Park. I think it's a good community because there's every store that you need like the grocery store, and the laundromat and the other stores.

--Adam Hall (11)

Huron Ave. is my favorite neighborhood that I have lived in. I like the shopping because it has so many good stores, like Henry Bear's Park and the Big T Sub Shop, and most other shops. Except Emma's and the Spa I do not like.

-Stephen Lynch

I like Huron Ave. because there is everything you want. If you want film, you go to the drug store. If you want toys, you go to Henry Bear's Park. Another good thing is that all the store owners get to know you very well very fast, and when they get to know you better, then they do not mind you hanging around so much.

Huron Ave. is a nice place to go when you are not in school or when you are not doing anything. Or after school you can just sit down in Henry Bear's and read a book.

I think the best place to get a birthday present for your mother or father is Have-A-Heart. And if you want to decorate your house a nice thing to do is go down to Dave Holleman, who makes ceramic mosaics.

Huron Ave. would not be Huron Ave. without the stores that are there today.



I like Huron Ave. because the neighborhood has a great variety of stores. My favorite store is Henry Bear's Park. It is a toy store. Huron Ave. is a very friendly place. Many of the places on Huron Ave. have to do with crafts. Take for instance Have-A-Heart. It has a lot of heart-shaped crafts.

Not many stores overlap. Take for instance Fresh Pond Market does not overlap with the drug store. Like most supermarkets have a lot of things that drug stores have. But the Fresh Pond Market only has one thing that the drug store has: toothpaste. And this is the reason that I like Huron Ave.

Simon Columbus Vining (9)

I think Huron Ave. is a nice place. It has a good variety of stores, and the people are nice. You don't see very many children on Huron Ave.

It has a good variety of people, too. It has young people, old people, men and women.

I wouldn't mind living here if I had to. It is a small neighborhood. I like it.

Liza Delin (8)

I think that Huron Ave. is a very friendly place. It has a good selection of stores of all different kinds. of my favorite stores is Henry Bear's Park, because it sells so many toys and stuff like that.

Anna Guillemin (8)

I think Huron Ave. is a nice community and most people aren't competing, except Archie, the manager of the Huron Spa. He has been selling bread and, in other words, has been competing with Leo Nagarian. Otherwise the area is very quiet, except for an occasional fire or burglar.

Emma Matschichelian has been very grouchy, even though sometimes it is nice to have a pizza place. I like the food at Emma's and the Big T Sub Shop better than that of Rebecca's, even the cookies. If you are a kid you will want to browse around in Henry Bear's Park.

Eric Colburn (8)

Huron Ave. is a nice place to go over to a friend's house or take the bus. Bus number 72 goes from Huron Ave. to Harvard Square and back to Huron.

We are boycotting Emma's Pizza because she hasn't been helpful with the questionnaires or the dig, but Emma's pizza is so good it's hard. But if you like food, go to Leo's Market. You will find cake mix, frozen food, soup, fresh food, meat, fish, olives and candy. The spa has good things, too, like slush candy and ice cream.

Huron Ave. is a nice place. Someday I would like to live there because it is so nice and friendly. I like it a lot.

Caleb Brown (8)

What I like about Huron Avenue is it is a friendly place, with lots of friendly people. Every store knows you. My favorite store is Henry Bear's Park. I don't like Emma's. I have lived here all my life and like it.

There are kids I am scared of and a lot of dogs I am scared of. There are lots of kids that I like and play with. I have had my bike and my skateboard stolen so I never leave my bike outside of a store.

Sophie Aikman (10) 142 Lakeview

#### HOW I FEEL ABOUT HURON AVENUE

At first when I moved here I thought I would never fit in. After a while, though, I made a few friends around the block. As soon as school started I made some friends there. It was not until later that I had more friends and I could trust more people. I used to be scared to go to the Spa because all the big kids hung out there and I thought they'd pick on me.

Almost every day, I'd go to Henry Bear's Park and buy Wee Beasties and look around. When school was about half-way through, I always went to the Spa and I sort of stopped going to Henry Bear's Park.

I like the neighborhood very much. It is very convenient to have a drug store and a toy store and a market on all sides of you.

Mike Kearney (10) 6 Standish Street



## MY VIEW OF MY NEIGHBORHOOD

When I first moved to this area I didn't know anybody. I have lived here 3 years and I feel safe except when I'm out on Huron Avenue and see spooky-looking people walking around. I like to run around behind the Spa. It's not so good to leave your stuff around because it can get stolen.

I would not leave this area for \$100. I know just about all the people on my street, and just about all the men and women who work around the area on Huron Avenue. It has just about all the stores you want.

Justin Dore (8) 95 Fayerweather Street

## My View of the Neighborhood

I think the neighborhood is nice because I know lots of people there. My biggest problem is that it's almost impossible for me to cross Huron Avenue at rush hours. My favorite stores are Henry Bear's Park and Rebecca's. I don't like the Spa because the people in there aren't very nice to me.

When I first moved here I didn't think I would like it very much because I didn't know anyone. I also don't like Huron Avenue because it's so busy I can't ride my bike on it. Most stores don't mind if you just come in to browse and I like that.

by Bush P. Steele (10) 101 Fayerweather Street

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## LIVING ON FAYERWEATHER

When I first saw the neighborhood I was five so I didn't remember a lot when I first got here but it's a quiet place and there's people that are nice and some are mean.

It's pretty easy to find a friend to play with. There isn't very many robberies. It's also has good stores to do, get toys, books, groceries, wash clothes, heart gifts, medicines, candy, post office, dance studio, vet, gas statinn, book store, restaurants, bank.

Drew Morby (9) 33 Fayerweather Street

Before our project I didn't know about Huron Ave. and I didn't know anybody on Huron Ave., which I thought was very important. Like for instance I didn't know about Pirjo, the store that has knitted sweaters, dresses, etc. Or the ceramic mosaics store I thought was just sort of a junk place. But now since we have done the project, I know some people and I know much more about the stores.

Emily Botein (8)

Huron Ave. is a very nice place and it is very friendly. Everybody knows everybody. Huron Ave. has a drug store and a toy store, pizza store and other things. Henry Bear's Park is good if you want a pinching bear or a lego set or books. I like Henry Bear's because there are so many things at low prices. It is now selling clothes, too. It is also a very nice place to browse. You can get cars, puzzles, games, Snoopies, Wee Beasties, cards, wooden trains. It is a good place to ask advice about other toys. It is also very hard to pick a toy. It is right next to Pirjo on Huron Ave.

Caleb Brown (8)

Before we did this project, I didn't know anything about Huron Ave. Like I didn't even know any of the people who live around the place or I hardly knew any of the stores. But now that we did this project, I know all the history of Huron Ave. and everything.

