

FORM B - BUILDING

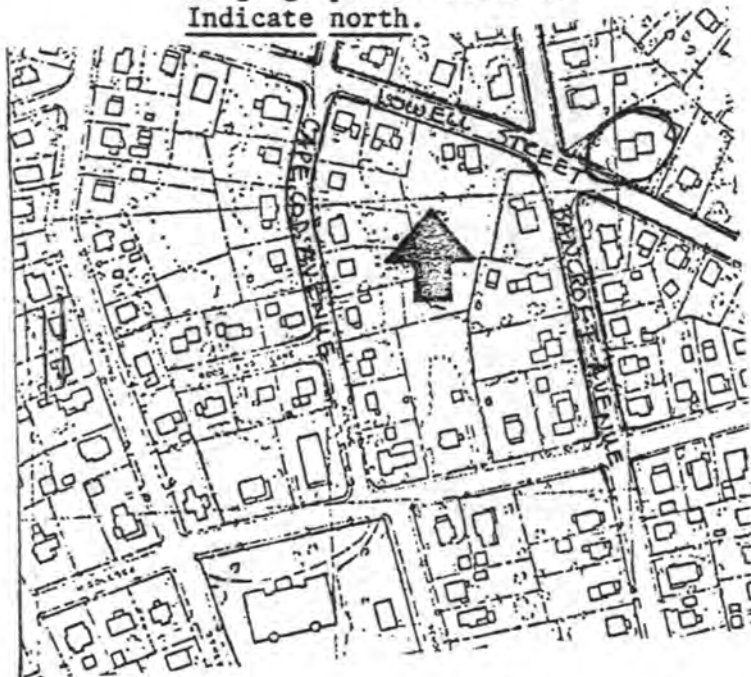
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Area
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Form no.
211



location in relation to nearest
cross streets and other buildings
or geographical features.
Indicate north.



Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates

Organization Reading Historical Commission

Date November 30, 1980

Date 6/82

Reading

101 Lowell Street

c Name Joseph Bancroft House

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ip: ☒ Private individual
Private organization

Public

iginal owner Joseph Bancroft

LOCATION:

Date c. 1831-1835

Source Genealogical History

Style Federal

Architect --

Exterior wall fabric clapboards, granite
foundation

Outbuildings garage

Major alterations (with dates) one and
one-half story extension, east
(1955)

Moved NO Date

Approx. acreage 20,483 sq. ft.

Setting On a hill overlooking an old
road; faces south, with fieldstone
retaining wall at street

UTM: 19/326790/4710360

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

This is a fine example of the Georgian-Federal vernacular house type in Reading. It has particularly generous proportions and a fine doorway surround, which features pilasters with entasis on pedestals; small, particularly fine molded capitals; and a tall Doric entablature. The deep sill and especially well-defined cornice molding make this one of the more elegant versions of the form. Windows are small, but placed lower than was customary; they are asymmetrically arranged on the side facade.

An earlier extension, in the place of the present one, appears on the 1854 map.

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

Joseph Bancroft built this house on the part of his father's large estate that he had inherited. (His brother received the part that lay diagonally across Lowell Street.) The house does not appear on the 1830 map, but since Bancroft married in 1833, it is thought that he would have built at about this time. The combined Bancroft estate covered a good portion of the Reading Highlands until comparatively recent times.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1830 map no
1854 map J. Bancroft (Joseph)
1875 map " " "
1889 map J. Bancroft estate
Bishop, Rooftrees, p. 35
Eaton, Genealogical History, pp. 97, 298-299

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Reading	Form No: D-211
Property Name: 101 Lowell St.	

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

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

This property is significant (1) as an example of the houses built on family land by later generations of the early settling families; (2) for its connection with the locally important Bancroft family; and (3) as an excellent example of vernacular Federal architecture. It retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, and feeling, and meets Criteria A, B, 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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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Reading Multiple Resource Area
State MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Determined Eligible Date/Signature

11. Pratt, Joseph L., House **Substantive Review**
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Keeper

7/19/84

Attest

12. Bancroft, Joseph, House Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

7/19/84

Attest

13. Bancroft, Samuel, House Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

7/19/84

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14. Bancroft, Wendell, House Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

7/19/84

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15. Bassett, Edwin, House Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

7/19/84

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16. Batchelder, Alden, House Entered in the
National Register

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17. Batchelder, George, House Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

7/19/84

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18. Batchelder House Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

