

Additional Aerial Photography Evidence of Bishops Lane parcel

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An important note for the Planning Board to consider is the establishment of Bishops Lane in 1925 as part of his Bishops Lane development. This can not be over-stressed enough: in 1925 a layout was created at 40 feet wide. This is not a new project, but rather the final chapter of a nearly 100-year-old development. The deed history documenting this fact has been submitted previously under separate cover. Additional history/ photographic evidence is presented below.

There are multiple aerial photographs commissioned by the US Navy of the existing Bishops Lane due to its vicinity to the Naval Ammunition Depot; now Bare Cove Park. Below is a photo taken by Fairchild Aerial Survey in August 1941:



Please note the two parallel paths indicative of vehicular traffic. This photo coupled with the previously recorded deed plans clearly shows the existence and recorded history of Bishops Lane as it existed prior to the adoption of the Sub-Division Control Law in Hingham in 1942.

As stated, Bishops Lane was started in 1925 when Walter Whiting purchased the land from the Bishop Estate. Clearly, the way (1941 photo above) existed prior to the adoption of Subdivision Control in Hingham (circa 1942). A portion of the then 14~ acre parcel was conveyed by the applicant's predecessor in title (Robinson) in 1984 to the developers of the adjacent Del Prete Drive subdivision; thus altering and dictating how building lots could be created out of what remained from the original parcel. As a result of this, the applicant proposes to improve and relocate this rear portion of Bishops Lane. The resulting layout creates the required zoning frontage set forth by the Subdivision Control Law, and is why the applicant is seeking definitive subdivision control approval from the Planning Board.

Additional aerial photos are shown below.

Additional aerial Images for 16
Bishops Lane Images range from
1957 to 2001

Note: Red-dashed line indicating the approximate location of Bishops
Lane is offset for clarity.



