

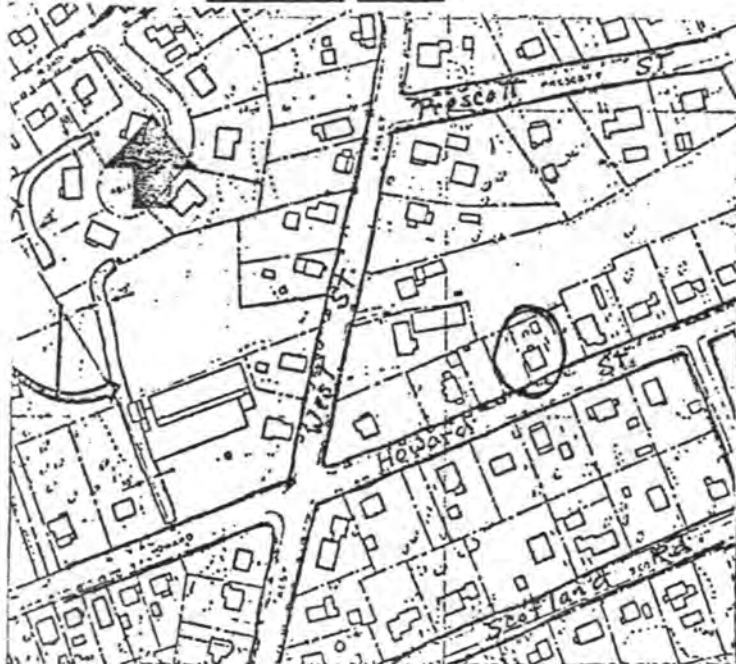
FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION II-14
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Area	Form no.
C	107



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



Reading

77' Howard Street

Original Name Howard St

Original dwelling

Present dwelling

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

Public

Original owner Horace E. Wallace

NOTATION:

Date c. 1895

Source town water records

Style Queen Anne

Architect --

Exterior wall fabric clapboards, shingles

Outbuildings --

Major alterations (with dates) --

Moved no Date ---

Approx. acreage 15,000 sq. ft.

Setting on a large lot, facing south

Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates

Organization Reading Historical Commission

Date November 30, 1980

Date 2/16/84

UTM: 19/325860/4708890

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

This fanciful Queen Anne house exhibits many of the architectural conceits of the period: complexity of massing, with its turret, oriel, projecting gable, inset window, and curved wall plane; elaboration of materials and decorative elements, such as the porch spoolwork, imbricated shingles, and stained-glass windows; and an eclectic use of historical references, in the dentil embellishment of the cornice, and in the copper finial that tops the turret. A deep, encircling veranda provides a private, shaded place for outdoor living.

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

In 1889, roads in this area were "paper streets," with names that were different from those used today. Howard Street was accepted by the town in 1893. The eastern end of the street was laid out over the old Prescott farm, whose homestead was at 284 Summer Avenue (form no. C-113). The development of the western end of the street was delayed by the still-rural nature of West Street, with its large land holdings. This area developed in response to the influx of middle-class railroad commuters who wished to settle in a suburb not too distant from their work in downtown Boston.

George Heath lived on Howard Street near Summer Avenue, and was associated with the Bailey and Heath Company of Boston. The firm was responsible for some of the development of the area, and also for some of the Scotland Road area.

It is possible that Horace E. Wallace (Wallis) was the first owner of this house, since he was assessed for it in 1900, as an out-of-town property owner (from Waltham).

In 1906, Calvin P. Atwood -- a clerk who commuted to work in Boston -- owned the house. His wife was Florence Parker, the daughter of Walter S. Parker (form no. C-90).

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1889 map - no
1906 map - Calvin P. Atwood
1898 business directory
1900 valuation book
Chronicle, Jan. 4, 1896; Apr. 17, 1897
Reading water records

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Reading	Form No: C-107
Property Name: --	

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

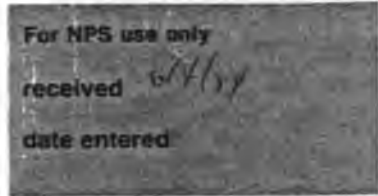
CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

This house is significant (1) for its role in the development of Reading's west side as a well-to-do residential area for railroad commuters and local businessmen; and (2) as an elaborate example of the Queen Anne style of architecture. It retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, and feeling, and meets Criteria A 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 *for* Keeper *Shelona Byers* 7/19/84
Attest _____
- 42. House at 16 Mineral Street Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper *Shelona Byers* 7/19/84
Attest _____
- 43. House at 26 Center Avenue Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper *Shelona Byers* 7/19/84
Attest _____
- 44. House at 42 Salem Street Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper *Shelona Byers* 7/19/84
Attest _____
- 45. House at 44 Temple Street Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper *Shelona Byers* 7/19/84
Attest _____
- 46. House at 57 Woburn Street Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper *Shelona Byers* 7/19/84
Attest _____
- 47. House at 77 Howard Street Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper *Shelona Byers* 7/19/84
Attest _____
- 48. House at 79-81 Salem Street Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper *Shelona Byers* 7/19/84
Attest _____
- 49. House at 129 High Street Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper *Shelona Byers* 7/19/84
Attest _____
- 50. House at 199 Summer Avenue Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper *Shelona Byers* 7/19/84
Attest _____

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House at 77 Howard Street (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: _____

Entered in the
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	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

House at 77 Howard Street (Reading M.R.A.)
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: _____



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house at 77 Howard



#C-107 77 Howard St.
 Map 38, Lot 3A-4
 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