

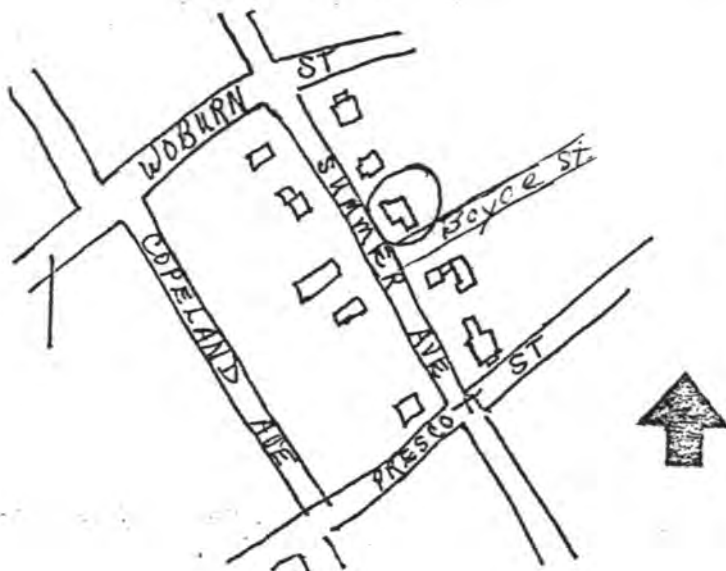
FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION III-22
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Area	Form no.
C	114



cross streets and other buildings
or geographical features.
Indicate north.



Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates
Organization Reading Historical Commission
Date November 30, 1980

Date 2/16/84

Reading
Address 242 Summer Avenue
Historic Name -- House at
Original dwelling
Present dwelling
Ownership: ☒ Private individual
Private organization
Public
Original owner George Ives
DESCRIPTION:

Date 1912

Source town water records

Style Shingle

Architect --

Exterior wall fabric wood shingles

Outbuildings --

Major alterations (with dates) 2-story
southeast porch extension

Moved no Date

Approx. acreage 9,055 sq. ft.

Setting on a corner lot in a resi-
dential neighborhood, facing west,
toward an important street

UTM: 19/326220/4709400

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

This is an interesting house with twin cross gables that dominate the composition of the front facade. The plane of the wall advances and recedes, to create bays and shaded porches. On the sides are a Palladian window to the south, and an open, screened porch to the north, with rounded roof and arched windows. Windows are horizontally grouped, perhaps influenced by the Prairie-style houses of Frank Lloyd Wright. The first-floor windows are leaded.

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

Summer Avenue, along with its side streets, was one of the prime areas for well-to-do building in 19th-century Reading. Many of the homeowners worked in Boston, and commuted every day by train. Their wives and families remained in Reading, enjoying the benefits of suburban life.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ives lived in this house. He was a restaurant manager of Smith House in Cambridge, and of his father-in-law's Georgian Restaurant chain in Boston. His wife, like most of her middle-class peers, stayed home and managed the house.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1889 - Ben. Boyce (Benjamin), land only
Reading water records

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Reading	Form No: C-114
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's west side as a well-to-do residential area for commuters and local businessmen, and (2) as a good example of the Shingle style of domestic architecture. It retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, and feeling, and meets Criteria A and C of the National Register.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

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

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| 51. House at 206 West Street | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melvin Byers</u> 7-19-84 |
| | | Attest | |
| 52. House at 242 Summer Avenue | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melvin Byers</u> 7-19-84 |
| | | Attest | |
| 53. House at 322 Haven Street | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melvin Byers</u> 7-19-84 |
| | | Attest | |
| 54. House at 483 Summer Avenue | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melvin Byers</u> 7-19-84 |
| | | Attest | |
| 55. House at 1177 Main Street | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melvin Byers</u> 7-19-84 |
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| 56. Lewis House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melvin Byers</u> 7-19-84 |
| | | Attest | |
| 57. Manning, Charles, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melvin Byers</u> 7-19-84 |
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| 58. Manning, Jacob, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melvin Byers</u> 7-19-84 |
| | | Attest | |
| 59. Masonic Block | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melvin Byers</u> 7-19-84 |
| | | Attest | |
| 60. Nichols, Daniel, Homestead | Entered in the
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House at 242 Summer Avenue (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
Entered in ~~file~~ ☐ RETURN
National Register ☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ 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	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

