

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Reading (#14)

145 Salem Street

Name Charles Manning House

Original Dwelling

Present Dwelling

Type: ☒ Private individual
Private organization

Public

Original owner Charles Manning

LOCATION:

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

Date c. 1850Source Map 1854Style Greek RevivalArchitect n/aExterior wall fabric ClapboardOther buildings noneMajor alterations (with dates) Porcheast of rear extension.Preserved no DateApprox. acreage 10,010 s.f.Siting Faces north on slight rise.Organization Reading Historical CommissionDate November 30, 1980Date 6/82UTM: 19/327930/4710170

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

This house is an excellent example of the domestic building of the Greek Revival period. Three bays wide, with its gable end turned to the street to resemble the classical temple form, the theme is carried out with paneled corner pilasters supporting a wide frieze at the sides. The door surround, similar to many found in American-produced pattern books, has long sidelights, paneled pilasters, and a full entablature. Long first-floor windows and second-story windows are capped by shallow pedimented lintels.

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

Charles Manning, who gave his name to the street which defines this lot, lived here from 1854-89. He was a manufacturer of parlor desks, part of the extensive woodworking industry that flourished from the 1830's up to the Civil War years on the east side of the town. Many of the companies specialized in parlor desks, which were first made by Dinsmore & Grouard down the street.

Manning was apprenticed to Francis Kingman, who lived across Salem Street. He purchased the last three months of his three-year term in order to train at a Baptist Theological Academy in New York, but never became a minister. He went into partnership with his brother Ezra Manning and Solon A. Parker; the three men were manufacturing on Pearl Street. He later worked for Alden Batchelder. He was a member of the House of Representatives in 1862.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1854 map C. Manning (Charles)

1875 map C. Manning

1889 map C. Manning

Eaton, Memorial Volume, p. 256

Eaton, Genealogical History, p. 291, 527

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Dorchester	Form No: B-49
Property Name: 145 Salem St.	

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

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

This property is significant (1) for its role in Ferdinand's cabinet-making trade; (2) for its connection with Charles Brown, manufacturer of parlor desks and state representative; and (3) as a good example of the Greek Revival style. It retains integrity of design, location, setting, materials, workmanship, and feeling, and meets Criteria 1, 2, and 3 of the National Register.

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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

for Keeper Delores Byers 7-19-84

Attest

52. House at 242 Summer Avenue Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7-19-84

Attest

53. House at 322 Haven Street Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7-19-84

Attest

54. House at 483 Summer Avenue Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7-19-84

Attest

55. House at 1177 Main Street Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7-19-84

Attest

56. Lewis House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7-19-84

Attest

57. Manning, Charles, House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7-19-84

Attest

58. Manning, Jacob, House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7-19-84

Attest

59. Masonic Block Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7-19-84

Attest

60. Nichols, Daniel, Homestead

for Keeper Delores Byers 7-19-84

Attest

Entered in the
National Register

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Manning, Charles, House (Reading MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

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: _____

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
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	
	☐ unaltered	
	☐ altered	

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: _____



Manning, Charles, Jr.
Reading, Mass.

145 Salem St.

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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