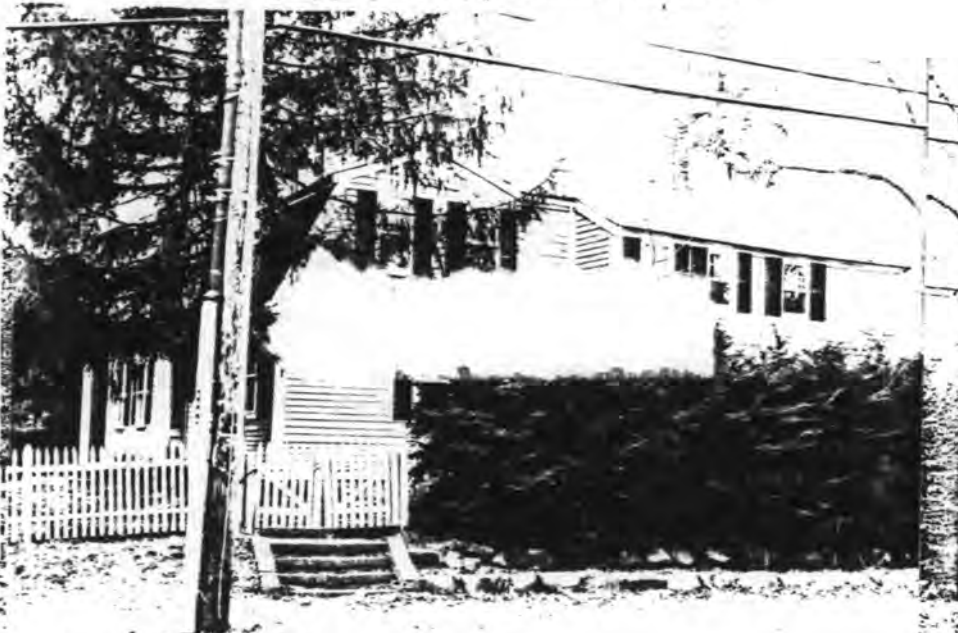


FORM B - BUILDING

Area <u>C</u>	Form no. <u>106</u>
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Reading (#4)
132 West Street
Name Samuel Parker House
Original Residence
Present Residence
Type: Private individual
Private organization
Public
Original owner Samuel Parker

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



Organization Reading Historical
Commission
Date November 1980

Date 6/82

DATE: Date c. 1795-96

Source 1795 Reading map, 1796
old estate tax.
Style Vernacular Georgian

Architect none

Exterior wall fabric Wood clapboards
and shingles
Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) Two
additions on the north (c. 1835-45)

and garage 1960-70's. Porch on
front, central chimney removed.
Moved NO Date

Approx. acreage 19,207 sq. ft.

Setting Oriented toward the south on a
small hillock, the house is close
to the road and shaded by evergreens

WTM: 19/325720/4708810

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

The Samuel Parker house is representative of Reading's late 18th-century modest residences. The small gambrel-roofed section is the oldest portion of the house. Originally it had a central chimney, whose foundations remain in the cellar, but which was removed later. This one and one-half story, five bay house oriented toward the south on a granite foundation represents the simpler version of Reading's 18th-century house construction. Window enframements and door surrounds are of the simplest form: narrow strips of wood framing the openings.

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

The house served a succession of owners engaged in a line of trades and small businesses. As late as 1943, this house is a reminder of the sizeable group of Reading citizens who were working-class tradesmen or craftsmen. Samuel Parker was a cooper living in the house until 1849. * Later occupants were Harriet and Merrill Hutchinson, who conducted a prosperous carriage-painting business through the 1890's, and during a brief period in the 1880's experimented in market gardening. E. Idella Kenney built up a nursery business after purchasing the property in 1896, remaining there until 1943. For a number of years she shared the house with her sister, Carrie Belle Kenney, one of the first women to graduate from M.I.T.

* Samuel Brooks was also a cooper.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1795 map Samuel Parker
1830 map yes
1854 map S. W. Brooks (Samuel)
1875 map S. Brooks Est.
1889 map V. Hutchinson
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Eaton, Memorial Volume, p. 335

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Reading	Form No: C-106
Property Name: 132 West St.	

