

FORM B - BUILDING

Area C	Form no. 166
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

14-2



Reading (#8)
 Address 44 Temple Street
 Historic Name -- House at
 Original dwelling
 Present dwelling
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Annie M. Bliss

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

DESCRIPTION:

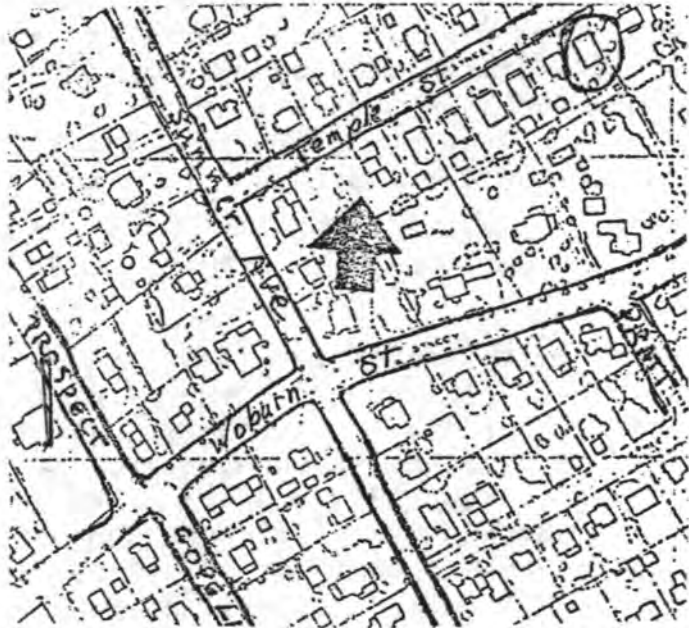
Date 1910-1911
 Source Water Department records
 Style Bungalow
 Architect --
 Exterior wall fabric shingles, field-
 stone foundation
 Outbuildings --

Major alterations (with dates) porch steps

Moved no Date _____

Approx. acreage 9.110 sq. ft.

Setting On small lot, facing north.



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

REVISED

Date 6/82

UTM: 19/326250/4709620

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

This bungalow has grouped horizontal windows and an exceptionally wide roof overhang carried on the exposed ends of the roof rafters. The front edge of the roof is further supported by two large knee braces. Low, square piers flank the porch steps and secure the porch balustrade. The prominent dormer serves more as decoration than as a source of light. This house is a good example of the bungalow style in Reading -- a style formed in the West and embraced across the country as part of the interest in efficient and economical use of space that developed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

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

This house illustrates a typical pattern of land development in Reading. Two families -- the Appletons and the Temples -- owned large, contiguous tracts of land. A street was laid out along the boundary in 1848, and named Temple Street. With the area opened for development, a few lots were sold and built upon, but spaces remained between the houses. These spaces gradually filled up with houses as the years went by, such that Temple Street now has houses from most of the stylistic periods of the 19th and 20th centuries.

Owner of this house was Annie Bliss, known as Nancy Bliss. She wrote a weekly column for the Reading Chronicle during the 1930's. She also ran a small candy shop in her home that was frequented by children.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- 1875 map - land owned by E. Appleton, no house
- 1910 - land purchased from Mrs. Frank Smith (no house)
- 1911 - Water Department records
- Wadlin, Concerning the Past, Chapter XCII
- Reading Chronicle, July 28, 1948 (obituary)

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Reading	Form No: C-166
Property Name: 44 Temple St.	

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

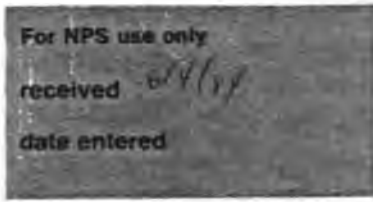
CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

This property is significant (1) as an example of the infill pattern of land development in Reading; (2) for its connection with writer and storekeeper Annie ("Nancy") Bliss; and (3) as an excellent example of the bungalow style in Reading. It retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship, 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



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

- 41. House at 11 Beech Street Entered in the National Register Keeper Shelona Byers 7/19/84
Attest _____
- 42. House at 16 Mineral Street Entered in the National Register Keeper Shelona Byers 7/19/84
Attest _____
- 43. House at 26 Center Avenue Entered in the National Register Keeper Shelona Byers 7/19/84
Attest _____
- 44. House at 42 Salem Street Entered in the National Register Keeper Shelona Byers 7/19/84
Attest _____
- 45. House at 44 Temple Street Entered in the National Register Keeper Shelona Byers 7/19/84
Attest _____
- 46. House at 57 Woburn Street Entered in the National Register Keeper Shelona Byers 7/19/84
Attest _____
- 47. House at 77 Howard Street Entered in the National Register Keeper Shelona Byers 7/19/84
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- 48. House at 79-81 Salem Street Entered in the National Register Keeper Shelona Byers 7/19/84
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- 49. House at 129 High Street Entered in the National Register Keeper Shelona Byers 7/19/84
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- 50. House at 199 Summer Avenue Entered in the National Register Keeper Shelona Byers 7/19/84
Attest _____

