

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION ^{XVI-3}
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Area	Form no.
C	176



Reading

54 Woburn Street

Local Name Brande House

Original dwelling

Present dwelling

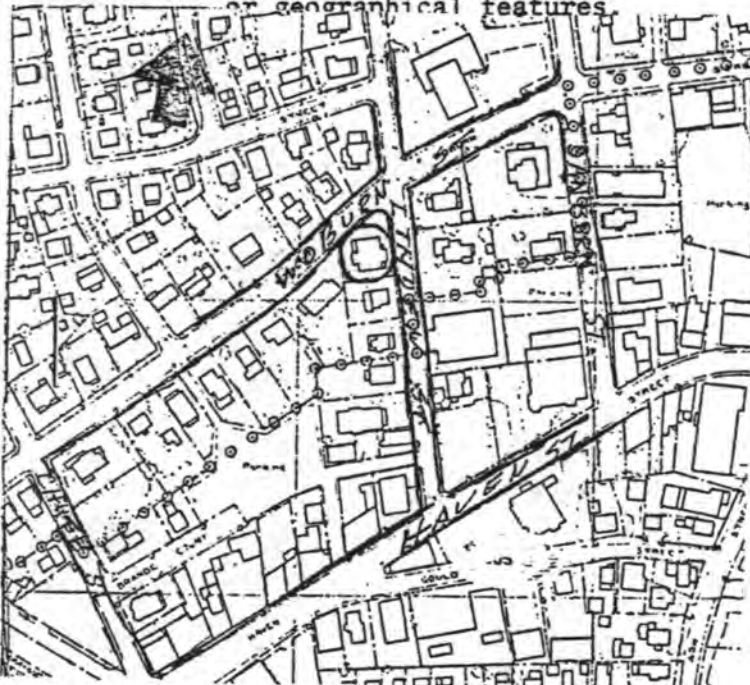
Ship: ☒ Private individual
Private organization

Public

Original owner Mahlon Brande

LOCATION:

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



Date 1895

Source Water records

Style Queen Anne

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric Wood clapboards

Outbuildings garage

Major alterations (with dates)

none

Moved no Date

Approx. acreage 8,675 sq. ft.

Setting On flat corner lot facing
north

Recorded by Architectural Preservation
Associates

Organization Reading Historical

Date November 30, 1980

Date 6-82

UTM: 19/326990/4709890

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

This house is one of Reading's more complex houses. It is mostly Queen Anne in style, but shows the influence of the newer Shingle Style, with its flowing massing and smooth skin. This house has considerable sophistication, seen in the play of the wall plane. This is pierced by three oculi in one gable; it makes room for the tall ornamented chimney between two gables, and steps back for a deep porch. The diamond-pane windows and rubblestone foundation recall Tudor or Medieval American imagery. The gable fields display stick-style embellishment.

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

Fred Sperry, who lived here in 1911, was a merchant. He sold furniture, carpets and rugs in his Boston shop, to which he commuted on the Boston and Maine railroad. The neighborhood, while not homogeneous, was home to many well-to-do professionals and businessmen. The street served as a distinguished point of entry into the town from the west.

The house was built by Dr. Mahlon Brande, an active investor in local real estate. See form no. C-233x.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1906 map Fred Sperry

1911 Street list Fred Sperry

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Reading	Form No: C-176
Property Name: 54 Woburn St.	

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

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

This property is significant (1) as an example of residences built by local real estate developers for sale to railroad commuters; (2) for its connection with Dr. Mahlon Brande, a Reading dentist and real estate entrepreneur; and (3) as a good example of whimsical Queen Anne 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

For NPS use only

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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

21. Beard, Benjamin, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 7/19/84

22. Boston and Maine Railroad Depot

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 7/19/84

23. Bowser Gazebo

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 7/19/84

24. Brackett House

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Delores Byers 7/19/84

25. Brande House

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National Register

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Delores Byers 7/19/84

26. Brooks, Francis, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 7/19/84

27. Carroll-Hartshorn House

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National Register

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Delores Byers 7/19/84

28. Carter Mansion

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National Register

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Delores Byers 7/19/84

29. Coggin, Gilman, House

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National Register

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Delores Byers 7/19/84

30. Cook, Asa M., House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Brande 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