Anna Guillemin (8)



## HURON AVE.'S PUBLIC PLACES

Most people use the Huron Ave. sidewalks. Very few use the street because of so many cars. Few people like to cross Huron Ave. A lot of people use the trash cans. Lots of people use the bus to get where they're going. Some people if they see their friends, they start talking to them for a couple of minutes.

-Varinia Michalun (9)

## THE TRAFFIC FLOW OF HURON AVE.

Huron Ave. is very secluded area. You can't get onto Huron Ave by little side streets. You can only get off. Mainly kids use the cross walk. Most adults go diagonally across the street. Most of the traffic goes straight down Huron Ave. About a fourth of the traffic turns off on a side street.

-Sophie Aikman (10)

Ever since we've been studying Huron Ave., I've been learning a lot about it. Like I never knew that the bookstore used to be an ice cream store. It may sound stupid, but I don't know what Emma's Pizza was, even though I'm the one who is studying it. And if you're wondering what I meant by that you'd see why later on in this book. Although I learned so much, it does not interest me at all.

-Noah Prince (10)

## THE CONDITION OF HURON AVE. BUILDINGS

We think the Cambridge Trust Company is in very good condition. Henry Bear's Park is good on the bottom but not so good on the top. We think Rebecca's is in very good condition, but the sidewalk around it has lots of cracks. We do not think that Emma's Pizza is in such condition in the front. In the back of Emma's stores there are a lot of prickly bushes and tin cans and stuff like that. We think the Bryn Mawr Book Store is in pretty good condition and we like the bricks. We also like the window display at Dhyana taru. We guess that you could say that Have-A-Heart is one of our favorite stores in the neighborhood. We like their items very much; their window display is very nice, too.

--Bart Paine and Michael Kearney

## THE NEIGHBORHOOD PEOPLE

This is a report about what kind of people come to this neighborhood. It is a one-day study.

There are no kids from about 8 to 3 o'clock.

In the morning from about 9:30 to 11:30, there are mostly people in about their 30's to 40's. Delivery truck men also come in the morning. Joggers are there pretty much all day long. Old people usually come in the afternoon.

I saw a black lady in about her forties with a baby. I saw two black people, but more came, but most of the people in the neighborhood are white.

The people here look like they aren't rich and they aren't poor, but have enough money to support themselves, mostly, from what I've seen.

Babies usually come with their mothers.

-Adam Hall (11)

## HURON AVENUE-UNDERGROUND

The area in back of the wooden block of stores (Emma's)--the site of the bank and Fresh Pond Market and the houses on the western side of Gurney Street--is of unstable soil. This extends back to higher elevation in the rear of Lakeview Avenue. In 1911 and 1912 or so, city ash teams would enter at the stucco house (not built at the time) at 117 Lakeview Avenue and dump ashes in the swamp. At one time, a pond between Lakeview Avenue and Lexington Avenue, south of Engine #9, had an outlet flowing across Lakeview into the swamp. Water from the swamp emptied into the sewer system on Huron Avenue.

William Butcher, maker of Butcher's Floorwax, was instrumental in filling the swamp with ashes.

The easterly end of the wooden stores were floating on piles. The Fresh Pond Market building had to excavate its site deeper on account of unstable soil. Some years ago, a second attempt was made to prevent sagging condition of stores. The houses on the easterly side of Gurney Street over the years have had trouble with settlement.

The reservoir on Highland Street had a pipeline across Fayerweather Street, Gurney Street, under the bank, to Lakeview Avenue to the original pumping station at Porter Square auto salesroom.

--Edward McCabe



## 385 HURON AVENUE

385 Huron Avenue was the site of the first store in this area.

One could purchase bread, milk, and other groceries there.

It was originally owned by Patrolman James Hixon of the Cambridge Police Force. This Patrolman Hixon was a policeman by night and a milkman by day. I understand he was a firefighter and as such responded to fight the Boston Fire of 1872.

The property at 385 Huron consisted of a little story-and-a-half residence in back. The three-family was built later. I believe Michael Whouley became owner, since he lived where Mahoney's undertaking is.

A small store was built in front of the house. It was first occupied by Annie Lane, sister-in-law of Michael Whouley. Annie Scanlan next operated the neighborhood store. Sometime before World War I Annie Scott operated the store--until about 1948 or 1949. The store was then taken over by Arthur Sullivan, who sold cemetery monuments. Finally, Fayerweather Associates have an office there.

-Edward McCabe

Margret Frances Doyle is 70 years old and she lives at 77 Fayerweather Street in Cambridge. She was born in Cambridge and has never lived anywhere else.

In the back of her house she had a tin portable garage and it was hard to drive her car in and out. She built a brick garage. She used it for her car and then had it turned into a store. At first it was a variety store. Now it's Garrett Gallery and Sundial Batik.

Years ago, the Fresh Pond Market and the barber shop were on Huron Avenue, where they are now. There was a drug store on each corner of Gurney Street and Huron Avenue. There used to be three variety stores. Henry Bear's Park was a variety store. Where she lived and further up the hill of Fayerweather Street was mostly vacant land. Pirjo's was a coffee shop. Now the Fresh Pond Market owns most of the land on Huron Avenue. The animal clinic was a lawyer's office. The Big T Sub Shop was part of Huron Hardware. Rebecca's was a newspaper delivery place. The gas station was always a gas station as long as she's been here. The book store was Docet's Meat Market. She has pictures of her children coasting down from the top of Fayerweather to Huron Avenue. The traffic was not as bad. Emma's pizza has been there seven years. Emma's pizza is the only pizza place that's ever been here. The newspaper delivery place burned up and started about 1 in the morning. She looked out and saw a lot of firemen. She was

awaken by the smell of smoke. One of the firemen told her he wanted to get into the Garrett Gallery. She said don't break the windows so they went down to the cellar. The firemen told her to leave the door open to get the smell of smoke out.

Emma's Pizza used to be a shoe store. In World War I they had a shortage of everything. In World War II they got coupons that the governor gave them and every month some butter because it was very scarce. On the fourth of July they walked down to the Common the night before. And after the fireworks they would go to Brighton and see the bonfires. In those days there was hardly any crime.

It's very handy for her to live around here because there's the drug store, post office, Leo's, and the laundromat.

Sophie Aikman  
Stefanie Cohen  
Emily Botein  
Karen Guillemin



Edward McCabe

born 1902

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420 Huron Avenue

Mr. McCabe's grandparents settled in the Fresh Pond area in 1842. They bought an acre and three-quarters of land for \$73. The people around Fresh Pond had no direct water supply at that time so they went to Fresh Pond and took out water for bathing, drinking, etc. Fresh Pond at that time was in the hands of Fresh Pond Ice Company. They sold ice around the world. This whole area was given to the Coolidge Family in the 1600's. Lexington Avenue was known as Pleasant Street years ago.

