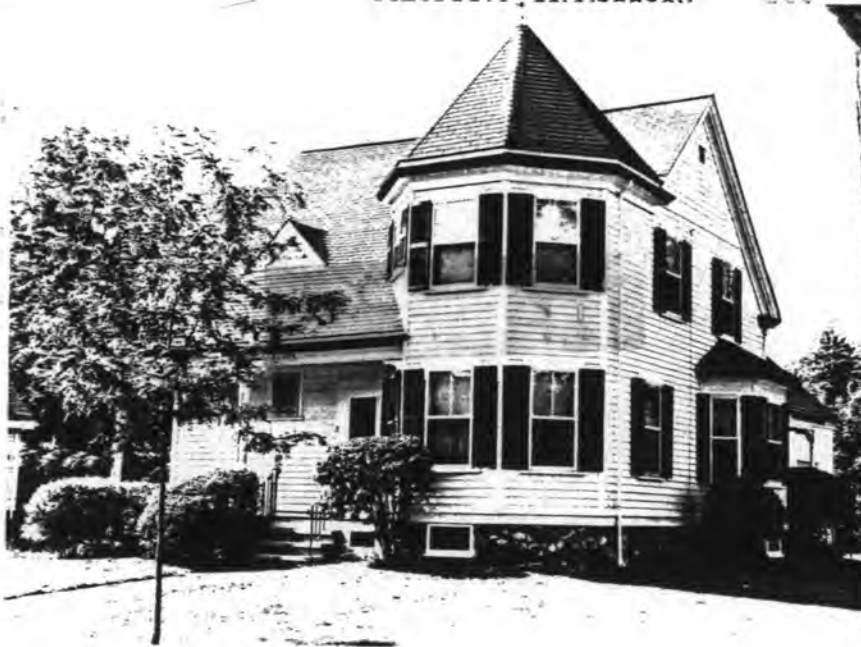


Area C	Form no. 122
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Reading _____
 99 Prescott Street _____
 Name Charles Wells House _____
 Original dwelling _____
 Present dwelling _____
 Prop: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Charles D. Wells _____

SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:

Date 1894 _____
 Source Deed _____
 Style Queen Anne _____
 Architect unknown _____
 Exterior wall fabric clapboards & shingle _____
 Outbuildings barn _____
 Major alterations (with dates) _____
none _____
 Moved NO _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 10,870 sq. ft. _____

Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates Setting Faces south on Prescott Street
 Organization Reading Historical Commission
 Date November 30, 1980

Date 6/82

WTM: 19/326340/4709360

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

This is one of the best preserved examples in Reading of a modest Queen Anne house and its barn. Situated on a corner lot, few such complete structural settings remain. The two-story house is enlivened by a corner tower with original ornamental copper finial, small triangular dormer, and high decorative fieldstone foundation. A turned balustrade decorates the porch, which represented a new kind of indoor-outdoor link, and was almost an emblem of Victorian living.

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

This land was purchased by Charles D. Wells from David C. Temple via a deed dated April 12, 1893. Wells, from Richibucto, New Brunswick, and his wife, Mabel G. (Flint) Wells, built this house the next year. She was a descendant of the Thomas Flint family from North Reading, Mass. Wells was a blacksmith, whose shop was located facing Elm Park (now 159 Ash Street). Today, the house retains its barn intact -- an integral part of a property in the days when the horse and carriage was the principal means of transportation.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Middlesex County Court House Registry of Deeds, book 2235, page 148

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Reading	Form No: C-122
Property Name: 99 Prescott St.	

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

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

This property is significant (1) for its connection with blacksmith Charles D. Well; and (2) as an example of a modest Queen Anne house with its barn still intact. It retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, and feeling, and meets Criteria 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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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 Melvyn Byers 7-19-84
Attest

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

for Keeper Melvyn Byers 7-19-84
Attest

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

for Keeper Melvyn Byers 7-19-84
Attest

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

for Keeper Melvyn Byers 7-19-84
Attest

85. Walnut Street School
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melvyn Byers 7-19-84
Attest

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

for Keeper Melvyn Byers 7-19-84
Attest

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

for Keeper Melvyn Byers 7-19-84
Attest

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

for Keeper Melvyn Byers 7-19-84
Attest

89. Wisteria Lodge
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melvyn Byers 7-19-84
Attest

Keeper

Attest

Ref # 84002842

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Wells, Charles, 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
- 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

Wells, Charles, House (Bedford, MA)
Middlesex 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 _____