7/19/84

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19. Batchelder, Nathaniel, House Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

7/19/84

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20. Battell House Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

7/19/84

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Bancroft, Joseph, 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: _____

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 | ☐ deteriorated |
| ☐ good | ☐ ruins |
| ☐ fair | ☐ 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: _____



Bancroft, Joseph Hase

Reading MRA, Ma



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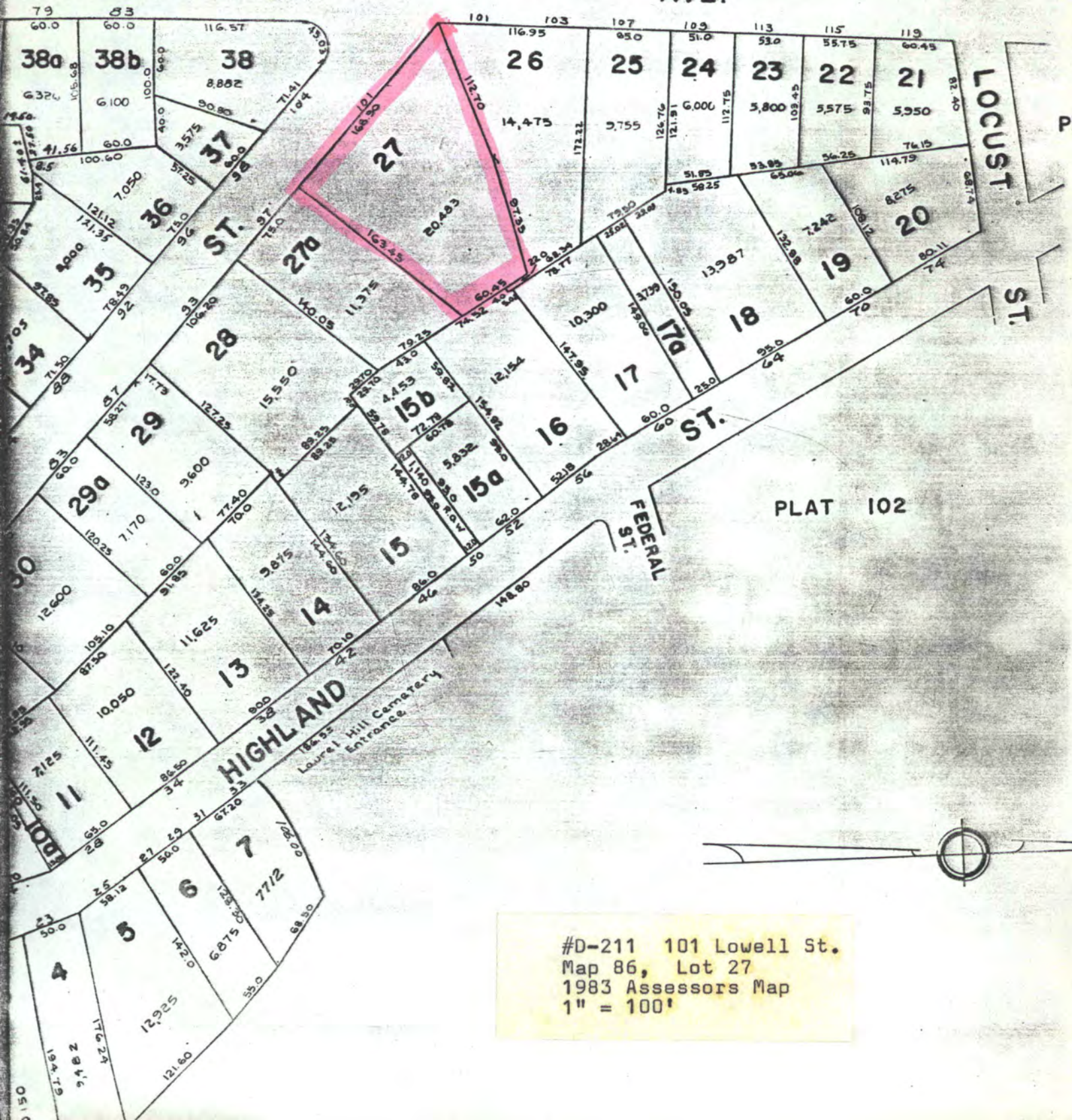
101 Lowell St

PLAT 85

PLAT 101

BANCROFT

AVE.



#D-211 101 Lowell St.
Map 86, Lot 27
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