

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
 INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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 SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
 TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS
**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Bigelow Block

AND/OR COMMON

same

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

NE corner of Forest and Salem Streets

--NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Medford

VICINITY OF

7th

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

Middlesex

CODE

017

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

James Kurker

STREET &amp; NUMBER

63 Doonan Street

CITY, TOWN

Medford

VICINITY OF

STATE  
Massachusetts

02155

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Middlesex County Registry of Deeds

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cambridge Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

STATE

Massachusetts

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

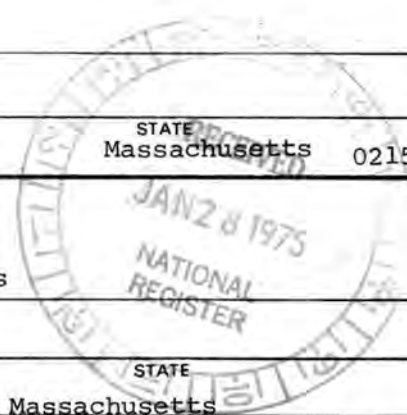
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SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE  
Massachusetts

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT                       DETERIORATED  
 GOOD                                 RUINS  
 FAIR                                  UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bigelow Block, built in 1886, is located at the major intersection of Forest and Salem Streets in Medford Square. Covered with red brick and sandstone, it is a triangular four-story commercial and residential structure, with the central curved apex of its facade facing southwest. Entrance doors are interspersed with large plate glass windows. Originally the four storefronts of the Bigelow Block were faced with large vertically divided panes of glass shielded by striped canvas awnings. The first story presently contains five remodelled commercial units, two with 20th c. storefronts and attached neon signs. The original red pressed brick and banded sandstone wall has been retained between the storefronts. The pedimented and decoratively incised sandstone entranceway to the residential units is in an excellent shape of preservation. The upper floors' exterior survives unaltered. Between the first story and the cornice are three floors, each containing three residential units. Each story's window arrangement is symmetrical with sixteen 2/2 windows. The exterior is visually defined by horizontal sandstone bands at each floor level. These bands are accented with rows of thin ornamental brickwork in bead and reel, corbelled sawtooth, rope and recessed brick patterns. A terra cotta "1886" panel is situated on the Salem Street facade between the second and third stories. The major decorative element is located at the apex of the Bigelow Block facade. A three story copper bowed bay is topped by an ornately molded conical copper turret with an elaborate finial. Flanking the engaged turret are sandstone pilasters with molded panels and stylized Corinthian capitals. Each of the far corners of the facade exhibits plain sandstone block pilasters. Projecting brick sections between the windows accentuate the verticality of the Block's design. A 3-story decorative iron fire escape is attached to the eastern side of the building's Salem Street facade. The building's cornice is embellished with raised brick sawtooth and dentiled borders surmounted by chimney-like parapets and elaborate cresting. The roof itself is pitched at a very low angle.



# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      1886      BUILDER/ARCHITECT      Dunahue Brothers

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Rising above Medford's predominantly 20th c. business center, the Bigelow Block is a prominent Victorian landmark in the Square and the city. The focal point for any southern entrance into Medford Square, the building is significant as a prominent urban landmark and as Medford's best example of a Victorian commercial and multi-residential structure. Its abundant and well-preserved ornamentation are a valuable resource for any study of the eclectic architectural taste of the 1880's.

The Bigelow Block was built for Edward T. Bigelow, a Medford resident and Boston clerk. It was constructed by the Dunahue Brothers, a local firm, according to plans by an unknown architect. Bigelow was from a well-known business family in Medford and lived with his father, Henry W. Bigelow, nearby on Forest Street. Pasquale Volpe and Sons, Medford's oldest retail fruit and vegetable company, leased the corner store in the Bigelow Block in 1887. When their business expanded shortly thereafter, the grocers also rented the commercial unit in the Forest Street side of the Block, which was originally occupied by a shoe-shine parlor. A dry goods store established itself on the other side of the Volpe store. In 1925 the Volpes purchased the Bigelow Block and continued operating their business through the early 40's. Their store is still well remembered in Medford. Various commercial enterprises presently occupy the first floor and the upper floors are residential.



## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- "Aldermanic Records", Medford City Hall, 1913-1918.
- Brooks, Charles, History of the Town of Medford, Middlesex County, Mass., Boston, 1886
- Medford Mercury, Medford, Mass., Feb. 20, 1925, p. 1, col. 6-7.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

HR  
UTM  
OK

400

A	19	3,2,6	3,2,6	4,6,9,8	1,8,0	B					
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING			ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING	
C						D					

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE John Herzan, Medford Historical Commission and  
Mindy Arbo, N.R. Editor for Pat Weslowski, State Survey Director

ORGANIZATION  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

1/14/74

STREET & NUMBER  
40 Beacon Street

TELEPHONE  
617-727-8470

CITY OR TOWN  
Boston

STATE  
Massachusetts 02108

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

*Elizabeth R. Amador*

TITLE  
Exec. Director MHC

DATE Jan. 15, 1975

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*AR Mortensen*

DATE 2/24/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:  
*George J. Gandy*  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE Feb 20, 1975

Property *Bigelow Block*

*Middlesex*

State *Mass.*

Working Number *1.28.75.132*

**TECHNICAL**

Photos   1    
Maps   1  

**CONTROL**

*OK* *pl*  
*1.30.75*

**HISTORIAN**

*Accept*  
*E. Smith*  
*1-30-75*

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

*EASILY ONE OF THE  
MOST INTERESTING  
BUILDINGS IN THE  
AREA.*

*ACCEPT*  
*LEBOVICH*  
*1-31-75*

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

*ACCEPT*  
*Cole*  
*2-11-75*

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

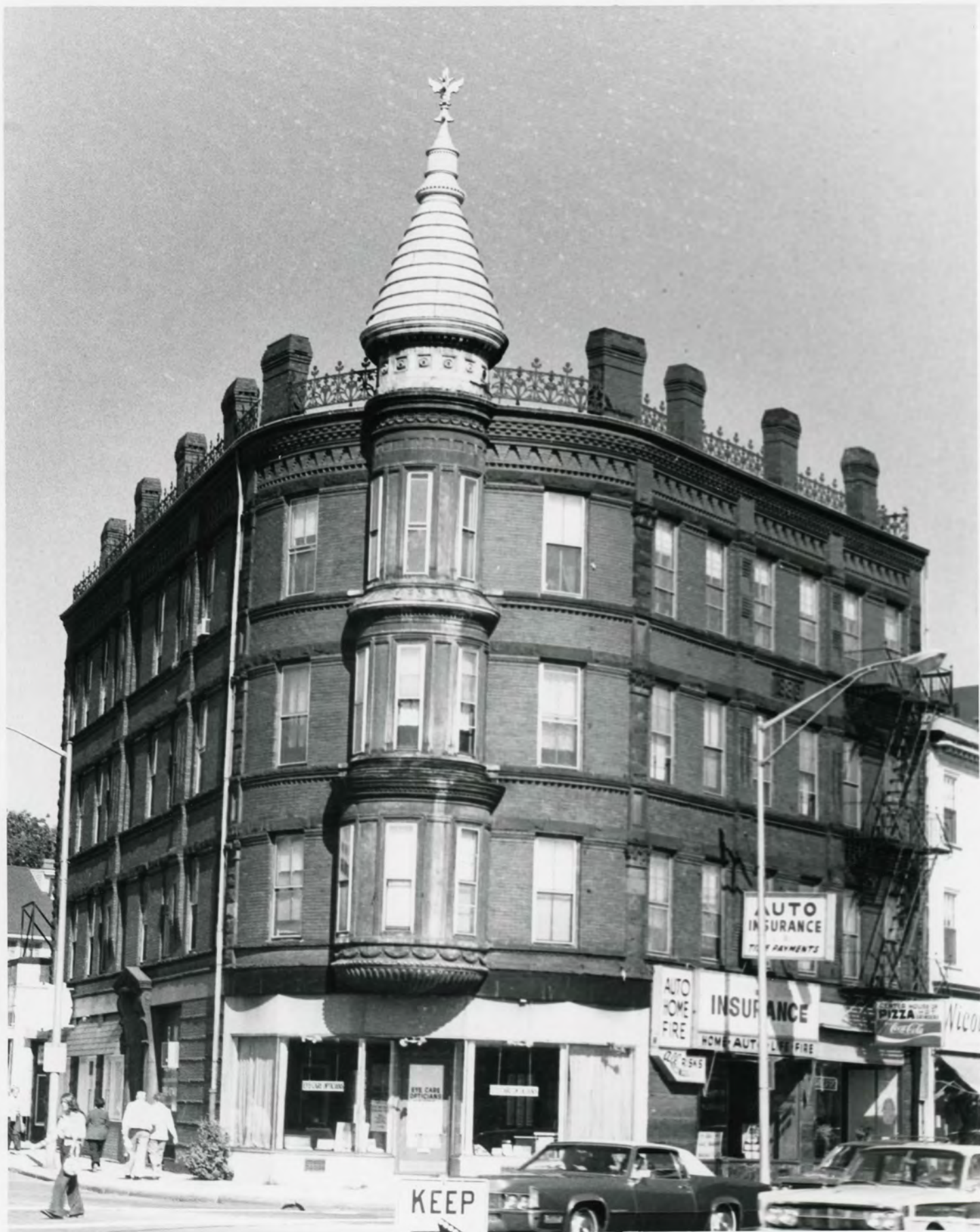
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*to*  
*WJ Drusbach 2/20/75*