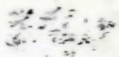

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



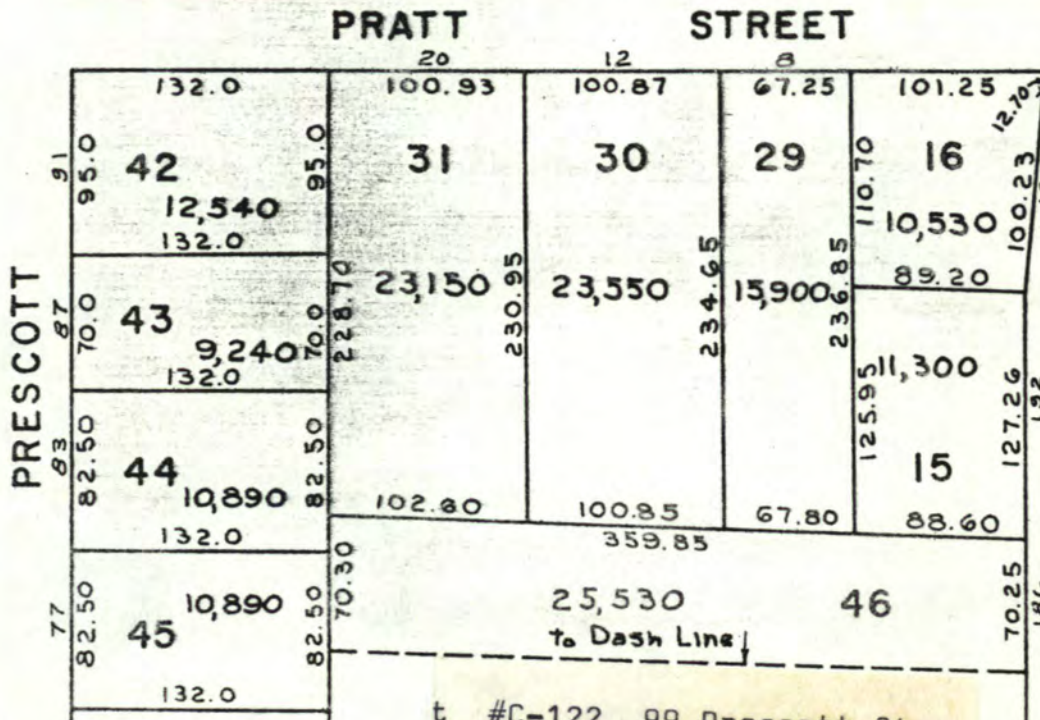
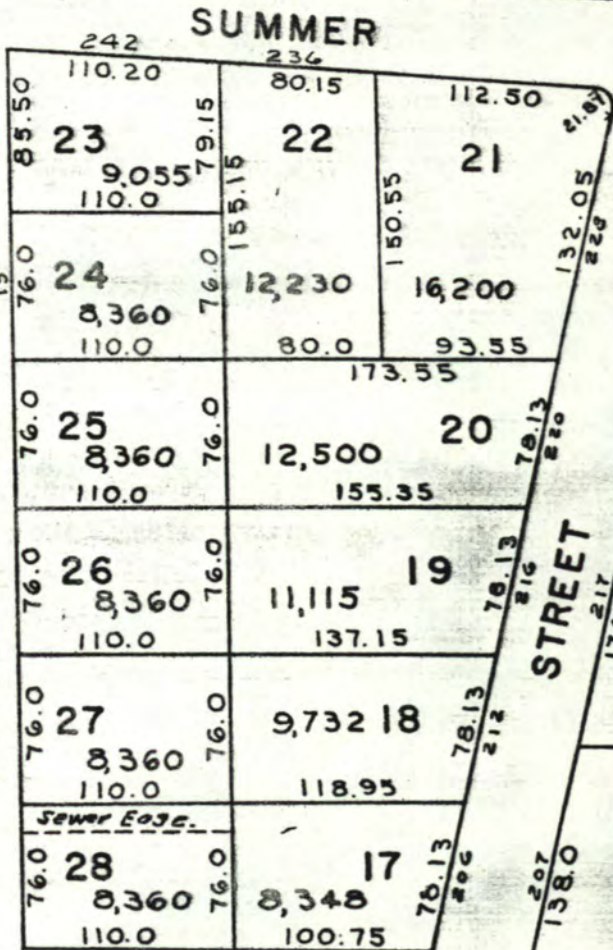
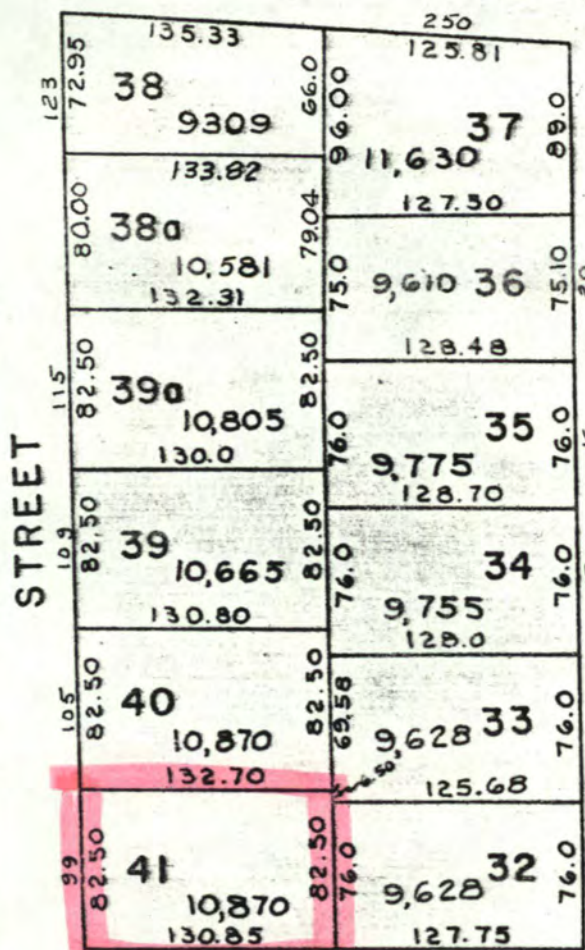


Wells, Charles, House
Reading MRA, Ma



99 Prescott

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t #C-122 99 Prescott St.
 Map 50, Lot 41
 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