The first store on Huron Avenue was put up in 1910. It was called Annie Scott's at 385 Huron Avenue. It is now occupied by Fayerweather Associates. When McCabe was a little boy he bought mostly penny-candy at Annie Scott's. She also sold home-made baked beans on Friday nights and Saturdays.

When Mr. McCabe was a little boy, his mother would pay his cousin a coin to come to play with him, because there weren't many houses at that time so there weren't very many children to play with. He remembers that the first thing he did when he woke up (when he was a child) was to shoo cattle off the front lawn. His family lived at 420 Huron Avenue, but there were few houses around, only fields.

Later on, at the Corner of Gurney Street and Huron was a drug store run by Frank Lynch. He sold it to Charles Purpont, who held it for four years, and then it was taken over by Harry Kagen. Now it is owned by Lewis Dorfman.

Where Tobin School is now, there used to be a big pond where

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children could swim. When he was little, his father gave him a two-runner sled which he used to sled down to Fresh Pond. He still has the sled in his basement.

Sophie Aikman  
Sarah P. Steele  
Stefanie Cohen

Mr. K. M. Hanson is a butcher at Leo's Market. He is 83 years old and he came to Cambridge in 1918. He stowed away on a boat from Istanbul in Turkey and how he did it was he canoed right where the boat was and when the flour hook came down he grabbed it and it pulled him up. Once he was on the boat the police couldn't get him.

When he got to Cambridge he partly bought a store which cost \$1600 and was on Huron Avenue, number 346. He had only \$400 to his name, but he paid back the \$1200 in one year. He lived on Standish Street and his weekly rent was \$1.25 and his landlady did his laundry.

His store was called Kay's Creamery and it was between a meat market and a vegetable store. Kay ate at his store every day but on Sunday he would pay 5¢ and take the trolley into Harvard Square. He would eat a big Sunday lunch for 50 or 60 cents. In 1918 hamburger was 19 to 25 cents a pound and a loaf of bread was 5¢.

Kay worked from 6 in the morning to 10 at night. He made lots of money because he stayed open later than the other grocery stores in the area.

Mike Kearney  
Sophie Aikman  
Karen Guillemín  
Betsy Betsie

THE HARRINGTONS REMEMBER 1930-1940

HURON AVENUE

By the Russell School there were only two houses in around 1907. The milk man and the baker delivered by horse and wagon. Very few houses had oil heating, most of them had coal. It was a weekly job to sift the ashes for coals. Tuesday was ash day, you would put the ashes in a trash can and the ash people would pick them up.

Instead of refrigerators they had blocks of ice in wooden boxes or a small room. For 25¢ you could ride from here to Revere Beach and back, buy a soda and spend the day in the fun house. For only 25¢!

There was a junk man who would go around singing "any rags any bottles". If you had any old rags or used bottles you would give them to him. Also a man called Aunt Jammima used to go around pushing a cart and selling taffy apples and slush. And you could swim in the Charles River but you couldn't drink out of it. (Too bad!)

Amy Barber  
Bart Paine



NONE - 65 years

How many years have you been shopping in this area? 2 years average

200' - 50 miles

How far did you travel to get here? \_\_\_\_\_

How many times in a week do you shop here? 3 averageYour age 22.3 averageWhich stores will you go into today? 147 stores visited by 90 people who answered.What kind of store would you like to have added to this shopping area? Hardware, Music store, shoe store, skateboard shop, soda fountain, 5 + 10 cent store,How much do you spend each visit to this area? lowest - 20¢ highest - \$50.00How did you get here? car (36) bus (2)  
walk (51) bike (5)Is it easy for you to cross Huron Ave.? Yes (65)  
No (24)Which stores around here have you NEVER been in? most visited Leo's  
least visited Louie's BarberHow long have you lived in your present location? shortest (1 week) longest (55 years)

Are you

married single

(41)(43)

Are you

male or female

(25)(65)

Where do you live

Cambridge

(73)

Somerville

(0)

Belmont

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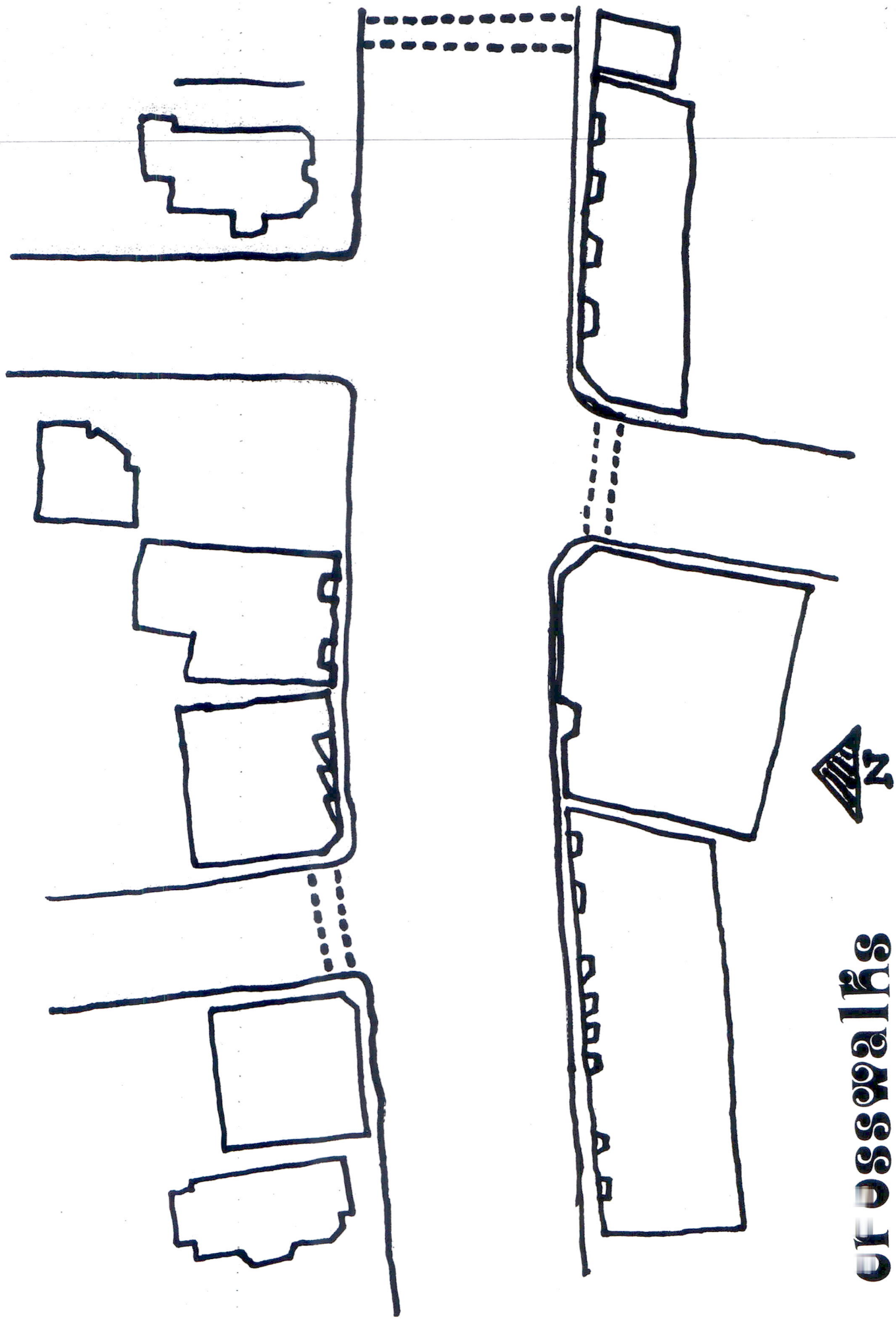
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Car (metal) Garage	Lending Library	Kay's Creamery
Ski place	Eliot News	Books for Africa
Gas & Electric Co.	Insurance Office	Electronics store
	Kowowock's market	Kendall's butter & egg store
	Joe Paul's Spa - soda fountain	1/2 was Mr. Maynard's
BARBER	VETERINARIAN	HURON DRUG
Always a Barber	Rosenfeld's tailor	Always a drug store
	Mr. Foster - lawyer	Frank Lynch - original
	Shoe repair and Mrs. Concannon's children's wear	1914 - Chas. Paponti & Sons
	Printer	Harry Cooperstern
	Lord's cleaners	Louis Dorfman - took ov next door dry goods store from Mr. & Mrs. Douglas
	Colonial Heating	
BANK	FRESH POND MARKET	COOLIDGE CLEANERS
Drug Store - 1928	Meat Market - 1918	McKee's Market office
	McKee's grocery and Provision	Candy Store