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Register Entry   4-1-75  

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Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

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AUTO  
INSURANCE  
LOW PAYMENTS

AUTO HOME FIRE INSURANCE  
HOME AUTO LIFE FIRE

PIZZA  
Coca-Cola  
Wine

EYE CARE OPTICIANS

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HISTORIC

Bigelow Block

AND/OR COMMON

same

**2 LOCATION**

CITY, TOWN

Medford

— VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Middlesex

STATE

Massachusetts

**3 PHOTO REFERENCE**

PHOTO CREDIT

Brian Pfeiffer

DATE OF PHOTO

1974

NEGATIVE FILED AT

Medford Planning Dept.

**4 IDENTIFICATION**

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

A/1081  
Facade apex facing southwest

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**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Bigelow Block

AND/OR COMMON

same

**2 LOCATION**

CITY, TOWN

Medford

VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Middlesex

STATE

Massachusetts

**3 MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE

USGS Boston North, Mass.

SCALE

1:24,000

DATE 1971

**4 REQUIREMENTS**

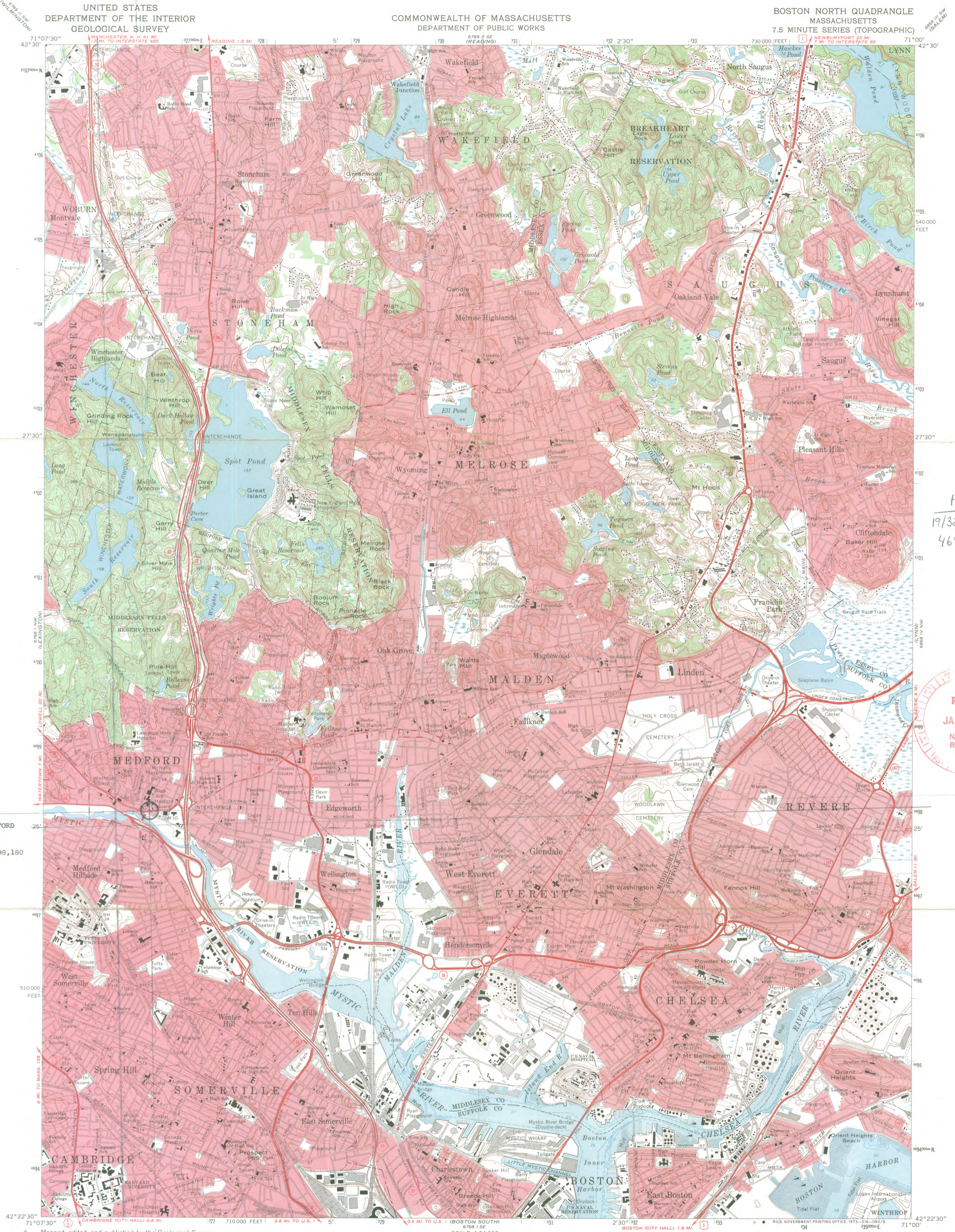
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2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES

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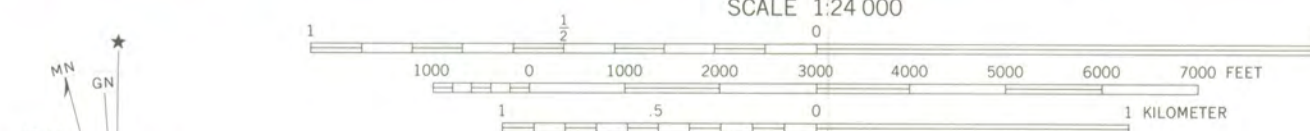


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Babelow Block  
BIGELOW BLOCK, MEDFORD  
UTM Z19  
E 03,26,380 N 46,98,180

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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey  
Topography by planetable surveys 1943. Revised from  
aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1971  
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Chart 248 (1971)  
This information is not intended for navigational purposes  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,  
mainland zone  
100-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 19, shown in blue  
Boundaries in tidal areas from information supplied  
by Massachusetts Department of Public Works  
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL  
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER  
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER  
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 9.5 FEET



ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Primary highway, hard surface  
Secondary highway, hard surface  
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface  
Unimproved road  
Interstate Route  
U. S. Route  
State Route

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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1971  
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered

FEB 24 1975

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Bigelow Block	Medford Middlesex County
Abbot, Benjamin, House	Andover Essex County
Harwich Historic District	Harwich Barnstable County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy	State Historic Preservation Officer
Hon. Edward W. Brooke	Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amsdon
Hon. Torbert H. MacDonald	Executive Director
Hon. Paul E. Tsongas	Massachusetts Historical Commission
Hon. Gerry E. Studds	40 Beacon St.
Regional Director, North Atlantic Region	Boston, Massachusetts 02108