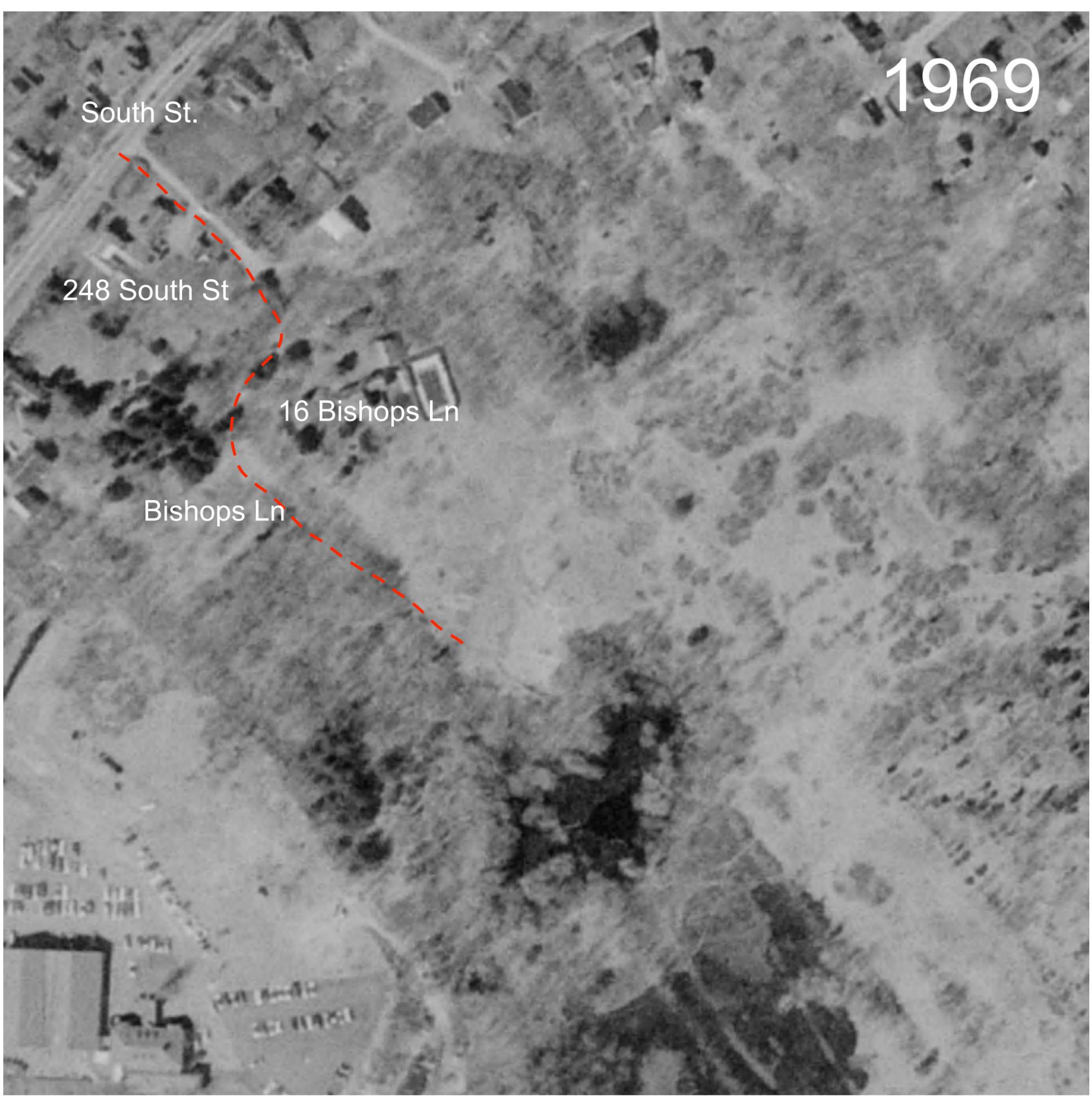
1969

South St.

