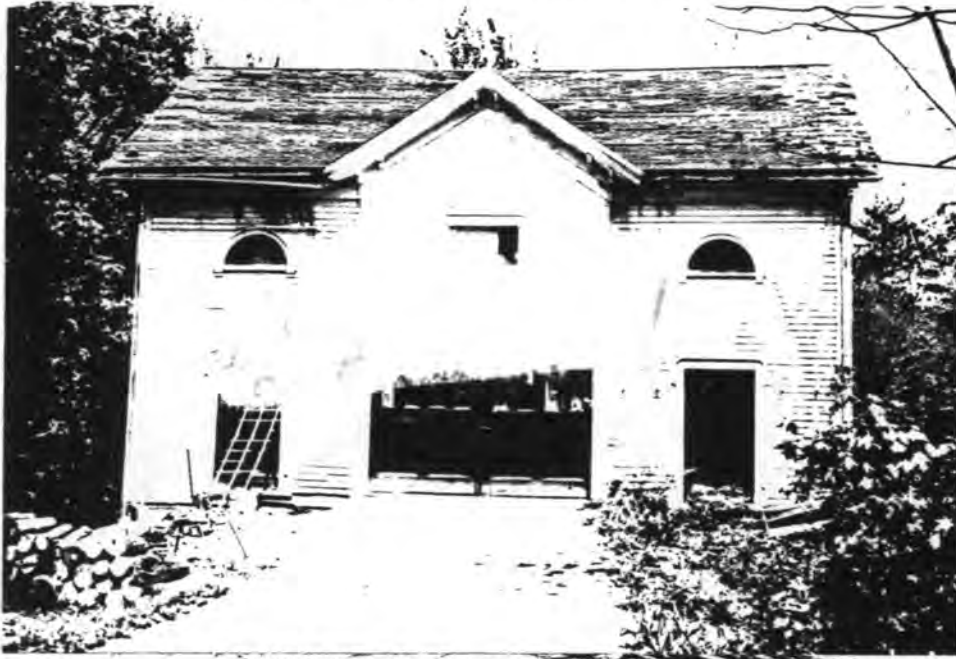


FORM B - BUILDING

Area <b>C</b>	Form no. <b>157</b>
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Reading  
186 Summer Avenue  
ic Name Kemp Barn  
Original Barn  
Present Barn  
Ship:  Private individual  
Private organization  
Public  
Original owner Robert "Father" Kemp

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

Date c. 1853

Source Concerning the Past  
Italianate

itect \_\_\_\_\_

rior wall fabric Clapboards

uildings \_\_\_\_\_

alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

slates replaced with asphalt.

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage 1.568 acres

Setting Behind house. Ramp to central door.



Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates  
Organization Reading Historical Commission  
Date November 30, 1980

**REVISED**

Date 6/82

(Staple additional sheets here)

WTM: 19/326120/4709690

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

This barn, which is part of the architectural ensemble with the house, is as carefully designed and embellished as the dwelling. The rectangular shape broken by a cross gable has 3 openings on the first floor -- a double sliding door is flanked by doors with shouldered architraves. Pilasters support the bracketed central gable pavilion, which is flush-boarded. Above the hayloft is a scrolled molding. Two semi-circular windows flank the hayloft. A copper weathervane adorns the roof.

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

Robert ("Father") Kemp came to Reading in 1853 after his partner in a boot and shoe business in Boston, John Mansfield, bought ten acres on Summer Avenue, then sold half of it to Kemp. He planned to raise apples and chickens, while continuing to commute to town on the 8-year-old railroad line. This barn was probably for the horse and carriage, rather than farm produce.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1854 map R. Kemp  
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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

Reading

Form No:

C-157

Property Name: 186 Summer Ave. Barn

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

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The Kemp Barn is significant (1) as a product of the 19th century real estate boom on the West Side, and as the barn of a railroad commuter; (2) for its connection with Robert ("Father") Kemp, shoe manufacturer and choral leader, and with public servants Charles and Katherine Howard; and (3) as part of a high-style Italianate architectural ensemble, with the house on the property. 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