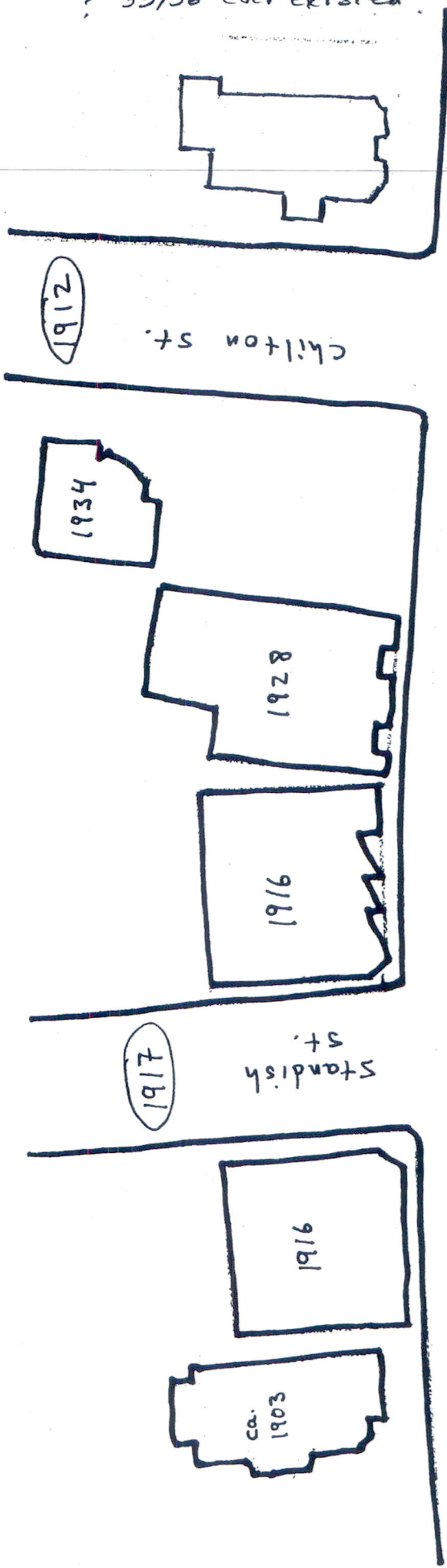
52 BIG T SUB SHOP	HENRY BEAR'S PARK	PIRJO
<p>A &amp; P - 1928</p> <p>Howell Sisters - 21 years</p> <p>Bakery</p> <p>Lenardi Sub Shop</p>	<p>Town Line Laundromat until 1975</p> <p>First National</p> <p>O'Keefe Stores - chain market</p>	<p>Black &amp; White cleaners until 1974</p> <p>Rosenfeldt &amp; Hine</p> <p>Chinese Laundry</p>
SPA	BRYN MAWR BOOKS	DHYANTHU
<p>Ginter's grocery - 1918</p> <p>Western half of present laundromat</p> <p>Part of A &amp; P</p>	<p>John T. Connor - 1918 grocery</p> <p>Spa - ice cream</p> <p>Part was John the Barber</p> <p>Automotive shop</p> <p>Sierra Club</p> <p>Doucette's Market - 21 years</p> <p>House that was origin- ally there was moved back in 1916. Store built soon after.</p>	<p>Plant store - Sun Drop - 1976</p> <p>Used furniture shop - 1975</p>

HAVE A HEART	JEFF'S	CHARM BEAUTY SALON
Small variety store	Where John Y. Connor was	Part of McKee's Mkt.
Barber Shop Lucy's Canvas	Chinese Laundry Western part of now Jeff's Jeff's Lunchroom (different Jeff) Real Estate Office Mr. Conant's wife sold fudge there	
CLAYWORKS	LAUNDROMAT	EMMA'S PIZZA
Western part of original McKee's Market (grocery & provisions shop)	Western part - Ginter chain store Lunch Room Eastern part - tailor shop (Harry Rickerson) Second-hand furniture and upholstery shop	Shoe repair shop Oteri fruit store (1915) Edward Hopkins plumbing shop Book store Restaurant
HEADQUARTERS	ARCO STATION	ERNA SPOONER
Plant and craft store until 1974 Henry Gordon shoe repair	Chief Casey's house - 1918 (now at 13/15 Standish)	A & P (1928) Huron Hardware - Frank McCullough and sister 21 years