248 South St

16 Bishops Ln

Bishops Ln



1971

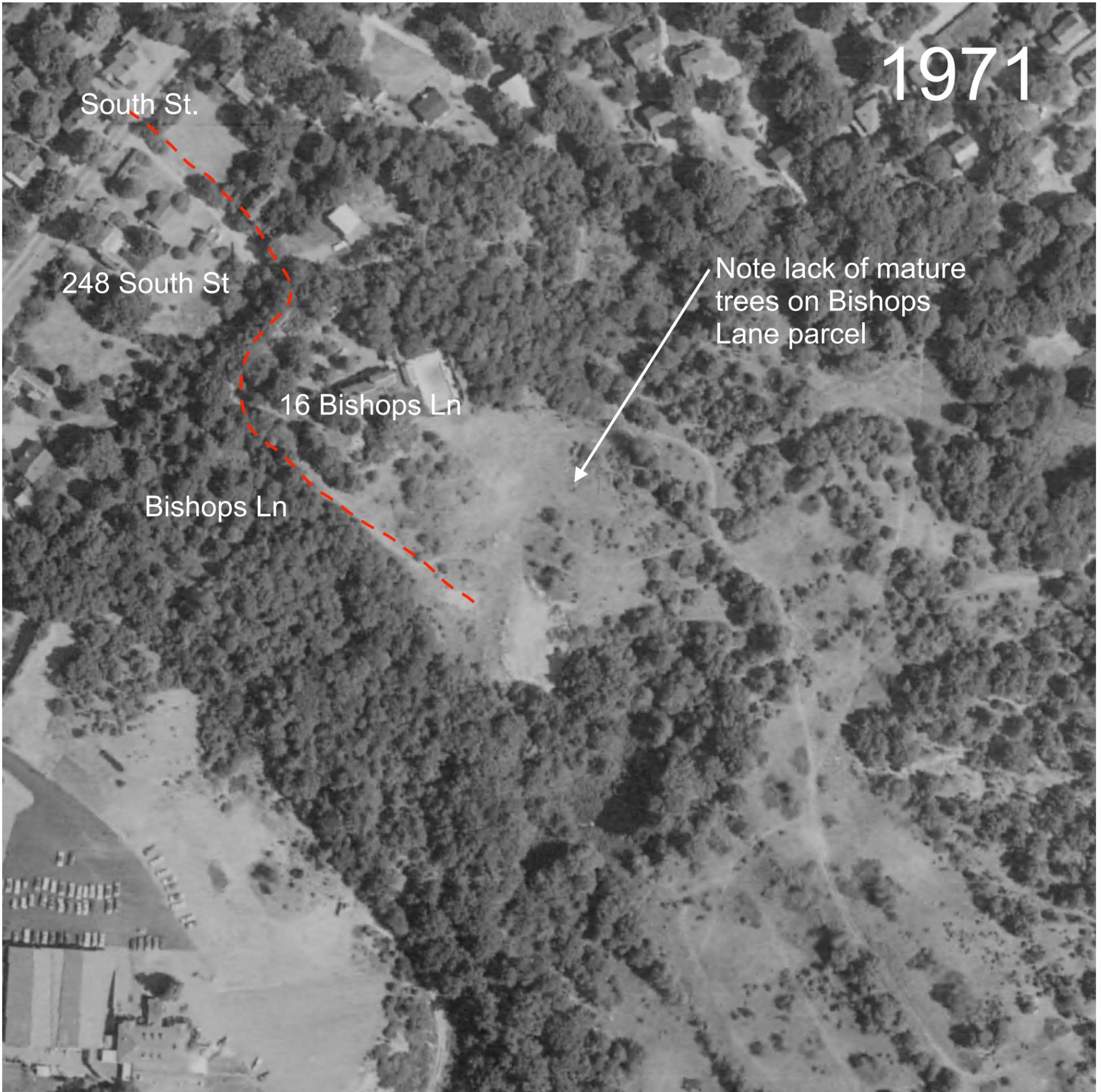
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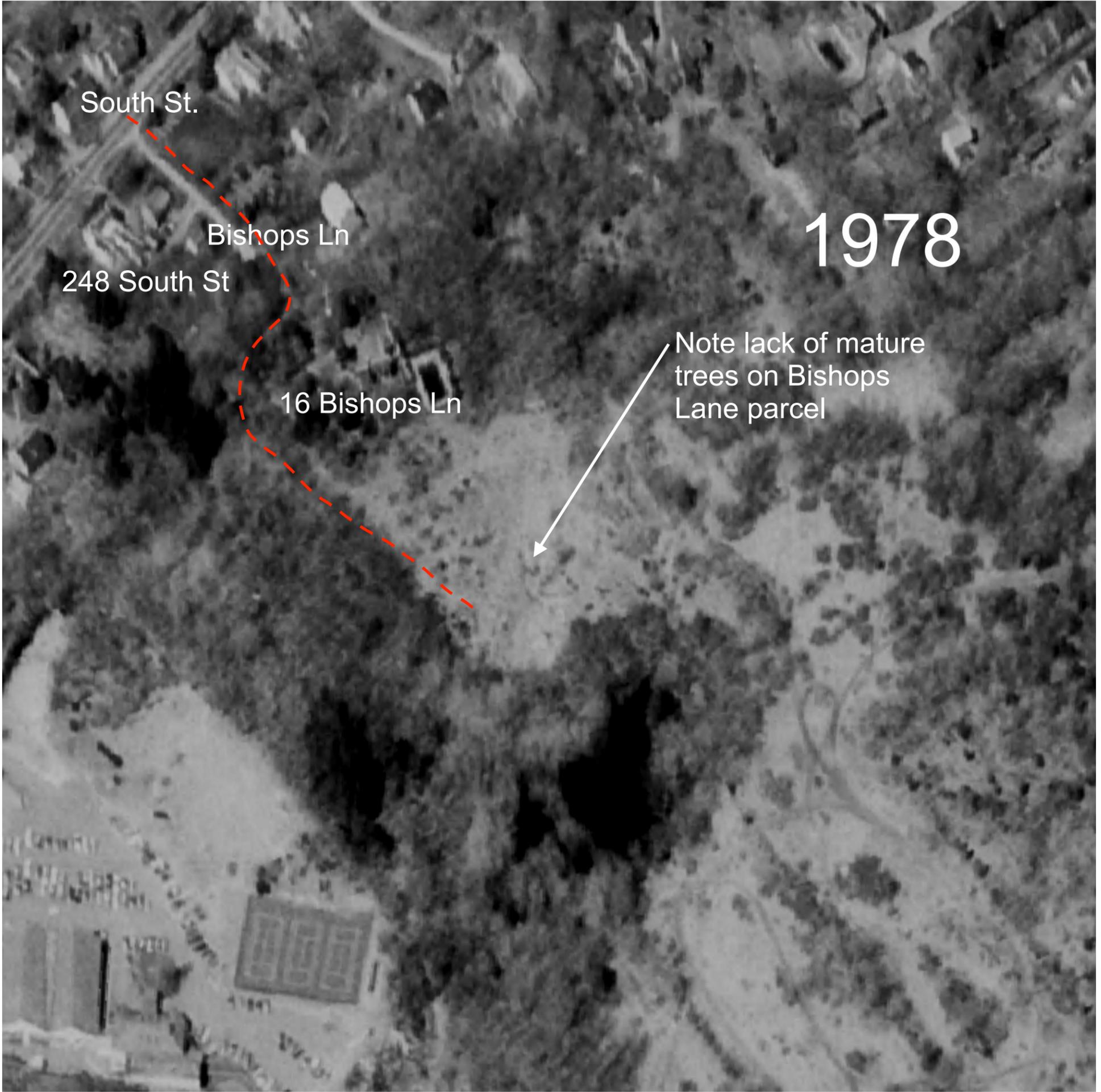
248 South St

16 Bishops Ln

Bishops Ln

Note lack of mature trees on Bishops Lane parcel





South St.