Beards Horse

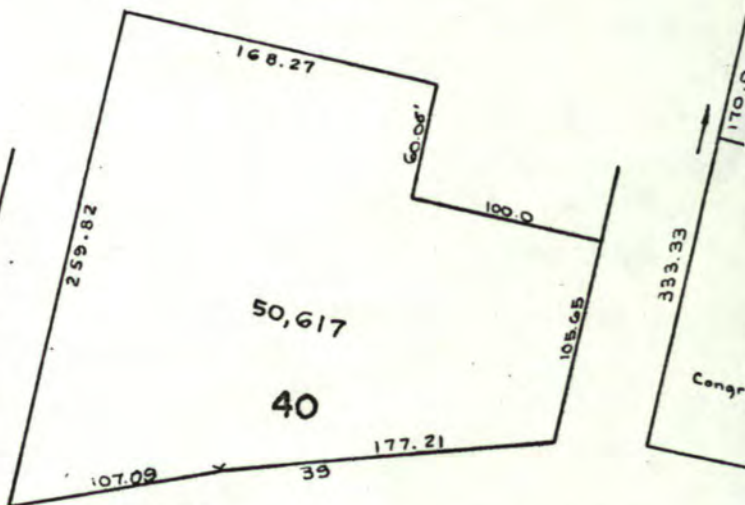
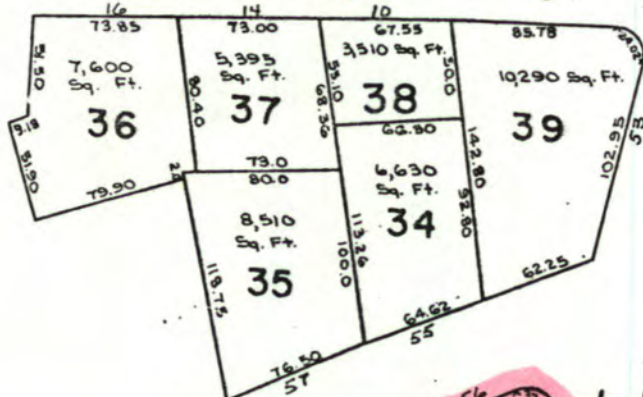
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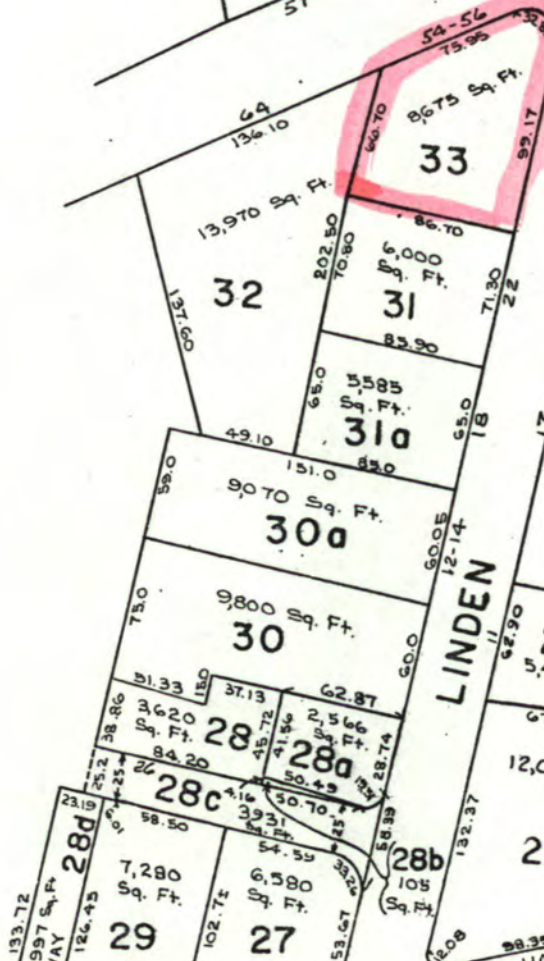


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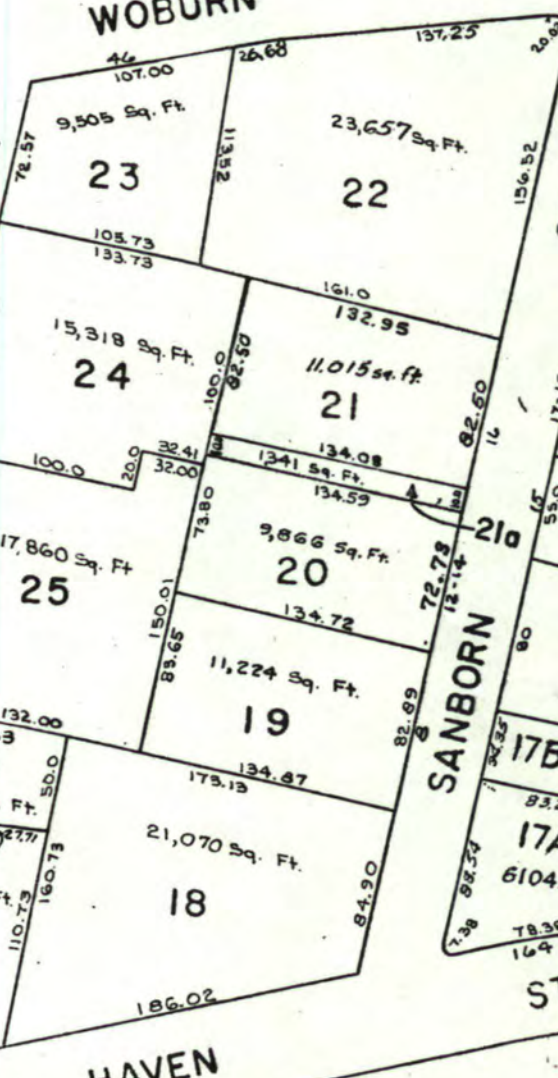
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SANBORN

HAVEN

STREET

#C-176 54-56 Woburn St.
Map 64, Lot 33
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