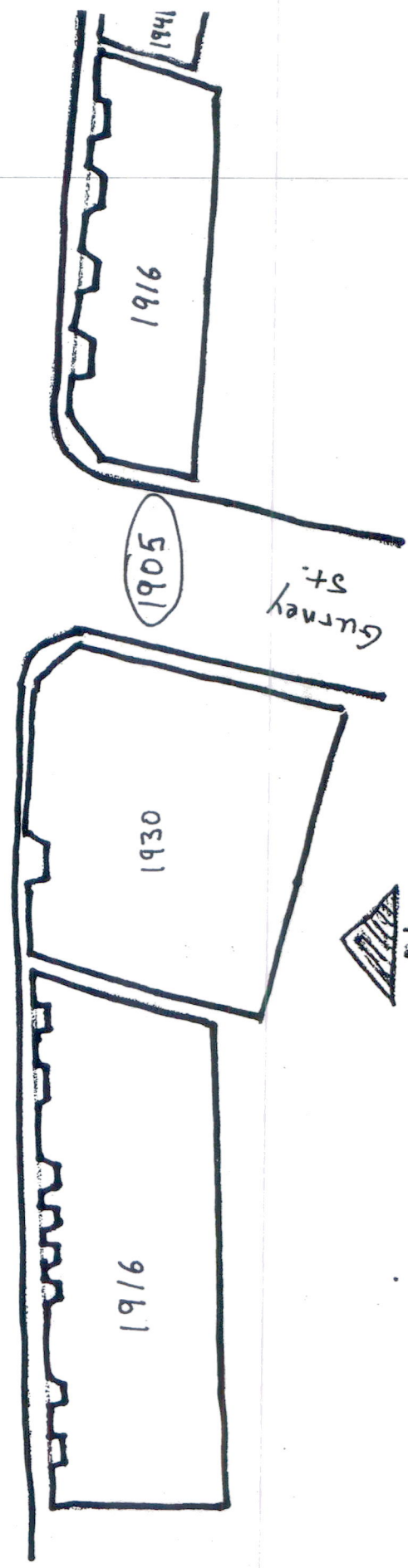




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1892 HURON AVENUE



Dates of buildings and streets

Atlantic Richfield Co.

Bryn  
Mawr  
Bookstore

Leo Najarian's  
Family



Emma + Gregory  
Matschickelian

Leo  
Najarian



Leo Najarian's  
Family

Margaret  
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Math Henry  
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Ownership of buildings