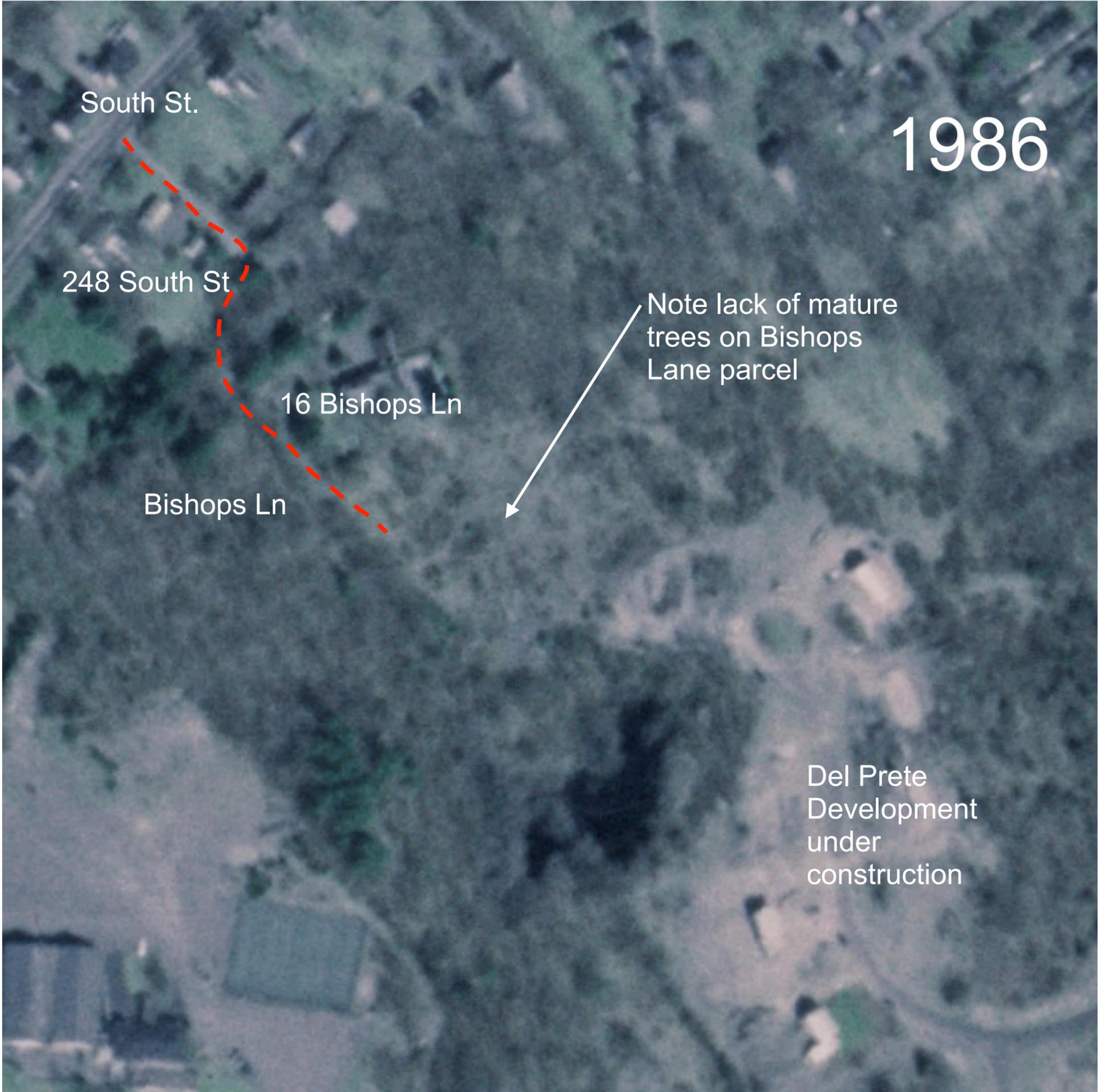
Bishops Ln

248 South St

16 Bishops Ln

1978

Note lack of mature trees on Bishops Lane parcel



South St.

