

FORM B - BUILDING

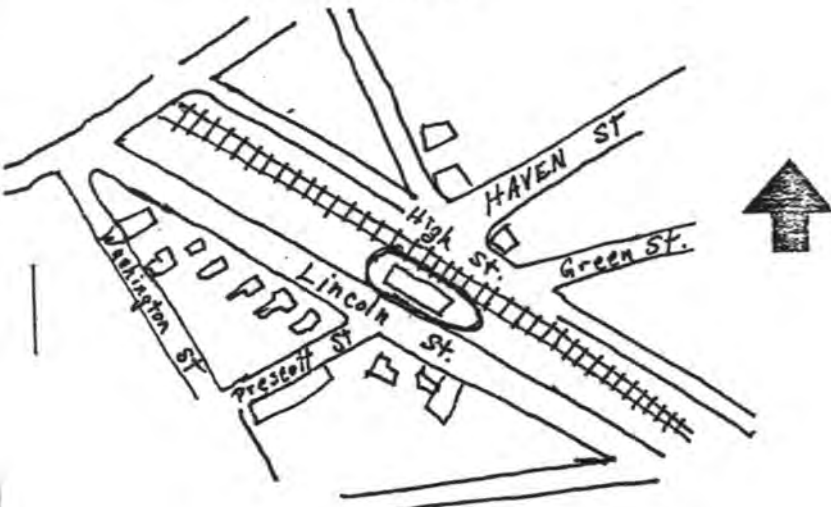
Area <u>C</u>	Form no. <u>168</u>
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION XXXIII 17
 294 Washington Street Boston, MA



Reading
 Lincoln Street
 Name Boston and Maine
 Railroad Depot
 Original Depot
 Present Vacant - Boston and
Maine Waiting Room
 Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public Town of Reading
 Original owner Boston and Maine
Railroad

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



DESCRIPTION:
 Date 1870
 Source Chronicle
 Stick - Queen Anne
 Architect unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Wood Clapboards
 Buildings none
 Alterations (with dates) completely
remodeled (1891); trim removed
(1955); alum. gutters added (1975)
 Moved No Date _____
 Approx. acreage 3.04 acres
 Setting Parallel to railroad
tracks, between two streets.

Recorded by Architectural
Preservation Associates
 Organization Reading Historical
Commission
 Date November 1980

Date 6/82

UTM: 19/326840/4709620

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

The seven bays of this long, rectangular structure are articulated by paneled pilasters. Jutting out from the upper portion of each pilaster is a chamfered knee brace that helps support the deeply overhanging roof, which creates a sheltered waiting area. Three doorways lead to the baggage and waiting areas. A large bay-window composition enhances the track facade; it features five long windows above recessed panels. The upper sash of all of the long windows consist of a single large light edged by smaller, colored-glass lights. The bay window was introduced in 1891; it is likely that the upper window sash date from the same remodeling. Decorative trim around the roof has been removed.

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

Prior to the arrival of the railroad in 1845, the town of Reading was primarily agricultural. Although manufacturing had been developing, the advent of the railroad hastened progress. In 1871 the necktie factory of Damon, Temple and Co. were sending goods to Boston on the railroad twice a day. About the same time railroad commuting to Boston was flourishing. In 1884, house lots in the vicinity of the railroad (Reading Highlands) were in great demand. The railroad depot housed the telegraph station in 1883. Excursion trains were popular in the 1880's noteworthy enough to be recorded in the local newspaper. Reading people flocked to the depot for the Sixth Annual excursion and picnic of the traders of Reading on July 31, 1883.

The railroad influenced the pattern of Reading's changes from agricultural, to industrial to commuter. The present depot is the only remaining building associated with the railroad's heritage in Reading still intact and on the original site.

Built in 1870 this depot replaced an earlier one of 1845 which spanned the tracks.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Reading	Form No: C-168
Property Name: Depot, Lincoln St.	

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

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The Boston and Maine railroad depot is significant (1) as the most visible reminder of the important role played in Reading's development by the railroad; (2) in that it is still in use as a railroad station; and (3) as an example of Stick style-Queen Anne architecture. It retains integrity of location, general design, general setting, materials, and workmanship, and meets Criteria A 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 Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Beard, Benjamin, House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/19/84

Attest

22. Boston and Maine Railroad Depot
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/19/84

Attest

23. Bowser Gazebo Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/19/84

Attest

24. Brackett House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/19/84

Attest

25. Brande House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/19/84

Attest

26. Brooks, Francis, House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/19/84

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27. Carroll-Hartshorn House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/19/84

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28. Carter Mansion Entered in the
National Register

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29. Coggin, Gilman, House Entered in the
National Register

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30. Cook, Asa M., House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/19/84

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Boston and Maine Railroad Depot
(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		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

Boston and Maine Railroad Depot
(Reading, N.H.)
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: _____



Boston & Maine Railroad
Report
Road to N.R.A. M.



Lincoln St

~~XXXIII~~ 17A

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: _____ 64000290

memorandum

DATE: April 27, 1987

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Camille Martone

SUBJECT: Part 2 Appeal

TO: PAD/NR/LARS

Property: Reading Depot Individually listed as part of Reading MRA
Lincoln Street
Reading, Massachusetts

Meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 1987
10:30 AM
Dr. Connally's office

*NR
attend*

Issue: Loss of both original fabric and distinctive interior space

The owners will attend