Map of  
Pond -

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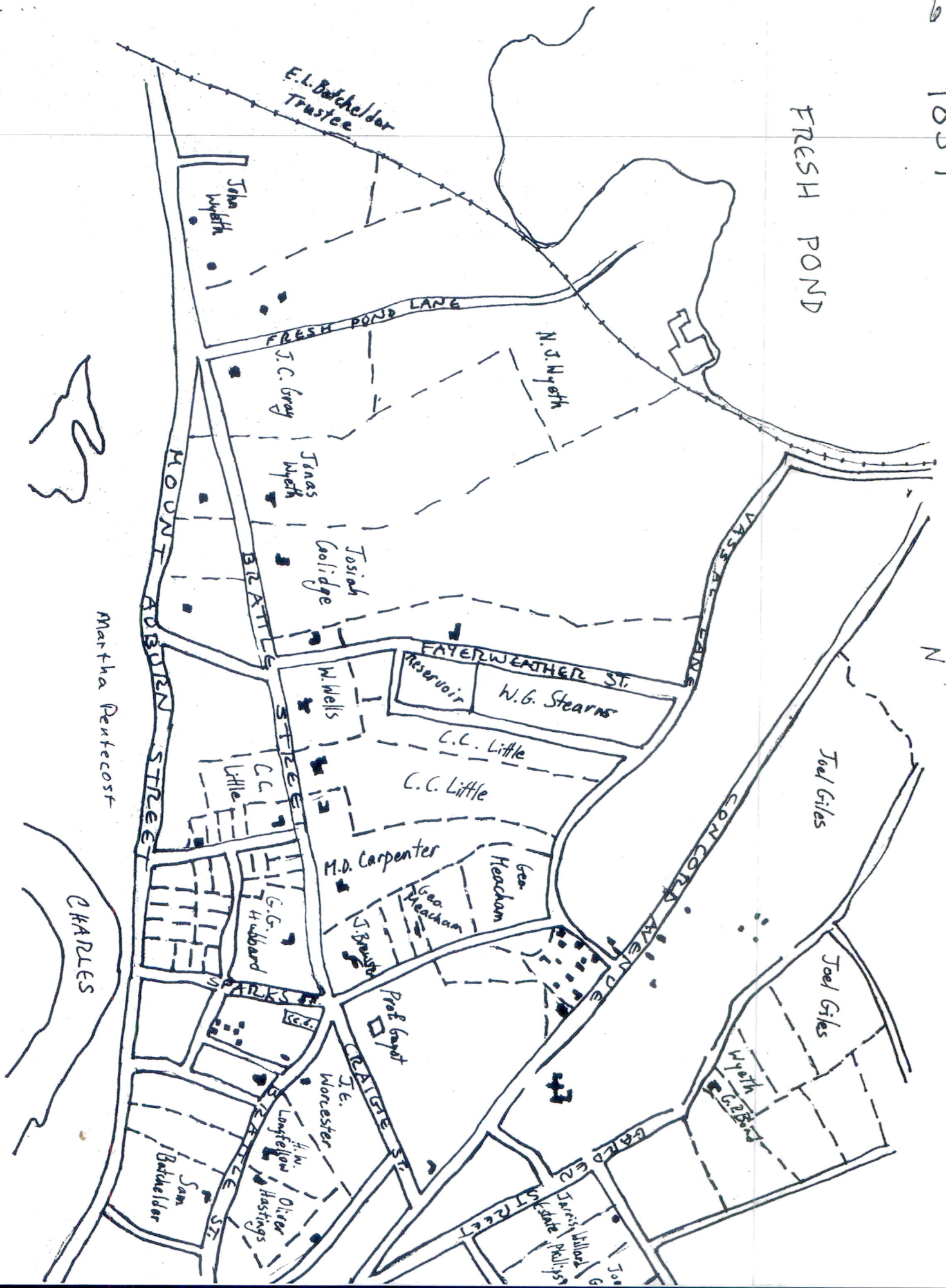
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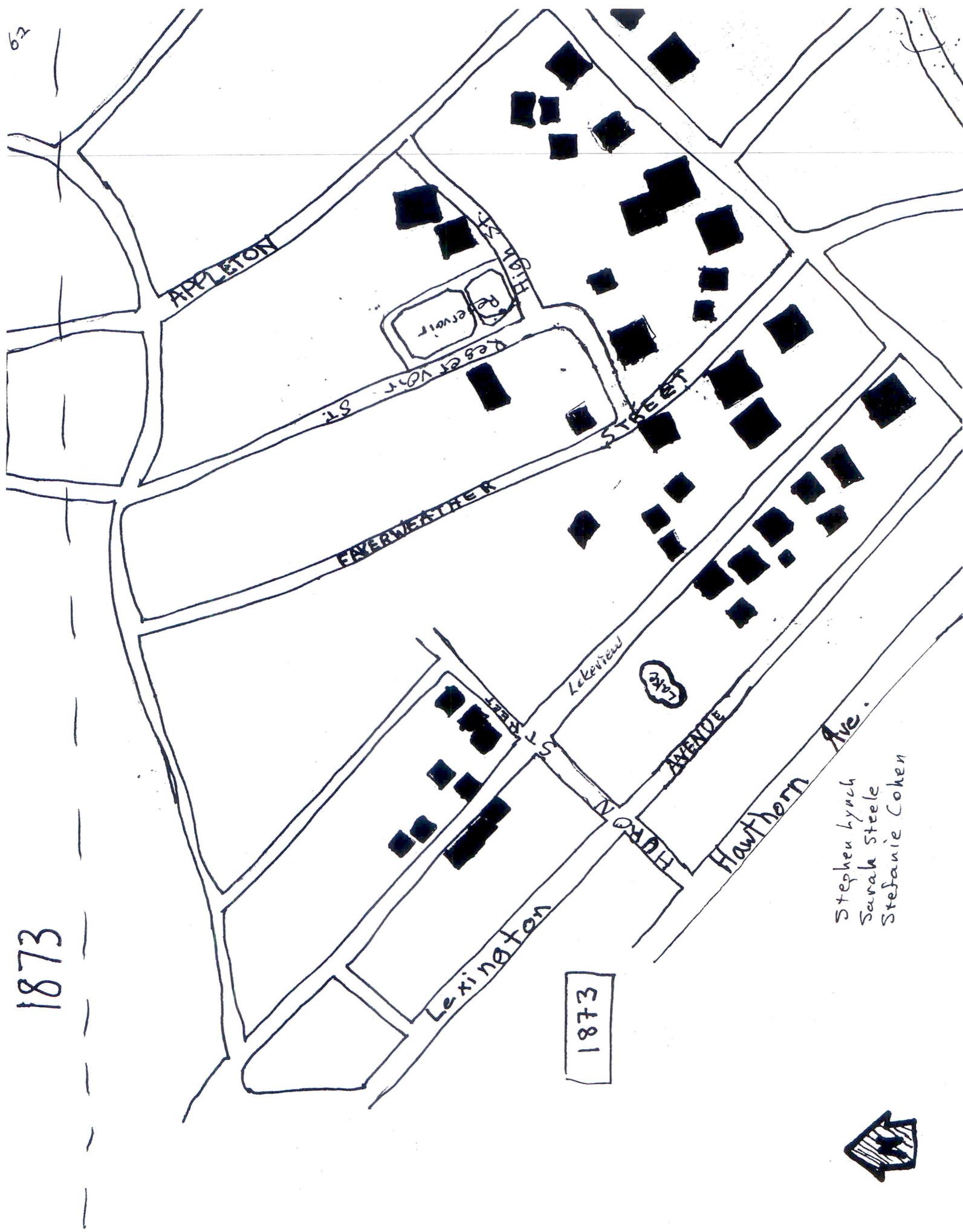
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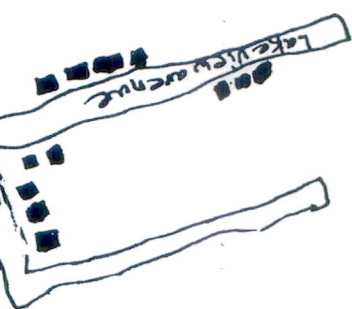
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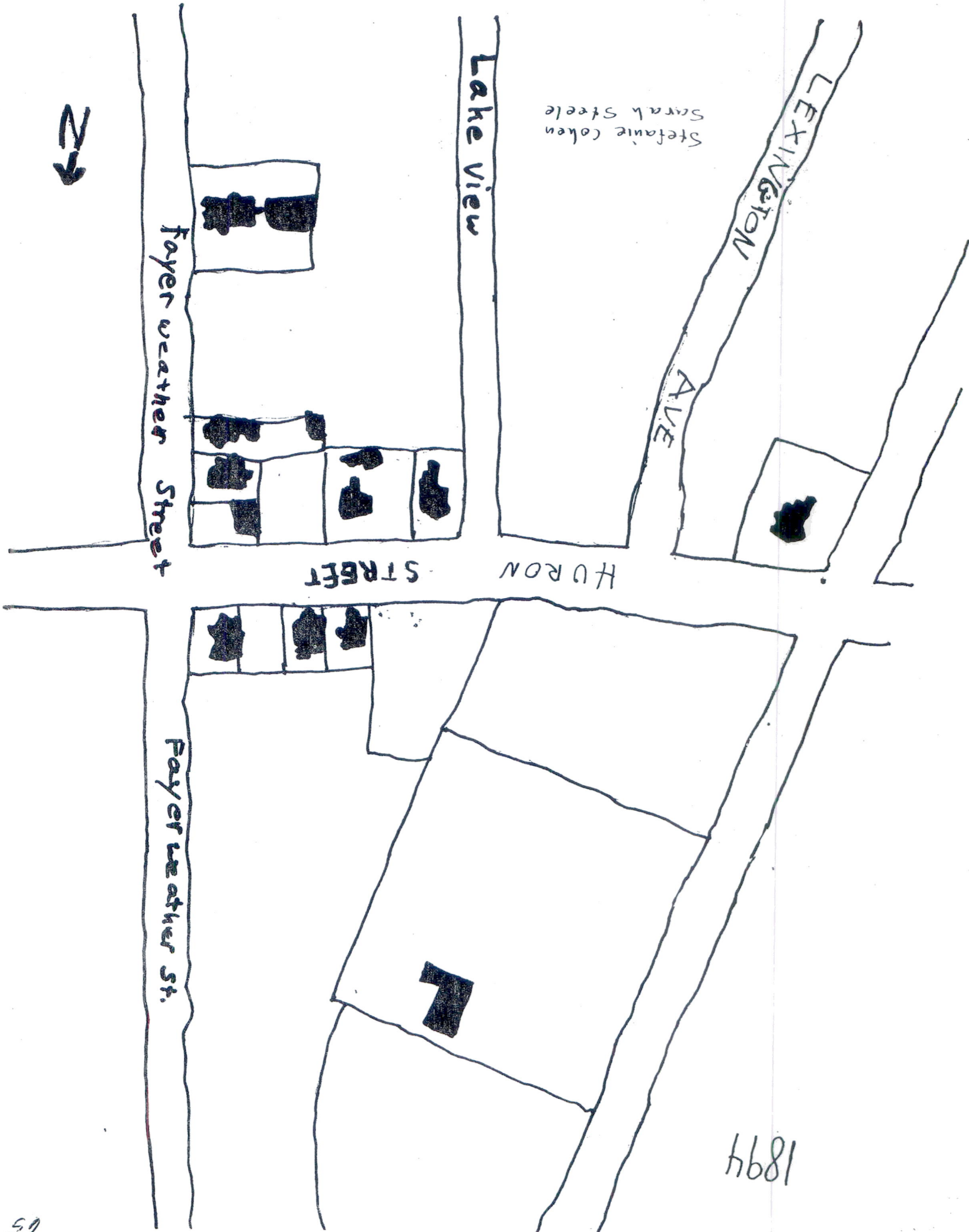
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Payet Weather Street  
Reservoir Street  
Reservoir  
Highland Ave.  
APPLETON STREET  
Vossie Lane  
Lowell Street



