

FORM F - STRUCTURE

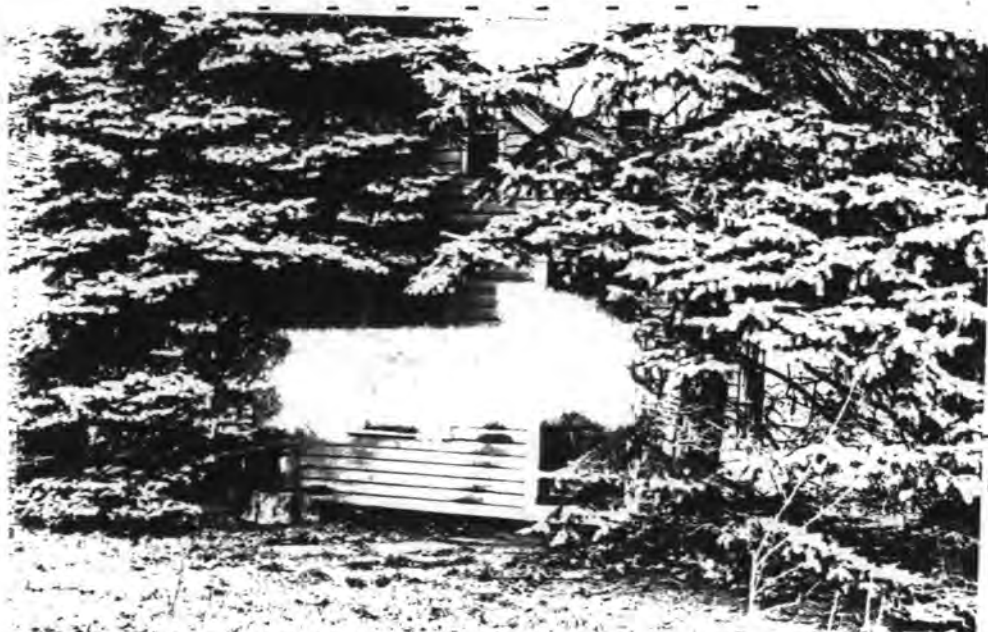
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.

A

Form no.

227



Reading

273 Haverhill Street

Smith Shoe Shop

Robert M. Burrows &

use Beverly L McCully-Burrows
Storage

owner

structure (check one)

☐ pound

☐ powder house

☐ street

☐ tower

☐ tunnel

☐ kiln

☐ wall

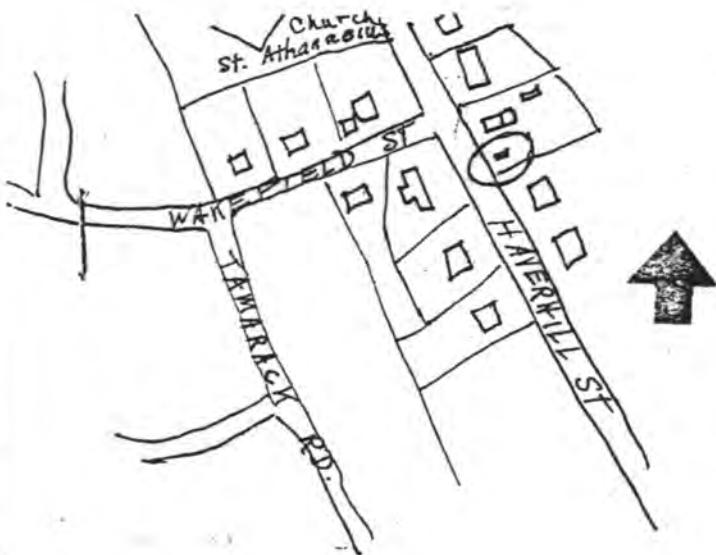
☐ lighthouse

☐ windmill

other

Shoe Shop

4. Map. Draw sketch of structure location in relation to nearest cross streets, buildings, other structures, natural features. Indicate north.



5. Description

Date C. 1845

Source 1854 map; visual analysis

Construction material Clapboard,
Vertical Board

Dimensions 10' x 15'

Setting Set beside house

Condition Fair - Poor

6. Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates

Organization Reading Historical Comm.

Date November 1980

REVISED

Date 6/82

UTM: 19/328460/4711920

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

Approximately 1/4 acre (over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____ Outbuilding _____

8. Historical significance.

Beginning as early as 1758 when Lieutenant Joseph Bancroft sold shoes in town, Reading citizens found employment making shoes by hand. By 1792 Daniel Chute had a large shoe producing business; Daniel Pratt began his shoe business about 1796. "By 1882 nearly every family in Reading was binding and stretching shoes for many different shoemakers." Reading specialized in dancing pumps in the 1830's and later produced infant and childrens shoes, often with fancy hand stitching.

Much of the shoemaking work was done in "ten-footers", the local nickname for the small shops that dotted the town. After the introduction of sewing machines after the Civil War, production techniques changed from hand to machine work, and from a cottage to a factory industry. Reading lost business to towns with larger concentrations of factories, but did retain its shoe production until into the 20th century.

The 1875 map shows a number of shoe shops throughout the town.

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

1854 map Alfred P. Smith
1875 map A. P. Smith
1889 map A. P. Smith

Eaton, Genealogical History, pp. 531-535

Eaton, Memorial Volume, p. 311

How Reading Grew Up, Reading College Club & Reading Bicentennial

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Reading	Form No: A-227
Property Name: 273 Haverhill St.	

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

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

This property is significant (1) as the best extant example of the "10-footer" type of shoemaking shop that played such a large role in Reading industry. It retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, and meets Criteria A and C of the National Register.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Smith Shoe Shop (Reading MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

JUN 4 1984

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: 7-5-84 / 7-19-84

Action: ACCEPT

RETURN 7-19-84

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

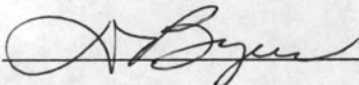
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13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed  Date 7/19/84 Phone: _____

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only

received 6/14/84

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

Page 1 of 9

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Reading Multiple Resource Area
State MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Ace Art Company

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Attest

2. Common Historic District

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Attest

3. Harnden-Browne House

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Attest

4. Haverhill Street Milestone

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Attest

5. Kemp Place

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

6. Kemp Barn

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

7. Nichols, Jerry, Tavern

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

8. Reading Standpipe

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Attest

9. Smith Shoe Shop

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Attest

10. Woburn Street Historic
District

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Attest

Comm. [Signature] 8/19/84

[Signature] 2-1-85

[Signature] 2-1-85

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☐ REJECT
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Substantive Review

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Recom./Criteria Accept + Acc
Reviewer W. J. ...
Discipline Architecture & History
Date 2/1/85
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Smith Shoe Shop
Reading MA, Ma

A - 227

273 Haverhill St.

~~XXIII~~ 16A



#A-227 273 Haverhill St.
 Map 167, Lot 01
 1983 Assessors Map
 1" = 100'
 Acreage: Approx. 1/4 acre

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000290