Reg # 84002650

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House at 44 Temple Street (Reading MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. JUN 4 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/85
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 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	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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

House at 44 Temple Street (Reading, MA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreege 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: _____

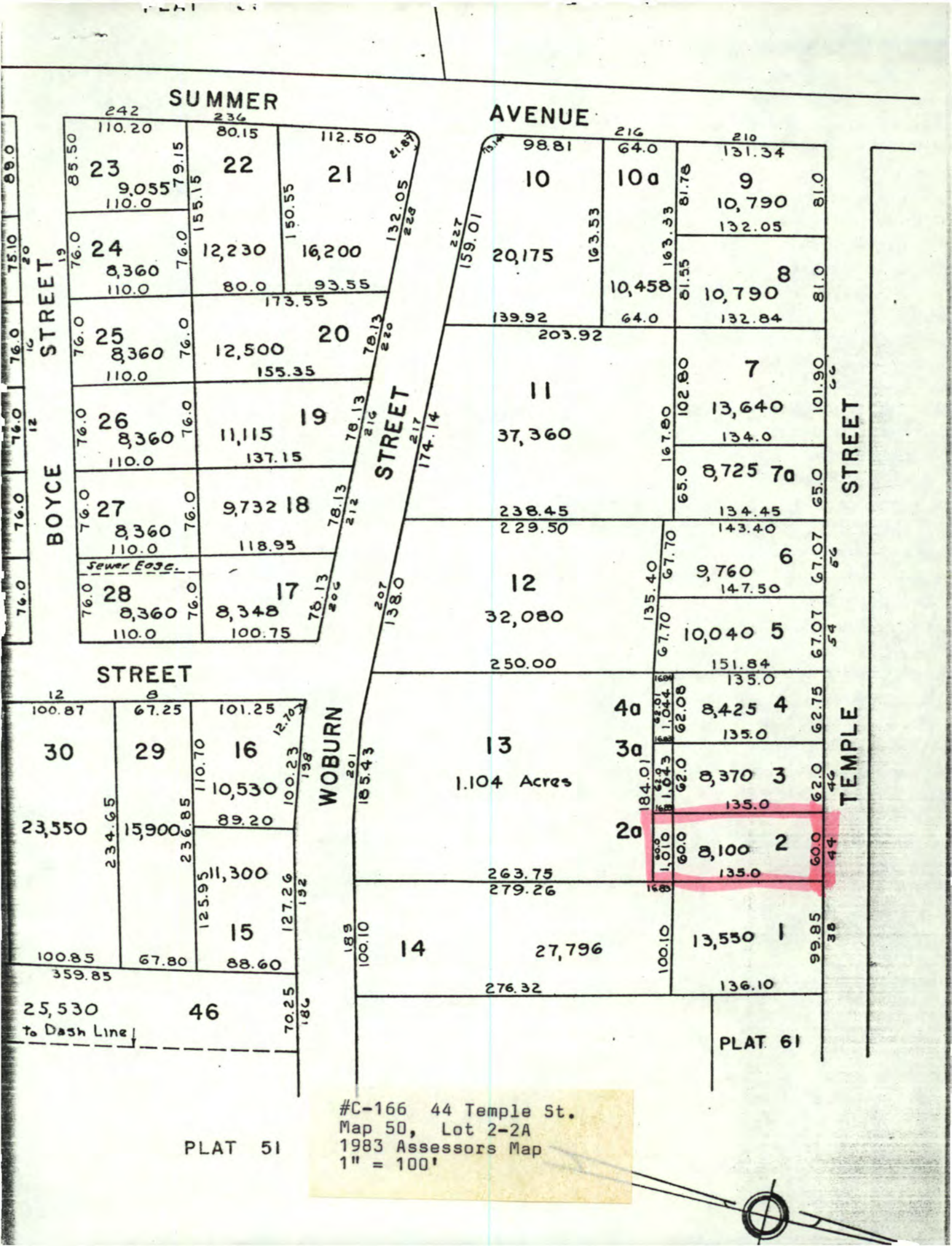


Reading MPA, Ma

Horse at

44 Temple St.

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SUMMER AVENUE

BOYCE STREET

WOBURN STREET

TEMPLE STREET

STREET

PLAT 61

PLAT 51

#C-166 44 Temple St.
 Map 50, Lot 2-2A
 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