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MMott/row

2/25/75

# NR Data Sheet

DATE: 3/21/77  
Reviewer INITIALS: *goff*  
NR DOE Feb. 24, 1975

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: *10* Bigelow Block

OTHER NAMES:

## LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER *3230* NE corner of Forest and Salem Streets  
CITY, TOWN *✓* Medford CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7th  
STATE *✓* Massachusetts VICINITY OF COUNTY code Middlesex 017

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST  
SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

## FEATURES:

INTERIOR                      EXTERIOR                      ENVIRONS  
 Substantially intact-1     Substantially intact-2     Substantially intact-3  
 unknown - 4                       unknown - 5                       unknown - 6  
 not applicable - 7                       not applicable - 8                       Not applicable-9

Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION - EXCELLENT                      DETERIORATED                      UNALTERED                      ORIGINAL SITE  
GOOD                      RUINS                      ALTERED                      MOVED  
FAIR                      UNEXPOSED                      Reconstructed                      Unknown  
Unexcavated                      Excavated

ACCESS - Yes-restricted                      Yes-unrestricted                      No access                      Unknown

historic district?                      YES                      NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?                      YES                      NO  
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?                      YES                      NO  
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE:                      YES                      NO                      Saved?                      YES                      NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)  
then- *residential and commercial*  
now- *same*

## SIGNIFICANCE:

- |  |                                       |   |  |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC      | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC         | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS    | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW/Gov't/politics     | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             | <input type="checkbox"/> health         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE                 | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION    | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation     |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> ART                         | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION  | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     | <input type="checkbox"/> socio/cultural |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE - 6     | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY     | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             |  | <input type="checkbox"/> urban & commun |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS              | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION    | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    |  | <input type="checkbox"/> planning       |

## Claims

"first" YES NO                      "oldest" YES NO                      "only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: ECLECTIC

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor: DUNAHUE BROS.

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role  
&  
appropriate date)

personal (1) EDWARD T. BIGELOW - Local RESIDENT AND BOSTON  
CLERK - OWNER OF BLDG.

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1886

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: 20th C

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

less than 1

COMMENTS:

(include architectural information here)

BRICK, 4 STORIES, MODIFIED TRI-  
ANGLE, FLAT ROOF <sup>with pierced iron parapet</sup> INTERIOR SIDE CHIMNEYS WITH CORBELED CAPS;  
PRINCIPLE SIDE ENTRANCE WITH BRACKETED PEDIMENTED HOOD, ADDITIONAL  
COMMERCIAL ENTRANCES, ROUNDED CORNER 3-STORY BOWED COPPER ORIEL  
with overhanging conical roof, CORBELED CORNICE WITH BRICK DENTILS;  
EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS, 20TH C. ECLECTIC. TOWN'S BEST EXAMPLE OF  
~~19th~~ 19th C. commercial block.

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: <sup>o</sup> ECLECTIC

architect/m.builder:  
landscape/garden designer:  
interior decorator:

engineer:  
artist/artisan:  
builder/contractor: <sup>2</sup> DUNAHUE BROS. *Collect*

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES: personal (1) EDWARD T. BIGELOW - Local RESIDENT AND BOSTON CLERK - OWNER OF BLDG.  
(label role & appropriate date)  
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DATES: DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1886  
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HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE: (OF NOMINATION) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY  
OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE: (to nearest tenth of an acre) *less than 1*

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here) *BRICK 4 stories*  
Brick, 4 stories, modified triangle, flat roof with <sup>decorative</sup> pierced iron <sup>railing</sup> parapet, interior side chimneys with corbeled caps, principle side entrance with bracketed pedimented hood, ~~additional commercial entrances~~, rounded corner <sup>with</sup> 3-story bowed copped oriel with <sup>semi-circular R</sup> overhanging conical roof, <sup>denticulated</sup> corbeled cornice with brick dentils; exterior alterations, 20th C. Eclectic. Town's best example of 19th C. commercial block; built for Edward T. Bigelow, prominent local resident <sup>and</sup> businessman. <sup>3</sup>