dnr-11

Name Reading Multiple Resource Area  
State MASSACHUSETTS

*Conn* *Paul Douglas* *2/19/84*

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

*Review*

1. Ace Art Company

*Substantive Review* *for* Keeper  
Attest

*Paul Douglas* *2-1-85*

2. Common Historic District

*Substantive Review* *for* Keeper  
Attest

*Paul Douglas* *2-1-85*

3. Harnden-Browne House

*Substantive Review* *for* Keeper  
Attest

*Paul Douglas* *2-1-85*

4. Haverhill Street Milestone

*Substantive Review* *for* Keeper  
Attest

*Paul Douglas* *2-1-85*

5. Kemp Place

Entered in the  
National Register *for* Keeper  
Attest

*Delores Byers* *7/19/84*

6. Kemp Barn

Entered in the  
National Register *for* Keeper  
Attest

*Delores Byers* *7/19/84*

7. Nichols, Jerry, Tavern

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*Delores Byers* *7/19/84*

*Review*

8. Reading Standpipe

*Substantive Review* *for* Keeper  
Attest

*Paul Douglas* *2-1-85*

*Review*

9. Smith Shoe Shop

*Substantive Review* *for* Keeper  
Attest

*Paul Douglas* *2-1-85*

*Review*

10. Woburn Street Historic  
District

*Substantive Review* *for* Keeper  
Attest

*Paul Douglas* *2-1-85*

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Kemp Barn (Reading MRA)  
Middlesex County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. JUN 4 1984  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/6/85  
Date Due: 7-5-84 / 7-19-84  
Action: ACCEPT 7-19-84  
RETURN \_\_\_\_\_  
REJECT \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in file \_\_\_\_\_  
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

(A.R.M. 1985) (A.R.M. 1985)  
 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: \_\_\_\_\_

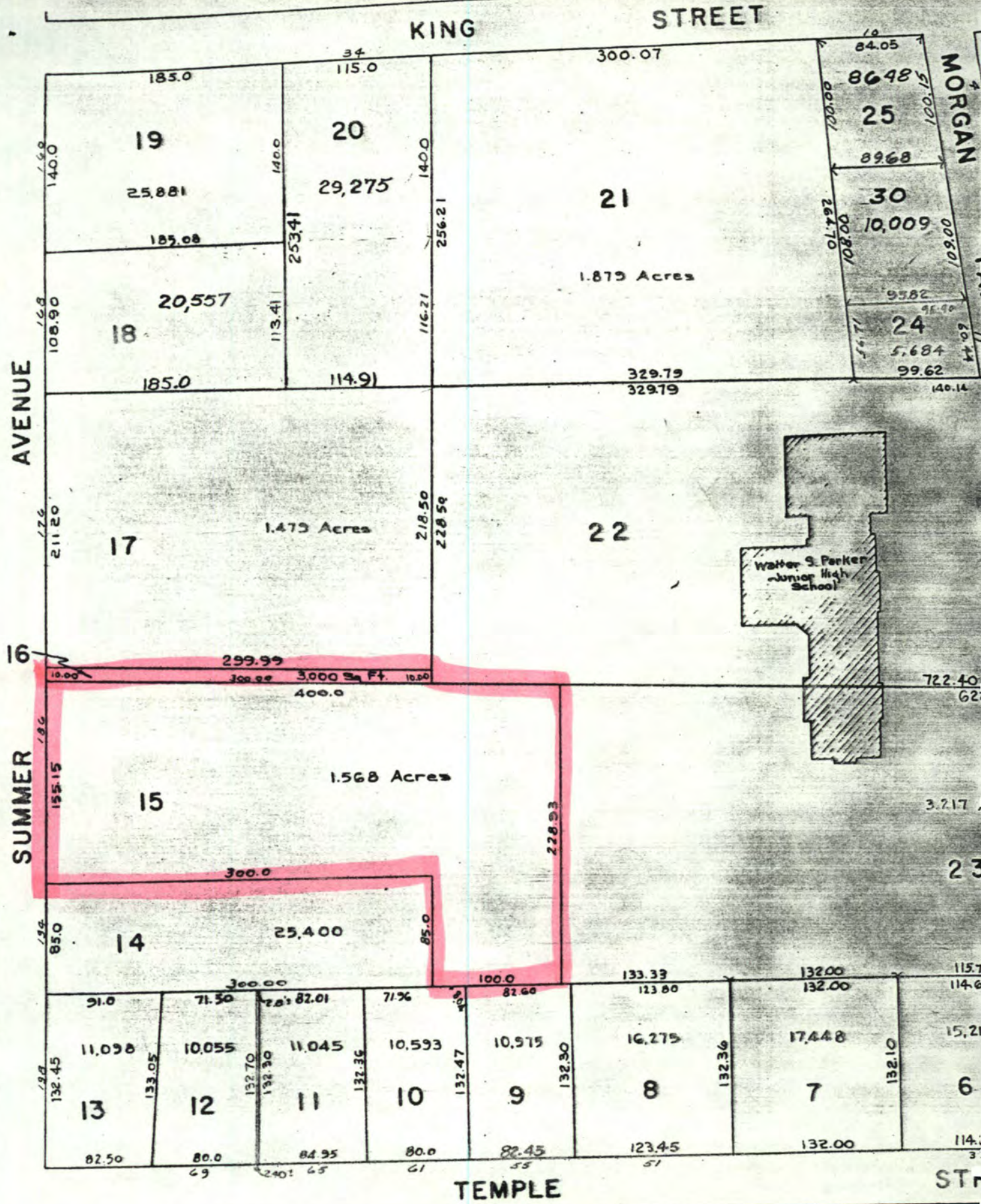


Kemp Barn

Reading MRA, Ma

186 Summer Ave - Barn

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#C-157 186 Summer Ave.  
 Barn  
 Map 61, Lot 15-16  
 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