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

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The Samuel Parker house is significant (1) for its role as the home of a succession of tradespeople and small-business owners; (2) for its connection with nursery operator E. Idella Kenney and her sister Carrie Belle, one of the first women to graduate from Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and (3) as a largely intact gambrel-roofed example of vernacular Georgian architecture. It retains integrity of location, general 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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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

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|---|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|
| 61. Nichols, James, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melrose Byers 7-19-84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 62. Nichols, Richard, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melrose Byers 7-19-84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 63. Octagon House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melrose Byers 7-19-84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 64. Old Hose House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melrose Byers 7-19-84</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 65. Parker, Capt. Nathaniel,
Red House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melrose Byers 7/19/84</u> |
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| 66. Parker House
(52 Salem St.) | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melrose Byers 7-19-84</u> |
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| 67. Parker, Joseph, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melrose Byers 7-19-84</u> |
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| 68. Parker, Samuel, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melrose Byers 7-19-84</u> |
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| 69. Parker, Stillman, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melrose Byers 7-19-84</u> |
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| 70. Parker House
(316 Haven St.) | Entered in the
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Parker, Samuel, 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	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: _____



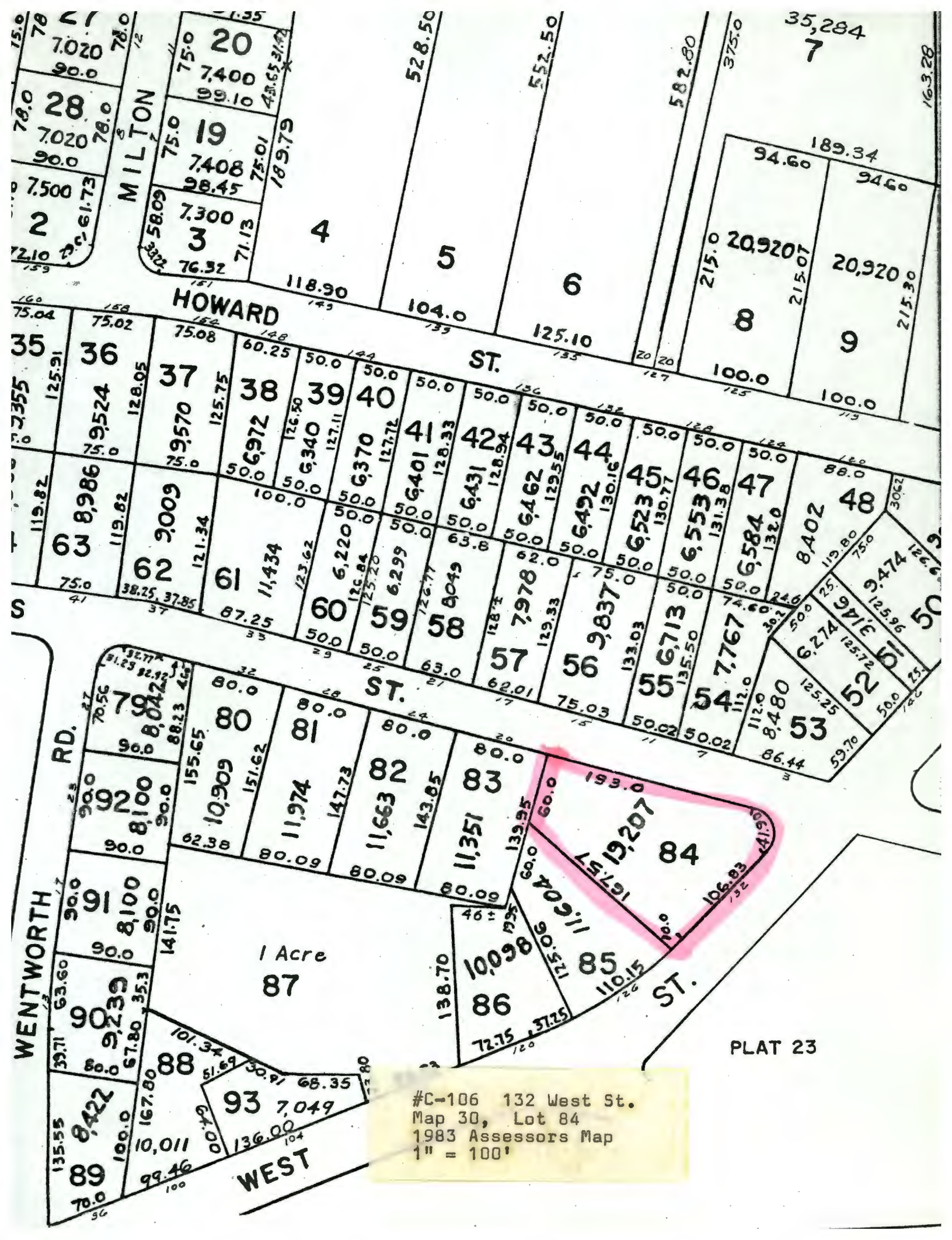
Parke, Sam Ueb, House
Needham, MA



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132 West

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#C-106 132 West St.
 Map 30, Lot 84
 1983 Assessors Map
 1" = 100'

PLAT 23

1 Acre
 87

WENTWORTH RD.

HOWARD ST.

ST.

ST.

WEST

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000290