# 5m NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET 157

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: **Bigelow, Dr. Henry Jacob, House**      2 OTHER NAMES: **Peabody School Extension** *see*      3 date of entry: **1-1-76**      4 county code: **017**

5 LOCATION street & number: **742 Dedham St.**      city/town: **Newton**      vicinity of: \_\_\_\_\_      state: **MA**      county: **Middlesex**      6 NPS REGION: **North Atlantic**

7 OWNER  PRIVATE  STATE  MUNICIPAL  COUNTY  MULTIPLE  FEDERAL (agency name): \_\_\_\_\_      8 ADMINISTRATOR: \_\_\_\_\_

9 EXISTING SURVEYS  NABS  NAEP  NPL      10 FUNDED?  YES  NO      11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT: **4**      12 SOURCE of NOMINATION: **STATE**  FEDERAL  (if state who preparing form?) \_\_\_\_\_

13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?  YES NAME \_\_\_\_\_  NO      14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?  YES NAME \_\_\_\_\_  NO      15 ACHE: **5**      16 LOCAL  PRIVATE ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

16 CONDITION  deteriorated  altered  original site      17 features:  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2  RELATIVELY INTACT-3  
 excellent  ruins  unaltered  moved      INTERIOR  NOT INTACT-4  UNKNOWN-5      EXTERIOR  NOT INTACT-6  UNKNOWN-7      ENVIRONS  NOT INTACT-8  UNKNOWN-9  
 good  unexposed  reconstructed  unknown       UNKNOWN-4       UNKNOWN-5       UNKNOWN-6  
 fair  unexcavated  excavated       NOT APPLICABLE-7       NOT APPLICABLE-8       NOT APPLICABLE-9

18 ACCESS  YES - Restricted  YES - Unrestricted  No Access  Unknown      19 ADAPTIVE USE  YES  NO      20 SAVRO?  YES  NO      21 IS PROPERTY IN HISTORIC DISTRICT?  YES  NO

22 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:  ENGINEERING-11  LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15  POLITICS- GOVT-21  MIGRATION-28  
 ARCHEOLOGY - prehistoric-2  COMMERCE-8  ENTERTAINMENT-26  LAW-16  RELIGION-27  SETTLEMENT-29  
 ARCHEOLOGY - historic-1  COMMUNICATIONS-7  EXPLORATION-12  LITERATURE-17  SCIENCE-23  URBAN PLANNING-31  
 AGRICULTURE-3  CONSERVATION-6  HEALTH-27  MILITARY-18  SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24  OTHER (SPECIFY): \_\_\_\_\_  
 ARCHITECTURE-4  ECONOMICS-9  INDUSTRY-13  MUSIC-19  SOCIAL/CULTURAL-30  
 ART-5  EDUCATION-10  INVENTION-14  PHILOSOPHY-20  TRANSPORTATION-25

23 CLAIMS: explain:  
 'first'  
 'oldest'  
 'only'

24 functions: WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: **house**      25 dates of initial construction: **1887**      26 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CURRENTLY: **ditto**      major alterations: \_\_\_\_\_  
 historic events: \_\_\_\_\_

27 architectural style(s): **Shingle Style**      28 architect: **Henry Hobson Richardson**      29 master builder: \_\_\_\_\_      30 engineer: \_\_\_\_\_

31 landscape architect/garden designer: \_\_\_\_\_      32 interior decorator: \_\_\_\_\_      33 artist: \_\_\_\_\_      34 artisan: \_\_\_\_\_      35 builder/contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

36 NAMES give role & date:  
 PERSONAL: **Henry Jacob Bigelow - prominent surgeon, got M Richardson to design his house.**  
 EVENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 INSTITUTIONAL: \_\_\_\_\_

37 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP: **Frame, shingling; 2 1/2 stories plus attic, irregular, with interior courtyard, hipped and gabled roof sections, interior chimneys, various asymmetrical entrances, corner oriel with conical cap, slightly overhanging 2nd story, attached ell and carriage house; alterations. One of the last Shingle style designs by prominent architect, Henry Hobson Richardson; built for prominent surgeon, Henry Jacob Bigelow.**