

Area	Form no.
C	194

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION XI-4  
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Reading

129 High Street

Name -- House at

Original dwelling

Present dwelling

Property:  Private individual  
 Private organization

Public

Original owner --

Draw map showing property location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1896

Source town water records

Style Queen Anne

Architect --

Exterior wall fabric clapboards, shingles

Outbuildings garage/carriage house

Major alterations (with dates) --

Moved no Date

Approx. acreage 10,175 sq. ft.

Setting on a hill, facing west toward the street



Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates

Organization Reading Historical Commission

Date November 30, 1980

Date 2/16/84

UTM: 19/326560/4709940

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

The standard gable-end plan, which had been used as early as the Greek Revival period, is here enlivened by two circular forms -- an open porch, and a round bay. An oriel window is centered in the gable field, and an elaborate tripartite window with stained-glass center panel sits within the open porch.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

Henry H. Howard was living here by 1900. He was in the real-estate business in Boston, and had an office in Reading, at the corner of Chute and High Streets. He boarded at 1 Harnden Street for several years; the business directories have him there in 1892, 1894, and 1898. However, town water records indicate that 129 High Street was hooked up to the public water system in September of 1896. Thus, it would appear that someone else built the house and sold it to Howard before 1900.

By 1910, Herbert and Eva Brackett lived here. They later moved to Washington Street for a year, before building 276 Summer Avenue (form no. C-238). The High Street house was sold in 1919 to Dr. Connelly, who was a dentist in Reading for many years.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1906 map - Henry H. Howard  
1892, 1894, 1898 business directories  
1900, 1910, 1916 valuation books  
Reading water records

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Reading	Form No: C-194
Property Name: --	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

This house is significant (1) for its role in the development of Reading as a desirable residential community for Boston businessmen; and (2) as a substantial if conservative example of the Queen Anne style. It retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, and feeling, and meets Criteria A and C of the National Register.

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only

received *6/4/84*

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Reading Multiple Resource Area  
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

## Nomination/Type of Review

## Date/Signature

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| 41. House at 11 Beech Street    | Entered in the<br>National Register | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keeper | <u><i>Silvana Byers</i></u> 7/19/84 |
|                                 |                                     | Attest                                     | _____                               |
| 42. House at 16 Mineral Street  | Entered in the<br>National Register | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keeper | <u><i>Silvana Byers</i></u> 7/19/84 |
|                                 |                                     | Attest                                     | _____                               |
| 43. House at 26 Center Avenue   | Entered in the<br>National Register | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keeper | <u><i>Silvana Byers</i></u> 7/19/84 |
|                                 |                                     | Attest                                     | _____                               |
| 44. House at 42 Salem Street    | Entered in the<br>National Register | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keeper | <u><i>Silvana Byers</i></u> 7/19/84 |
|                                 |                                     | Attest                                     | _____                               |
| 45. House at 44 Temple Street   | Entered in the<br>National Register | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keeper | <u><i>Silvana Byers</i></u> 7/19/84 |
|                                 |                                     | Attest                                     | _____                               |
| 46. House at 57 Woburn Street   | Entered in the<br>National Register | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keeper | <u><i>Silvana Byers</i></u> 7/19/84 |
|                                 |                                     | Attest                                     | _____                               |
| 47. House at 77 Howard Street   | Entered in the<br>National Register | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keeper | <u><i>Silvana Byers</i></u> 7/19/84 |
|                                 |                                     | Attest                                     | _____                               |
| 48. House at 79-81 Salem Street | Entered in the<br>National Register | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keeper | <u><i>Silvana Byers</i></u> 7/19/84 |
|                                 |                                     | Attest                                     | _____                               |
| 49. House at 129 High Street    | Entered in the<br>National Register | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keeper | <u><i>Silvana Byers</i></u> 7/19/84 |
|                                 |                                     | Attest                                     | _____                               |
| 50. House at 199 Summer Avenue  | Entered in the<br>National Register | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keeper | <u><i>Silvana Byers</i></u> 7/19/84 |
|                                 |                                     | Attest                                     | _____                               |

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House at 129 High Street (Reading MRA)  
Middlesex County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. JUN 4 1984

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/5/85

Date Due: 7-5-84 / 7-19-84

Action:  ACCEPT 7-19-84

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in the  
National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_

Discipline \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

**8. Significance**

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

House at 129 Main Street (Reading M.H.A.)  
Middlesex County  
MASSACHUSETTS

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreege of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Form Prepared By**

**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_ national    \_\_\_\_ state    \_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Reading, W. Mass. Ma

XI 4A

Haverst 129 High St.



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000290