

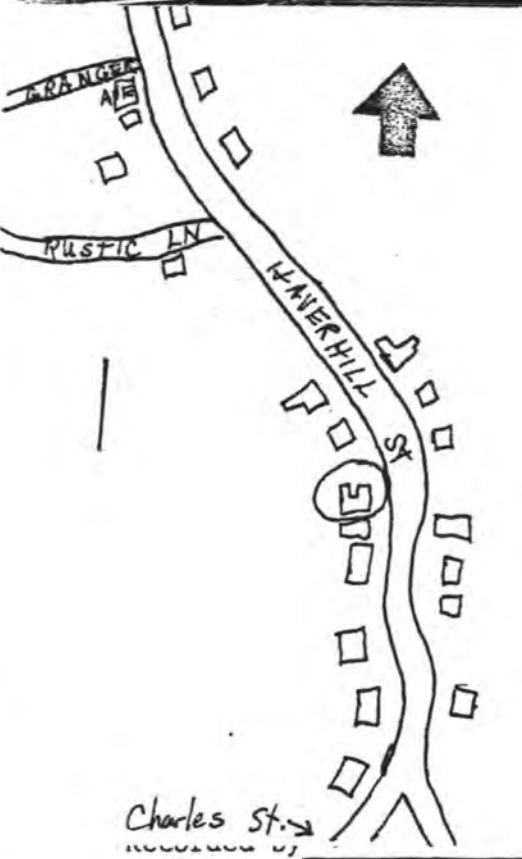
FORM B - BUILDING

Area <u>A</u>	Form no. <u>5</u>
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION F-6A  
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Reading  
 Address 434 Haverhill Street  
 Historic Name Daniel Nichols/Homestead  
 Original Dwelling \_\_\_\_\_  
 Present Dwelling \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Public \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original owner Daniel Nichols



property's  
 to nearest  
 her buildings  
 ures.

DESCRIPTION:  
 Date c. 1741-2  
 Source Rooftrees  
 Style Vernacular (Georgian)  
 Architect n/a  
 Exterior wall fabric Asbestos shingles  
 Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

Major alterations (with dates) Ell subject of deed 1841 on north side, shed roof addition on east.

Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. acreage Two and one-half acres.

Setting Faces south. House located on a rise beside road.

Organization Reading Historical Commission  
 Date November 30, 1980

**REVISED**

Date 6/82

UTM: 19/328300/4712240

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

This building reflects the common Reading house type built during the last half of the 18th century until, in many cases, the mid 19th century. The form was rectangular, five bays long and one (as here) or two bays deep. This house was extended by a leanto to the rear. It has two interior chimneys, faces south on granite foundations, and places most of its architectural emphasis on the door surround, which here has a high entablature supported on recessed, paneled pilasters and side-lights. An ell, the subject of a deed in 1849, may have been built at that time.

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

Daniel Nichols bought land from the Town of Reading 1741-42 and may have built this house shortly thereafter. Probably a farmer he was active in church and town affairs from 1742-1760, tithing man, Board of Selectmen, Surveyor of Highways. His son-in-law, Amos Pearson, who lived here next was also an active community member.

The house was divided into a two family dwelling, as was so often the case in the late 18th century, by both Parkers and Pratts. So many of the Pratt family lived on upper Haverhill Street that it became known locally as "Pratt Row".

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1795 map D. Pratt. (Daniel)

1830 map yes

1854 map Samuel Pratt

1875 map A. P. Pratt (Asa)

1889 map Misses Pratt (Laura H. & Mary E.)

Note: 1765 map Cyrus Parson

is an error for Amos Pearson

Bishop, Rooftrees, Chapter 47

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Reading	Form No: A-5
Property Name: 424 Haverhill St.	

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

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The Daniel Nichols homestead is significant (1) for its role as an old farming homestead; (2) for its connection with the locally important Nichols and Pratt families; and (3) for its early date and unchanged vernacular Georgian lines. It retains integrity of location, design, setting, 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

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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
51. House at 206 West Street	Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> <u>7-19-84</u> Attest _____
52. House at 242 Summer Avenue	Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> <u>7-19-84</u> Attest _____
53. House at 322 Haven Street	Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> <u>7-19-84</u> Attest _____
54. House at 483 Summer Avenue	Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> <u>7-19-84</u> Attest _____
55. House at 1177 Main Street	Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> <u>7-19-84</u> Attest _____
56. Lewis House	Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> <u>7-19-84</u> Attest _____
57. Manning, Charles, House	Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> <u>7-19-84</u> Attest _____
58. Manning, Jacob, House	Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> <u>7-19-84</u> Attest _____
59. Masonic Block	Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> <u>7-19-84</u> Attest _____
60. Nichols, Daniel, Homestead	Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> <u>7-19-84</u> Attest _____