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Simon Viking  
Sarah Steele  
Stefanie Cohen





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Stefanie Cohen  
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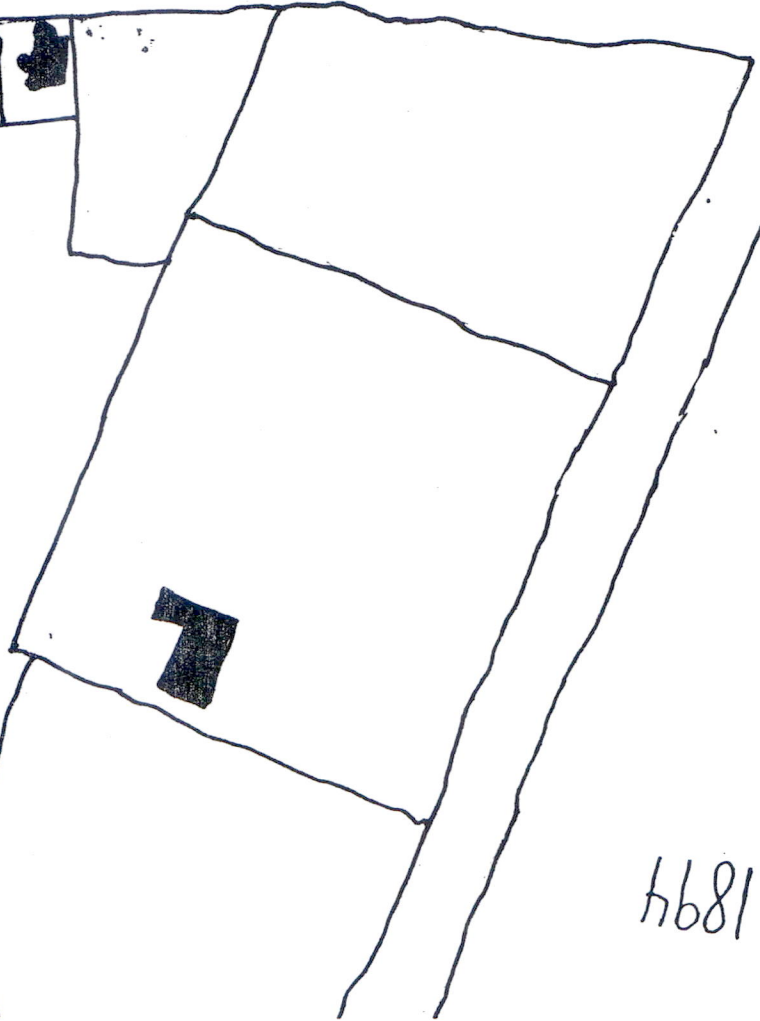
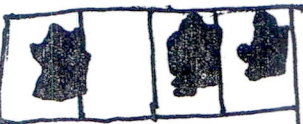
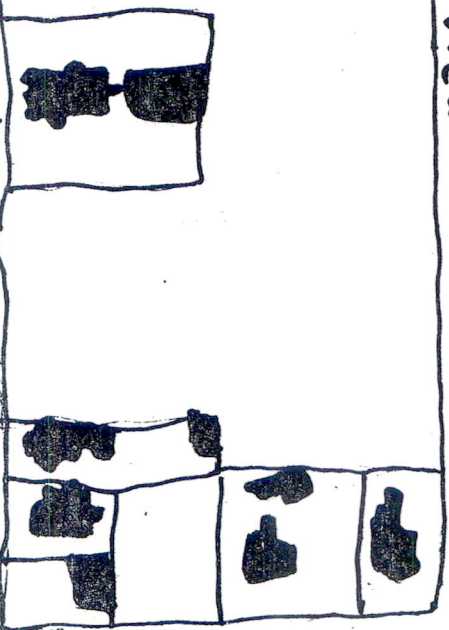
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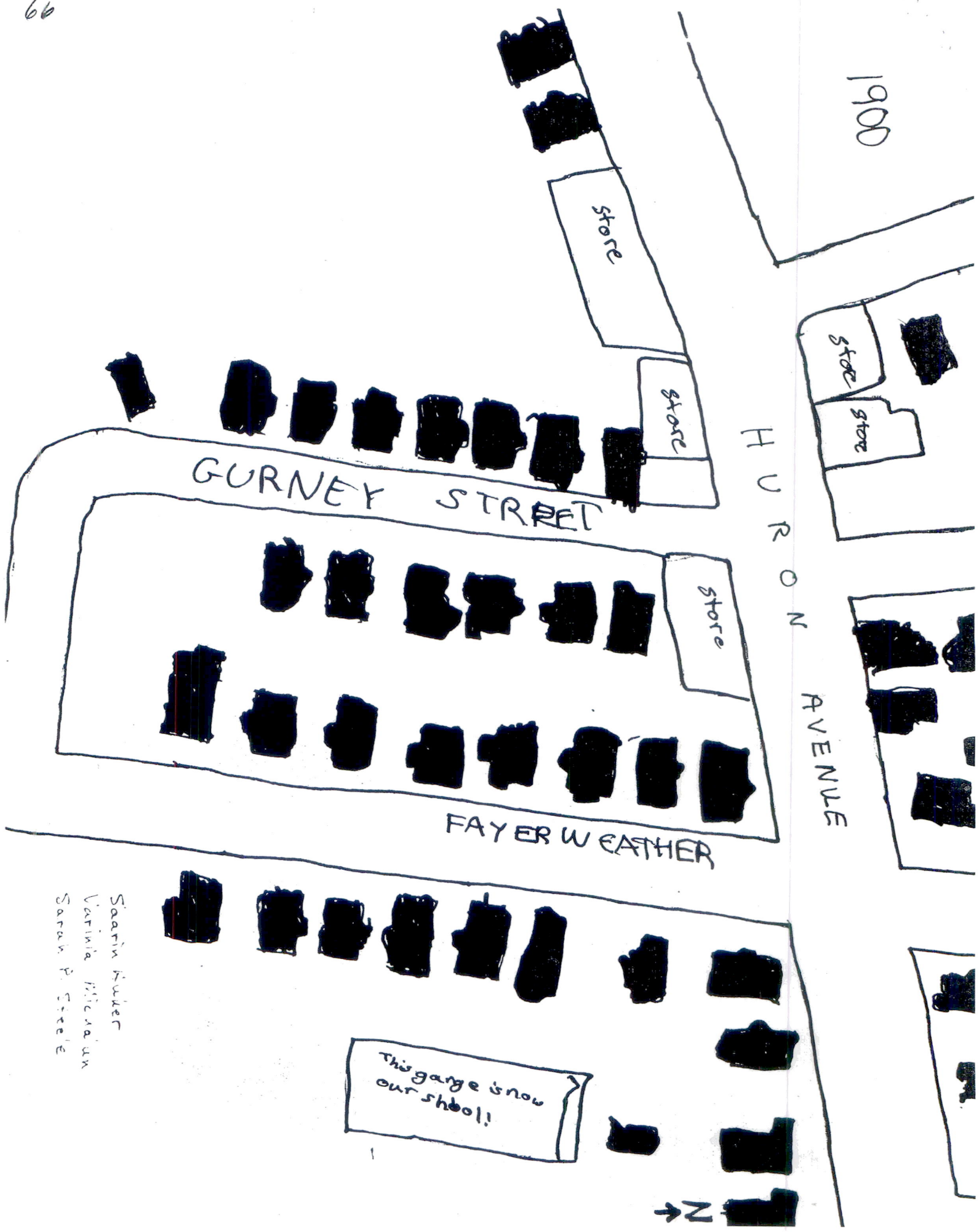
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Fayerweather Street

