

FORM F - STRUCTURE

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House Boston

In Area no. Form no.

C

190

town Reading

address 25 Linden Street

name

present use Gazebo

present owner Alice Owen

type of structure (check one)

bridge	_____	pound	_____
bal	_____	powder house	_____
h	_____	street	_____
fort	_____	tower	_____
gate	_____	tunnel	_____
kiln	_____	wall	_____
lighthouse	_____	windmill	_____

other Gazebo

5. Description

Date pre-1894

Source Memorial Volume

Construction material Wood

Dimensions 10' x 10'

Setting Side yard of house at 25 Linden Street

Condition Fair

6. Recorded by Architectural Preservation

Associates
Organization Reading Historical

Commission
Date November 20, 1980

REVISED

Date 6/82

(over)

UTM: 19/327200/4709900

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

7. Original owner (if known) _____
Original use Summer House.
Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____
8. Historical significance.

The gazebo provided a focal point in an outdoor setting, a domestic adornment, and a shady place in which to rest on a hot summer day, at a period when ladies especially did not swim or engage in active physical exercise. The presence of a gazebo indicates that the owners had time for leisure, and that part of this leisure time was spent in a quiet, domestic environment, as well as demonstrating the availability of money necessary to construct an essentially frivolous structure.

The house was designed by Horace G. Wadlin. It was owned by R. L. Bowser, who was a partner in the Copeland-Bowser drygoods store. The property was owned by E. A. Chandler when photographed for the Memorial Volume.

9. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.

1889 map Mrs. M. Bowser
Chronicle, July 4, 1891
1907 Street List: Mitchell, Jacob - merchant
Eaton, Memorial Volume, p. 215 photo

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

Reading

Form No:

C-190

Property Name: 25 Linden St.

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

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

This gazebo is significant (1) as an example of the Victorian love of domestic leisure; (2) for its connection with local dry-goods store owner R. L. Bowser; and (3) as one of the few remaining gazebos in Reading. It retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, and feeling, and meets Criteria A, B, and C of the National Register.

The nomination is confined to the gazebo and land extending ten feet in all directions from the structure's foundation.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only

received 6/18/84

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

21. Beard, Benjamin, House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/19/84

Attest

22. Boston and Maine Railroad Depot
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/19/84

Attest

23. Bowser Gazebo Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/19/84

Attest

24. Brackett House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/19/84

Attest

25. Brande House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/19/84

Attest

26. Brooks, Francis, House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/19/84

Attest

27. Carroll-Hartshorn House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/19/84

Attest

28. Carter Mansion Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/19/84

Attest

29. Coggin, Gilman, House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/19/84

Attest

30. Cook, Asa M., House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/19/84

Attest

ref. # 841002514

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Bowser Gazebo (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	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



Bowser Gozcho

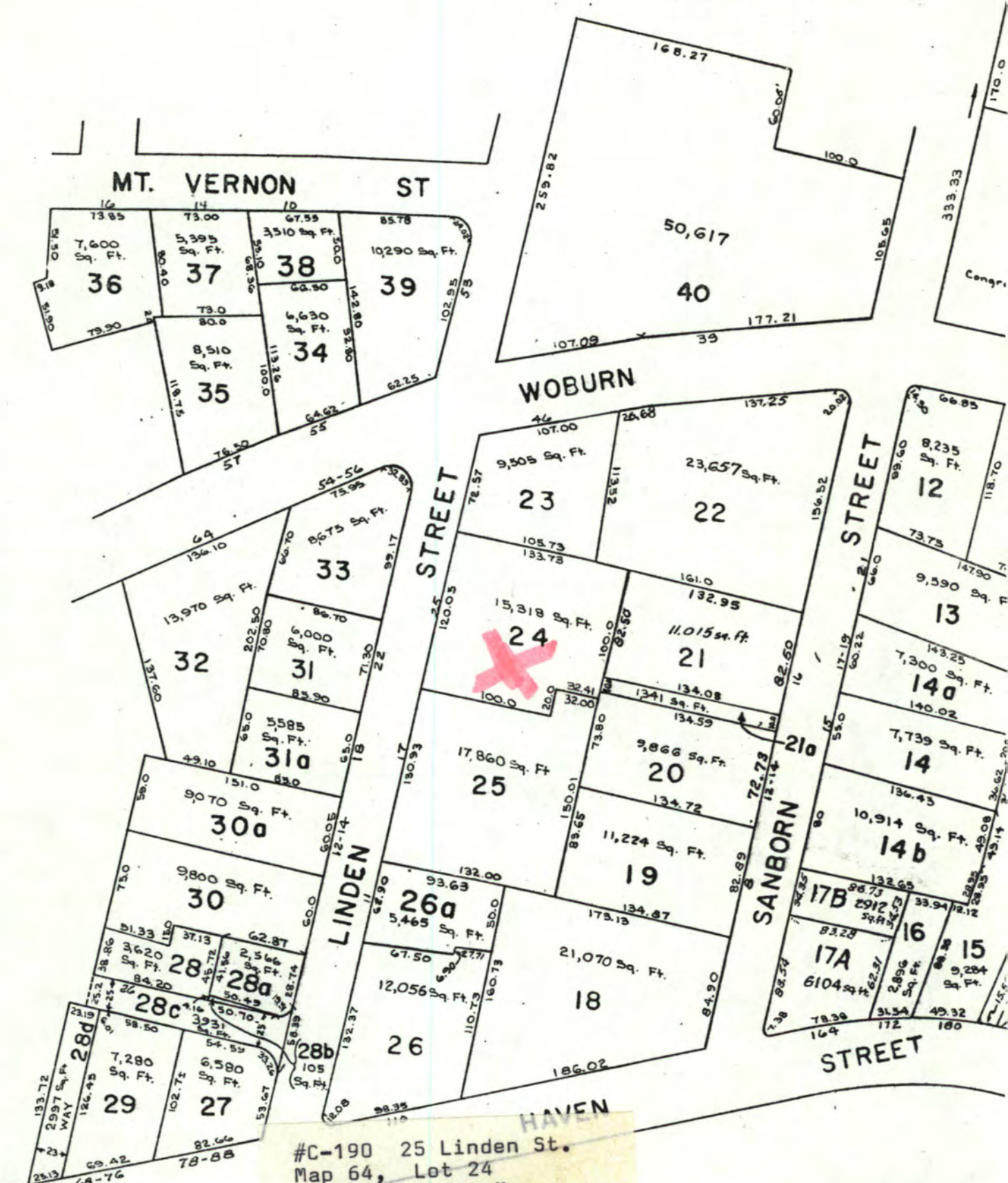
Reading MA, Ma

25 Linden St.
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XVIX - 8A
C-15A

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#C-190 25 Linden St.
Map 64, Lot 24
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