- ☐ 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

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: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

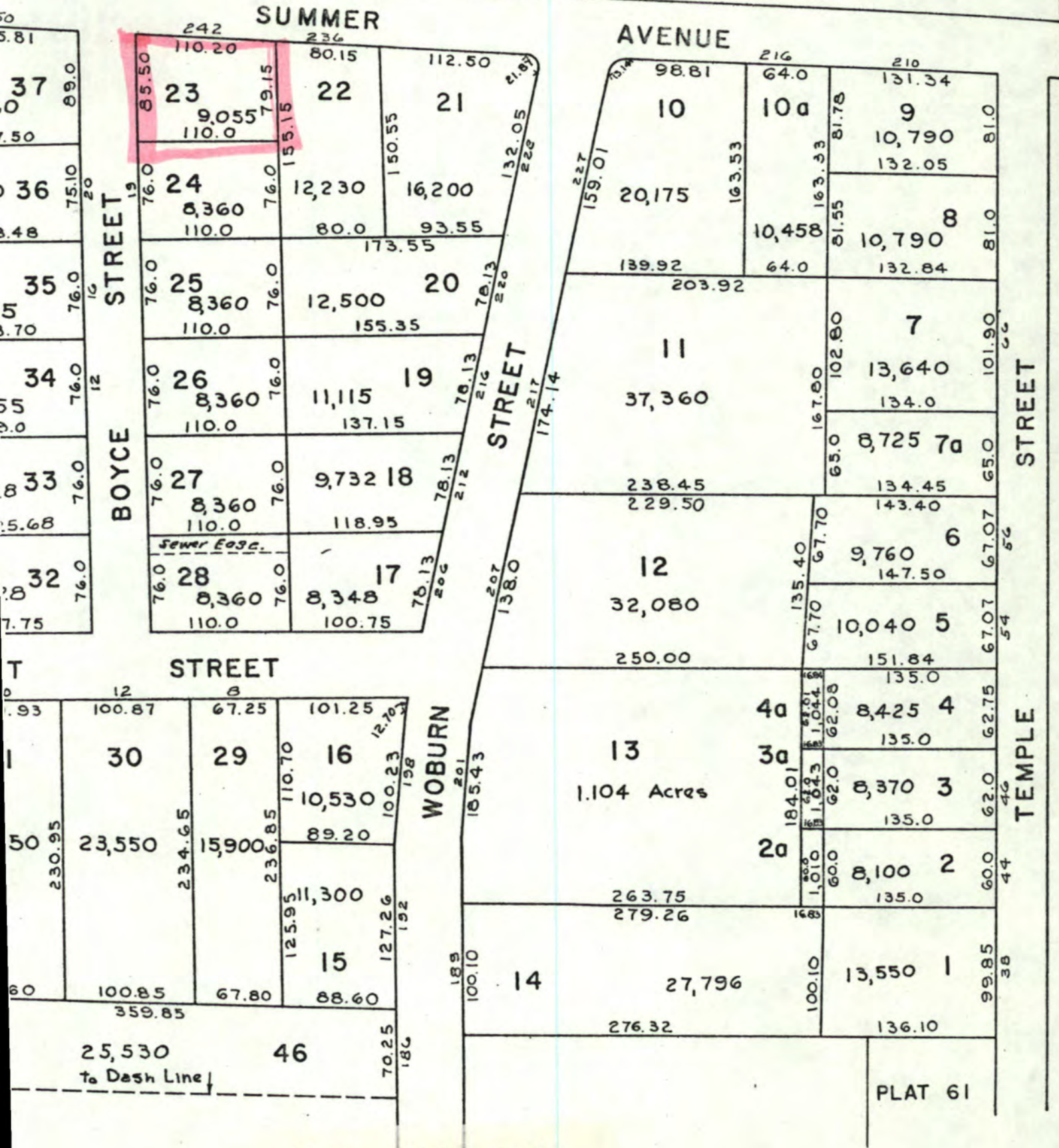


Reading MRA, Ma

House
at C-114

242 Summer Ave.

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#C-114 242 Summer Ave.
 Map 50, Lot 23
 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