

FORM B - BUILDING

Area <u>C</u>	Form no. <u>161</u>
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108 4-20



Reading
 141 Summer Avenue
 Name Uncle Mark Temple House
 Original Dwelling
 Present Dwelling
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Jonathan Temple

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1753
 Source 1765 map
 Style Georgian
 Architect n/a
 Exterior wall fabric Fabricated siding
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) 1856:
house turned 1/4 and raised on
foundations. 1973 fire escapes
added.
 Moved no Date _____
 Approx. acreage 23,405 sq. ft.



Recorded by Architectural
Preservation Associates
 Organization Reading Historical
Commission
 Date November 20, 1980

Setting Faces east on Summer Avenue,
on deep lot.

REVISED
 Date 6/82

UTM: 19/325930/4709880

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

Although this house has been turned, raised on its foundation, had its original door enframingent demolished, and fenestration altered, it still retains the lines and proportions of the Georgian vernacular dwellings of this area. The Greek Revival portico consists of fluted Doric columns and a pediment with an entablature containing metopes.

It was probably added when the house was remodeled about 1856. The Greek Revival style had by that date re-
(con't.)

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

This was one of the Temple family homesteads, whose land stretched along both sides of Summer Avenue, east to High Street and west nearly to West Street. Jonathan Temple (d. 1789), who built this house, was a turner and a selectman in 1751, and was a deacon in the new Third Parish Church in 1770.

Daniel Temple, Jr. (b. 1790) was a shoemaker. After experiencing a religious revival, he became a missionary in 1820 and served in Malta. "Uncle Mark" Temple succeeded to the farm in 1836 and remodeled it in 1856. He broke away from the church of his father to help found the Bethesda Church in 1849. He was a town selectman in 1855. His wife Sarah was active in the Reading Female Anti-Slavery Society organized in 1833, and she was an original member of Father Kemp's Old Folks concert singers. Kemp lived just down the street at 186 Summer Avenue (form no. C-158).

Oscar Foote, who bought the place in 1863, was a meat purveyor and real estate developer. He laid out Mineral and Hancock Streets, sold lots, and built houses for speculation. He sold the house to James W. Roberts, a Boston merchant.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1765 map Dea. Temple
1795 map D. Temple (Daniel)
1830 map yes
1854 map M. M. Temple
1875 map James W. Roberts
1889 map James W. Roberts

Bishop, Rooftrees, Chapter 50
Wadlin: Concerning the Past, Ch. 94
Eaton, Memorial Volume, 162

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Reading	Form No: C-151
Property Name: 141 Summer Avenue	

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

linguished its hold over most of the eastern parts of the country, but was still used in Reading, where the Gothic Revival Style had little impact.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The "Uncle Mark" Temple house is significant (1) as an early house remodeled during the 19th-century real estate boom on the West Side; (2) for its connection with the locally important Temple family, including deacon Jonathan, missionary Daniel, and selectman "Uncle Mark," and with real estate developer Oscar Foote; and (3) as an early house. It retains integrity of general location, general design, setting, and association, and meets Criteria A, B, and C of the National Register.

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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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

81. Sanborn, Rev. Peter, House
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melora Byers 7-19-84
Attest _____

82. Symonds, Thomas, House
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melora Byers 7-19-84
Attest _____

83. Temple, Joseph, House
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melora Byers 7-19-84
Attest _____

84. Temple, Mark, House
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melora Byers 7-19-84
Attest _____

85. Walnut Street School
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melora Byers 7-19-84
Attest _____

86. Wells, Charles, House
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melora Byers 7-19-84
Attest _____

87. Weston, Ephrain, House
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melora Byers 7-19-84
Attest _____

88. Weston, Jabez, House
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melora Byers 7-19-84
Attest _____

89. Wisteria Lodge
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melora Byers 7-19-84
Attest _____

Keeper _____

Attest _____

ref # 84002838

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Temple, Mark, House (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: _____

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

Entered in the
National Register RETURN
 REJECT

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	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

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

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

1910s, Mark House (Reading, MA)
Hampden County
MASSACHUSETTS

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage 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: _____

