

FORM B - BUILDING

Area

Form no.

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION G-31
224 Washington Street Boston MA 02108

Reading

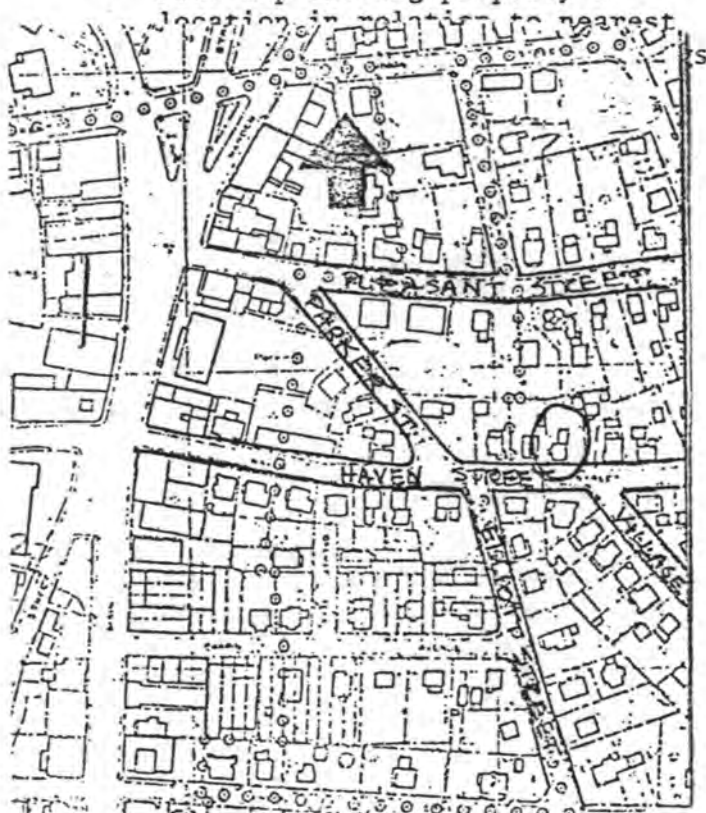
322 Haven Street

Name House atOriginal dwellingPresent dwellingType: ☒ Private individual
Private organization

Public

Original owner Mrs. Elizabeth B. Nichols?

Draw map showing property's



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1876-1889Source map of 1889Style Early Gothic Revival-ItalianateArchitect --Exterior wall fabric clapboardsOutbuildings --Major alterations (with dates) one-story west extension; one-storynorth (rear) extensionMoved no DateApprox. acreage 6,922 sq. ft.Setting faces south, close tostreetRecorded by Architectural Preservation AssociatesOrganization Reading HistoricalCommissionDate November 30, 1980Date 2/16/84UTM: 19/327390/4709820

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

This cottage is an example of the way in which the Early Gothic Revival style was frequently tempered with less extreme forms of ornamentation. The exceeding verticality of the steeply pitched gable roof, and the cutwork of the raking eaves, are the primary allusions to the Gothic Revival style. The double front door, its doorway hood on elaborate millwork brackets, and the front bay window are characteristic of the Italianate style.

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

The 1889 map has this house owned by a Mrs. S.B. Nichols. This seems to be an error, because the 1890 valuation book credits it to Elizabeth B. Nichols. Born Elizabeth Boynton Hartwell, she first married Thomas C. Day. After Day's death, she married David Henry Nichols in 1874, when he was 42 years old. It is likely that this man is the D. Henry Nichols listed in the 1901 business directory: his address is given as Parker Street opposite Village Street, and Parker Street addresses were frequently interchanged with Haven Street addresses. Nichols was a cordwainer, or shoemaker. Elizabeth died in 1900, and the house was assessed that year to her heirs. Nichols remarried the widow Annie B. Rice in 1904, and the house passed to Elizabeth's daughter, Mary Elizabeth, who had married Bob Tottam. Thus, the 1906 map refers to "Mary E. Tottam."

A rubber worker named Michael Daily lived here in 1907, but probably he was only a tenant, since he lived elsewhere in 1909. Frank Campbell, a carpenter, owned the property in 1926.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1889 map - Mrs. S.B. Nichols (believed to be an error for Mrs. E.B. Nichols)
1890, 1900 valuation books
1906 map - Mary E. Tottam (Mary Elizabeth)
1907, 1909, 1926 street lists
Reading vital records
1894/5, 1914/5 business directories

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Reading	Form No: B-68
Property Name: --	

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

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

This house is significant (1) for its role in the 19th century development of Reading's east side, as a neighborhood for working-class residents and small businesses; (2) for its connection with David Henry Nichols, a part of the important Reading shoemaking trade; and (3) as an unusual combination of the Early Gothic Revival and Italianate styles of architecture. It retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, and feeling, and meets Criteria A, B. and C 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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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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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| 51. House at 206 West Street | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 7-19-84 | Attest _____ |
| 52. House at 242 Summer Avenue | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 7-19-84 | Attest _____ |
| 53. House at 322 Haven Street | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 7-19-84 | Attest _____ |
| 54. House at 483 Summer Avenue | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 7-19-84 | Attest _____ |
| 55. House at 1177 Main Street | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 7-19-84 | Attest _____ |
| 56. Lewis House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 7-19-84 | Attest _____ |
| 57. Manning, Charles, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 7-19-84 | Attest _____ |
| 58. Manning, Jacob, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 7-19-84 | Attest _____ |
| 59. Masonic Block | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 7-19-84 | Attest _____ |
| 60. Nichols, Daniel, Homestead | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 7-19-84 | Attest _____ |

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House at 322 Haven Street (Reading M R A)
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

Entered in the RETURN

National Register 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	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: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Reading MRA, Ma

G-314 House at 322 Haven St. B-68

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000290