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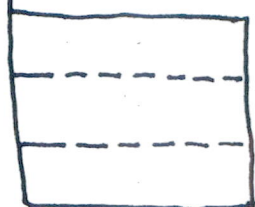
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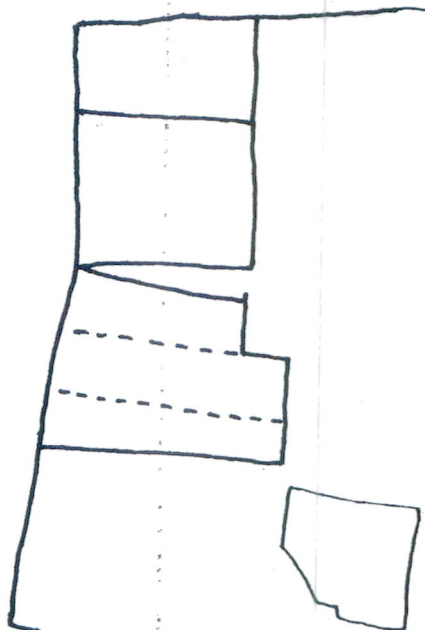
Crossings on Huron Ave in one hour  
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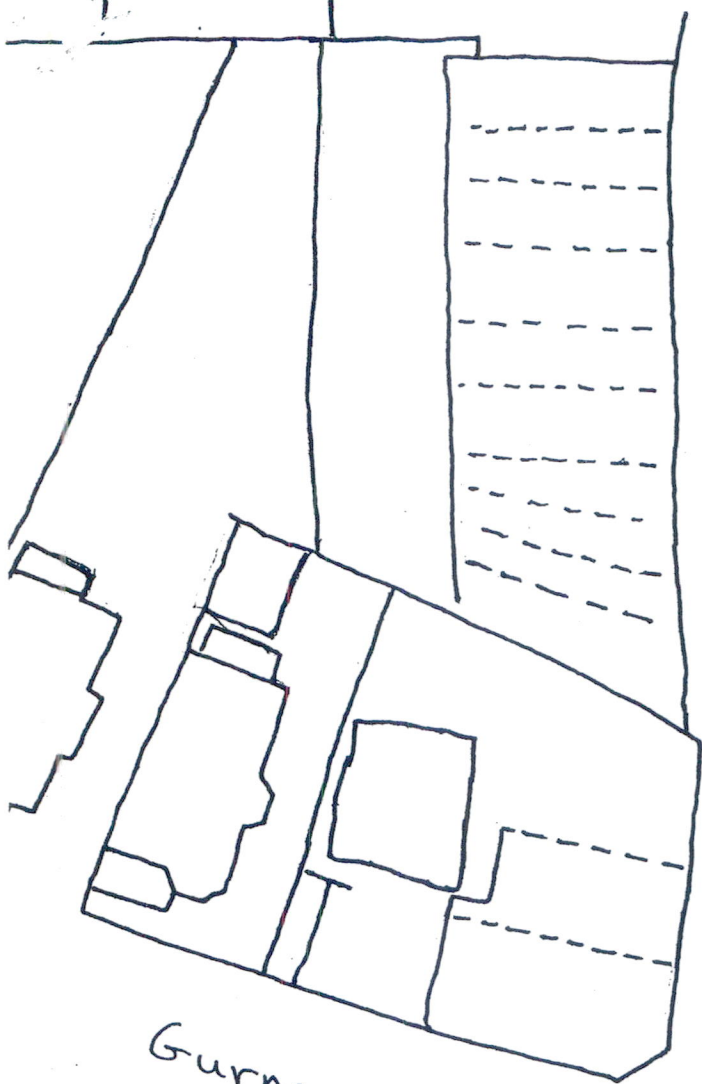
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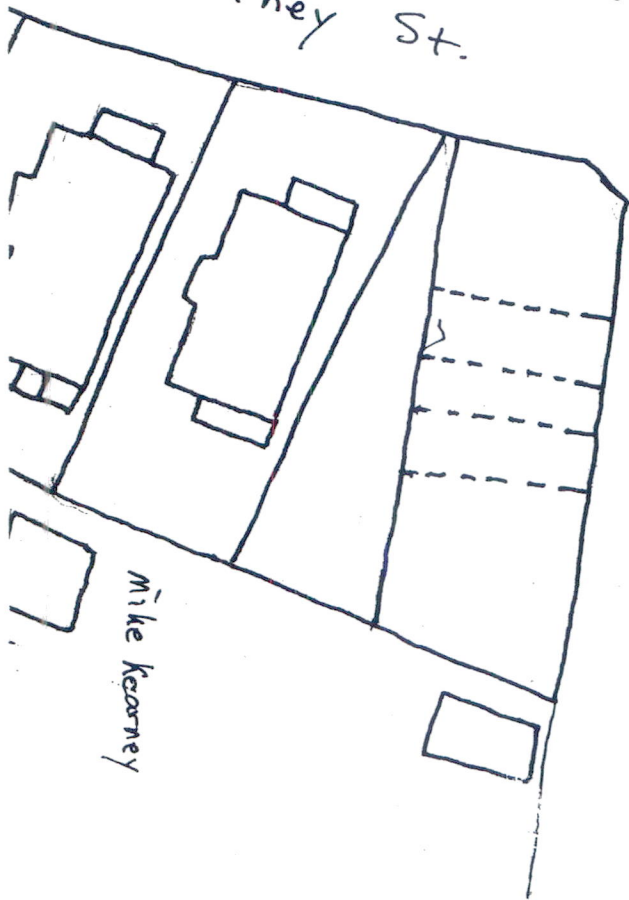
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