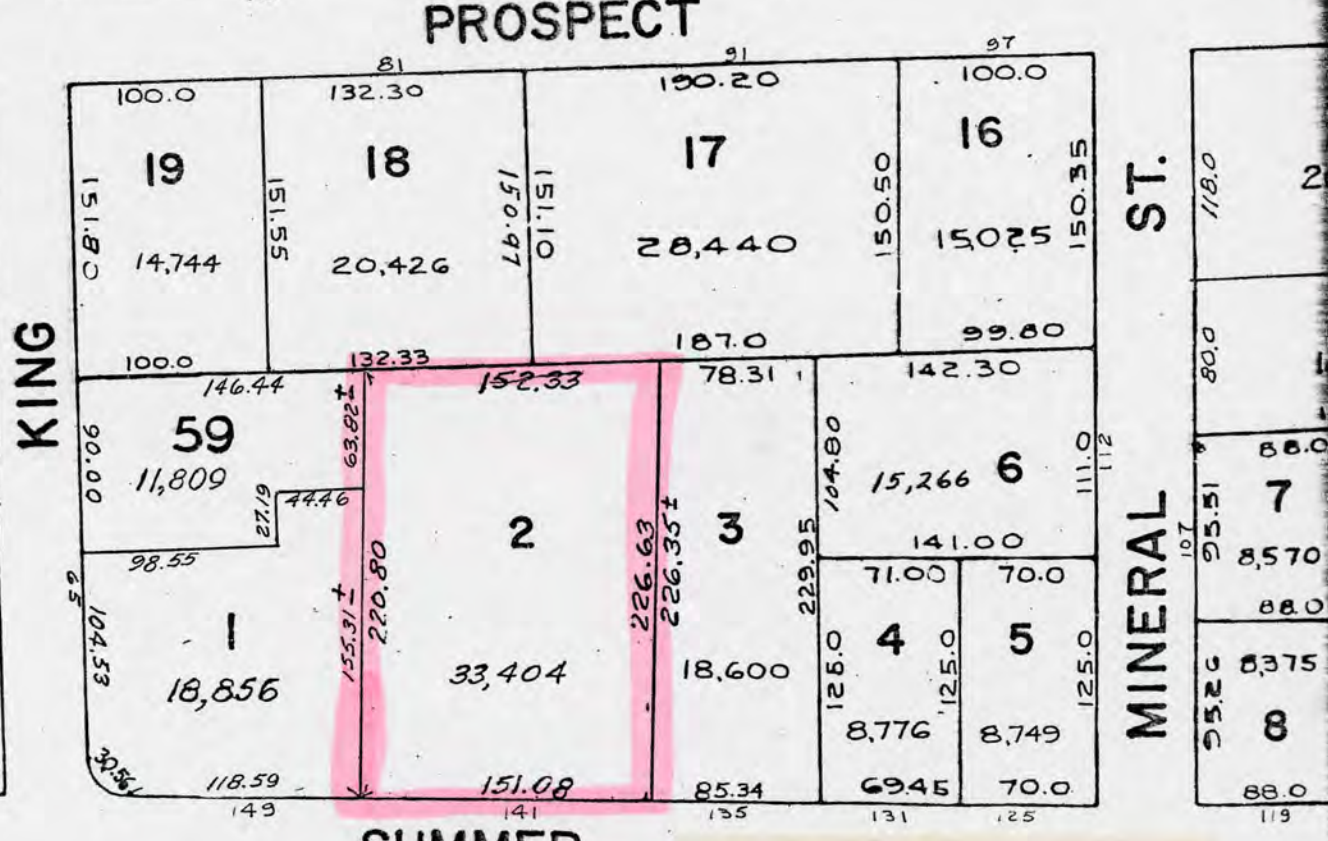


Temple Alark House

Reading MA, Ma

141 Summer Ave.

H-20A



PLAT 71

#C-161 141 Summer Ave.
 Map 60, Lot 02
 1983 Assessors Map
 1" = 100'

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000290