



Reading

607 Pearl Street

Name Batchelder House

Original dwelling

Present dwelling

 Property: ☒ Private individual
☐ Private organization

Public

Original owner Nathaniel Batchelder

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1783

Source Rooftrees

Style Federal vernacular

Architect n/a

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings garage

 Major alterations (with dates) addition
 across north and extension to east
 1977; possibly the sidelights

Moved NO Date

Approx. acreage 28,329 sq. ft.

 Recorded by Architectural Preservation
 Associates
 Organization Reading Historical Comm.

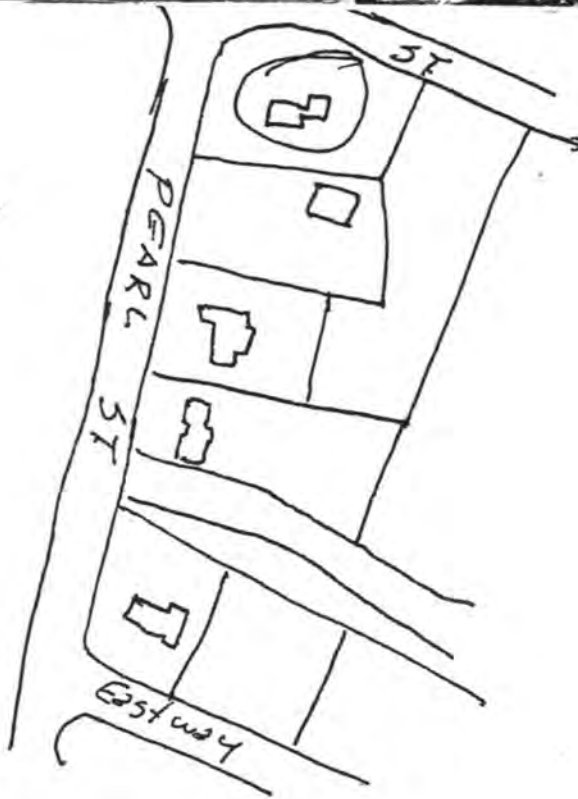
Date REVISED 1980

Date 6/82

 Setting Faces south surrounded by
 pines, on very slightly raised piece
 of land.

UTM: 19/327460/4713180

(Staple additional sheets here)



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

This is the traditional Reading Georgian-Federal house form. It is five bays wide, 2½ stories high, and is generous in depth. The door surround is Federal-Greek Revival transitional, with a shallow pediment as part of the entablature and wide sidelights. The windows on the second floor are placed high, but all windows are large, befitting its date.

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

The property was owned by Batchelders before 1703. David (died 1787) was a cooper, and he sold the property to his nephew, Nathaniel, a shoemaker. Nathaniel is said to have demolished the old homestead and built this Federal-style house.

William Wallace Davis, who married into the extended family, was a Civil War veteran, Custom House inspector, and superintendent in Adden's shoe factory, then a civil engineer. He thus traced the line from the handicraft of his forbearers to factory production to scientific building. Davis gave land to the town to relocate Pearl Street, as the noise of traffic going up the old coach road bothered him.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1795 map N. Batchelder (Nathaniel)
1830 map yes
1854 map Nathaniel E. Batchelder (Emmons)
1875 map N. Carter (Nathaniel W. C. Carter)

Bishop, Rooftrees, Chapter 33

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Reading	Form No: A-14
Property Name: 607 Pearl St.	