1986

248 South St

Note lack of mature trees on Bishops Lane parcel

16 Bishops Ln

Bishops Ln

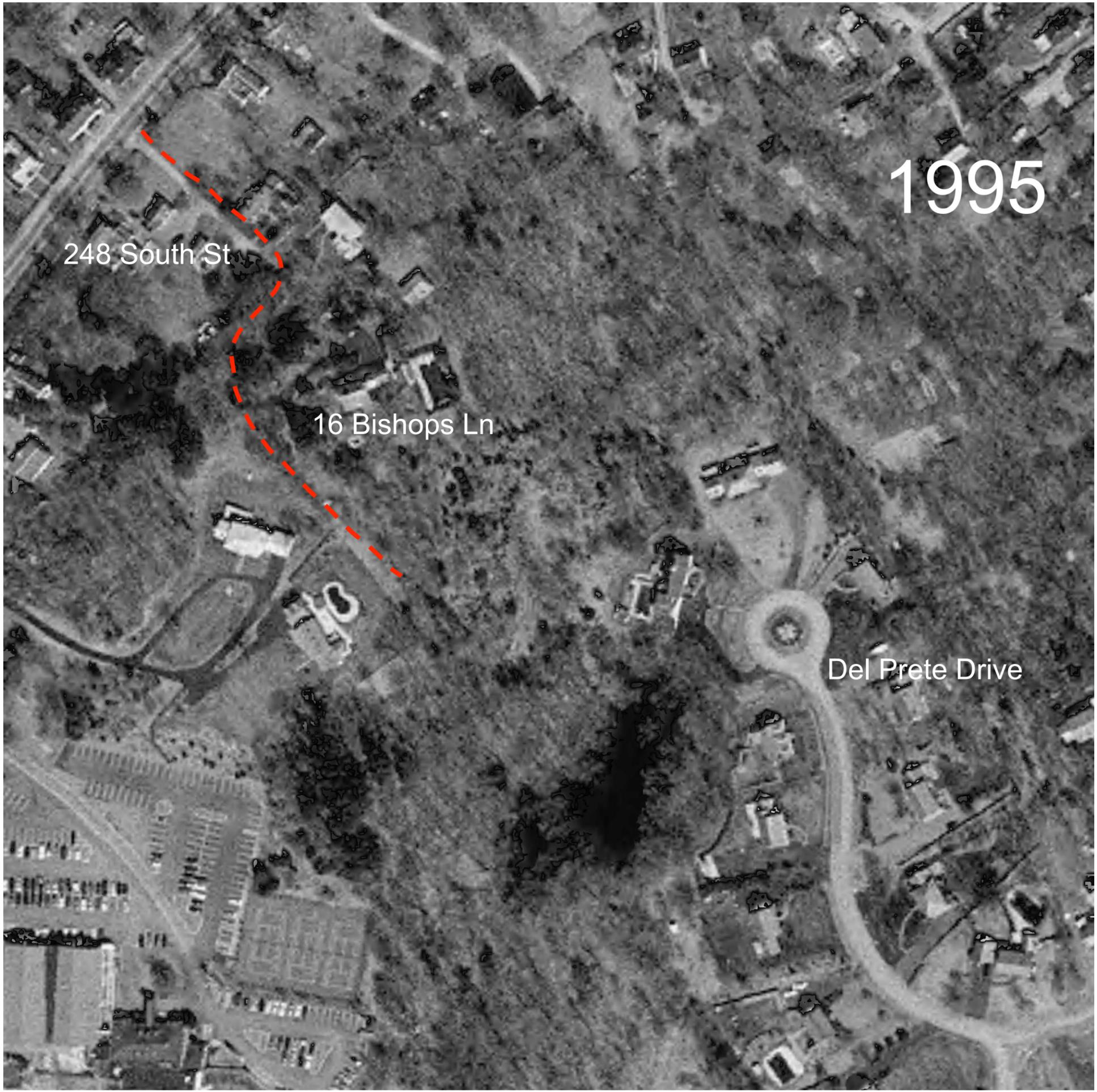
Del Prete Development under construction

1995

248 South St

16 Bishops Ln

Del Prete Drive



2001

248 South St

16 Bishops Ln

Del Prete Drive