PL # 84002753

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Nichols, Daniel, Homestead (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: \_\_\_\_\_

- 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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> 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

Nicholas Daniel Romesano (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 \_\_\_\_\_

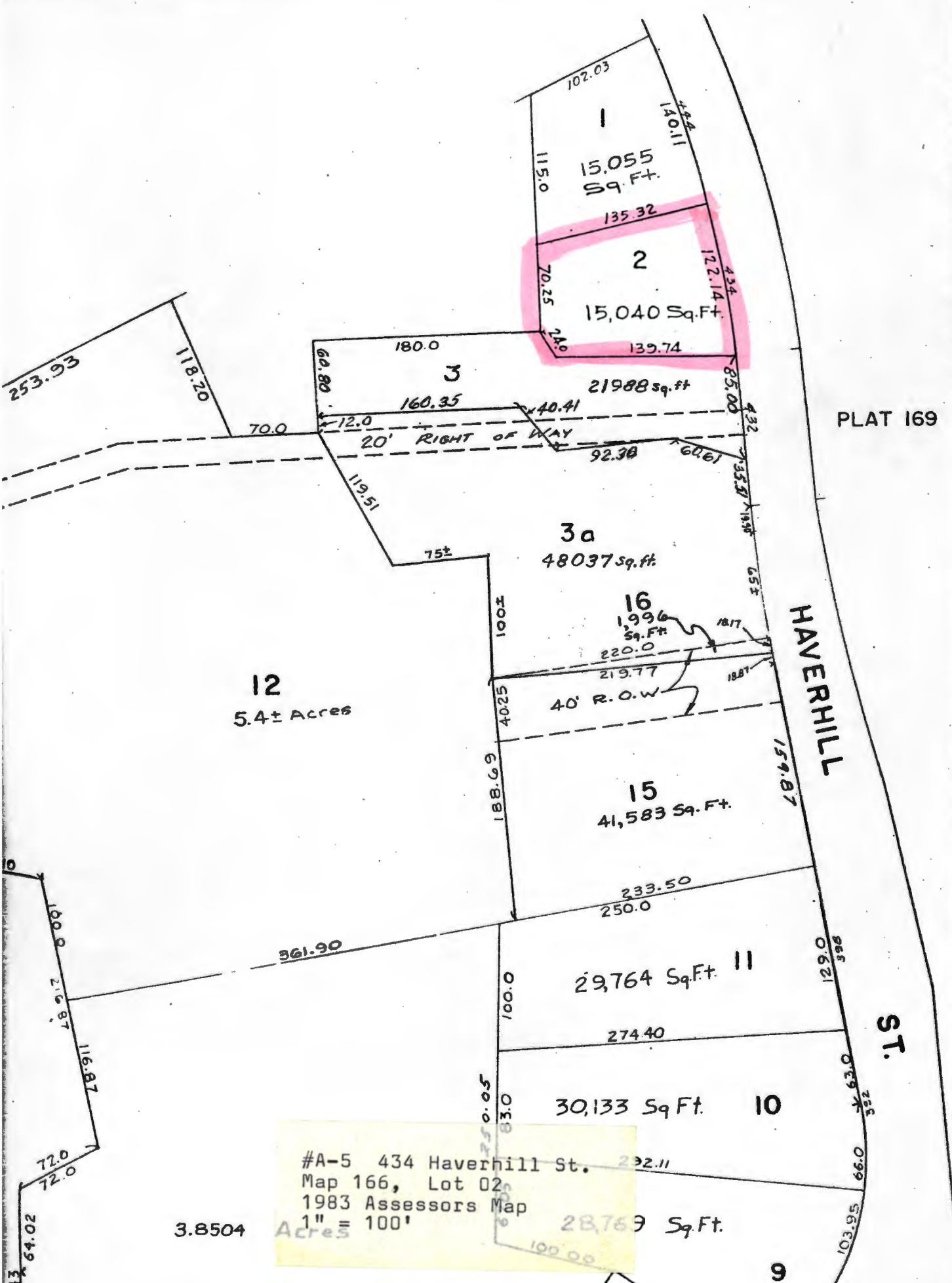
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Nichols David, Haverhill  
Recording MPA, MA

434 Haverhill St.

F-6A



PLAT 169

Haverhill

ST.

12  
5.4± Acres

1  
15,055 Sq. Ft.

2  
15,040 Sq. Ft.

3  
21988 sq. ft.

3a  
48037 Sq. ft.

16  
1,996 Sq. Ft.

15  
41,583 Sq. Ft.

29,764 Sq. Ft. 11

30,133 Sq. Ft. 10

28,769 Sq. Ft.

#A-5 434 Haverhill St. 232.11  
 Map 166, Lot 02  
 1983 Assessors Map  
 1" = 100'

3.8504 Acres

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000290