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

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The Batchelder house is significant (1) for its role as an early farm/shoemaking homestead; (2) for its connection with the locally important Batchelder family; and (3) as an example of Federal architecture updated with a Greek-Revival doorway. It retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship, 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

2/5/85

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

Attest

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

Keeper

7-19-84

Attest

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

Keeper

7-19-84

Attest

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

Keeper

7/19/84

Attest

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

Batchelder 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
Entered in the National Register
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 | ☐ 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: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Batchelder House

Reading MRA, Ma

A-14

607 Pearl St.

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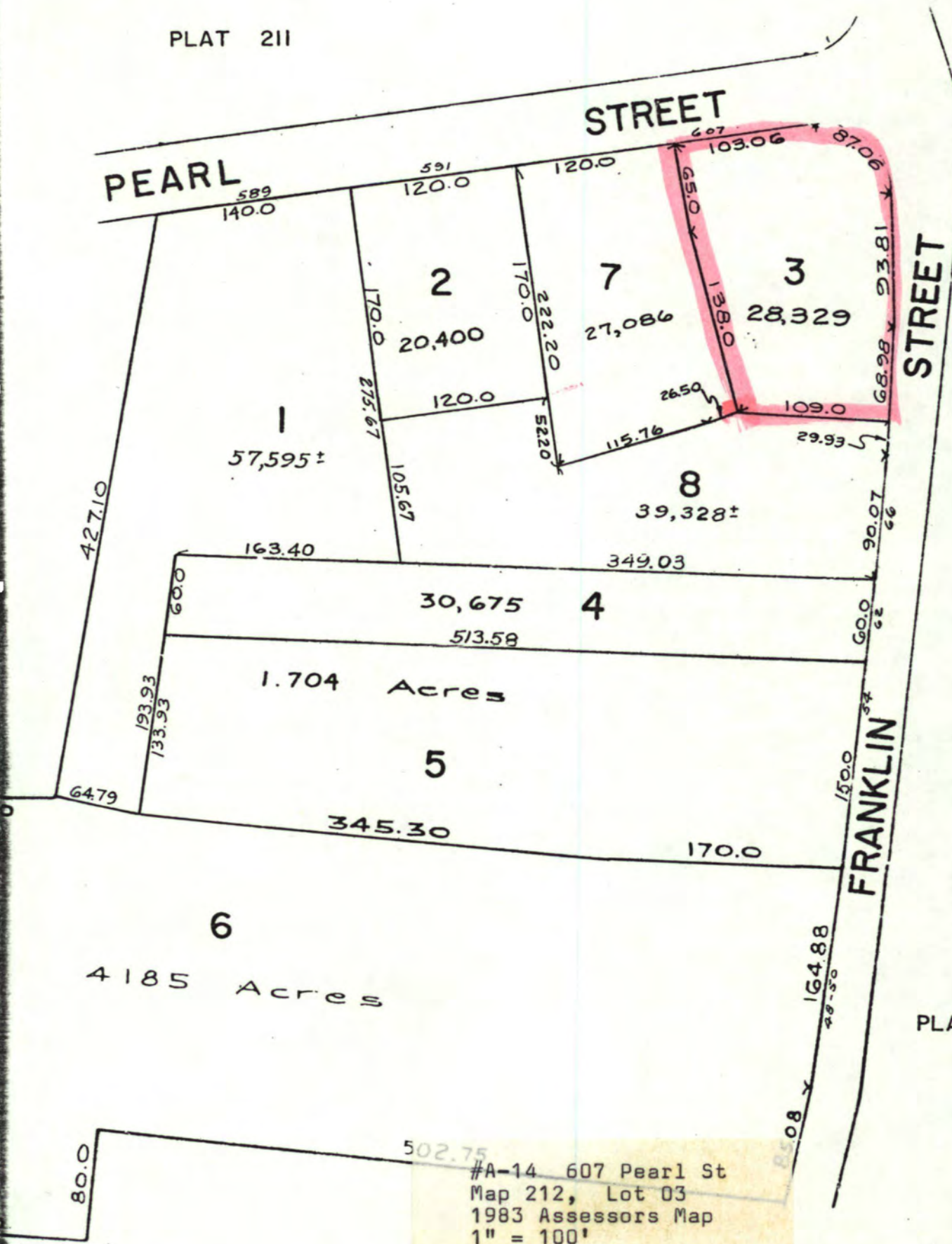
PEARL ST

PLAT 226

STREET

FRANKLIN STREET

PLAT 227



#A-14 607 Pearl St
Map 212, Lot 03
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