

Area	Form no.
B	32

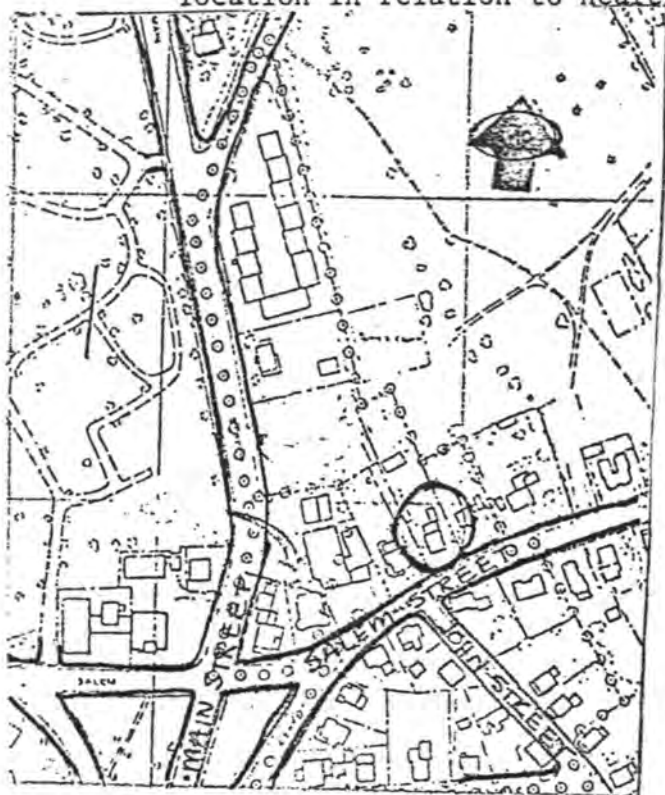
MASSACHUSETTS



Reading
 42 Salem Street
 Name Houza et
 Original dwelling
 Present dwelling
 Property of: Private individual
 Private organization
 Public
 Original owner Samuel H. Dinsmore

SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest buildings



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1840-1850
 Source deed, valuation book
 Style Greek Revival-Italianate
 Architect --
 Exterior wall fabric clapboards
 Outbuildings --

Major alterations (with dates) north extension; shed-roofed dormers added on west

Moved no Date ---

Approx. acreage 19,400 sq. ft.

Setting sits on a rise, facing south on narrow lot. A road between this and no. 38 Salem Street led to owner's cabinet shop

Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates

Organization Reading Historical Commission

Date November 30, 1980

Date 2/16/84

UTM: 19/327440/471040

(Staple additional sheet: here)

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

This small house illustrates how the Greek Revival style was modified by the Italianate style around the middle of the 19th century. The gable-end, side-hall plan is from the Greek Revival idiom, as are the wide cornice and cornerboards, and the pedimented window lintels. Italianate details include the entrance doorway hood, carried on elaborate millwork brackets, and the side bay window.

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

Samuel H. Dinsmore, who lived here from at least 1854 through 1889, was a cabinetmaker -- a participant in an extensive Reading industry during the 19th century. This industry suffered from the loss of Southern markets during and after the Civil War. Dinsmore had his shop behind his house in 1854. He formed a partnership with G.W. Grouard to make furniture, and later bought the planing mill built by William Badger just down Salem Street. Established in the 1840's, the mill was owned by a long succession of individuals, and at one time was known as the Eames Steam Mill. Rebuilt after a fire in the 1880's, the mill was closed in 1906 and demolished.

Salem Street in the 19th century was a busy thoroughfare with much industry -- necktie making, woodworking, cabinetmaking, and organ-pipe manufacturing, to name some of the businesses located on or near the street.

Samuel Dinsmore married in 1842 a daughter of Thomas Pratt. Dinsmore was a cousin to Washington Damon of 38 Salem Street (form no. B-31), since both of their mothers were daughters of Amos Parker of 52 Salem Street (form no. B-33). This connection with the Parker family made it possible for Dinsmore to obtain the land on which to build his house: parts of the old Parker farm were divided up for housebuilding, but the lots were conveyed chiefly to members of the Parker family.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- 1854 map - S. Dinsmore (Samuel H.)
- 1875 map - S.H. Dinsmore (Samuel H.)
- 1889 map - S.H. Dinsmore (Samuel H.)
- 1839 deed (courtesy the Reading Antiquarian Society)
- 1890, 1900, 1910, 1916 valuation books
- 1906 map - Laura M. Krook

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Reading	Form No: B-32
Property Name: --	

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

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

This house is significant (1) as an illustration of how Reading businessmen frequently had their shops located in their backyards; (2) for its association with prominent local cabinetmaker Samuel H. Dinsmore; and (3) as a largely intact example of transition Greek Revival-Italianate architecture. It retains integrity of location, general design, setting, materials, workmanship, and feeling, 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

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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

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| 41. House at 11 Beech Street | Entered in the
National Register | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keeper | <u>Melona Byers</u> 7/19/84 |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 42. House at 16 Mineral Street | Entered in the
National Register | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keeper | <u>Melona Byers</u> 7/19/84 |
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| 43. House at 26 Center Avenue | Entered in the
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| 48. House at 79-81 Salem Street | Entered in the
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| 49. House at 129 High Street | Entered in the
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House at 42 Salem 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

Entered in the 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	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



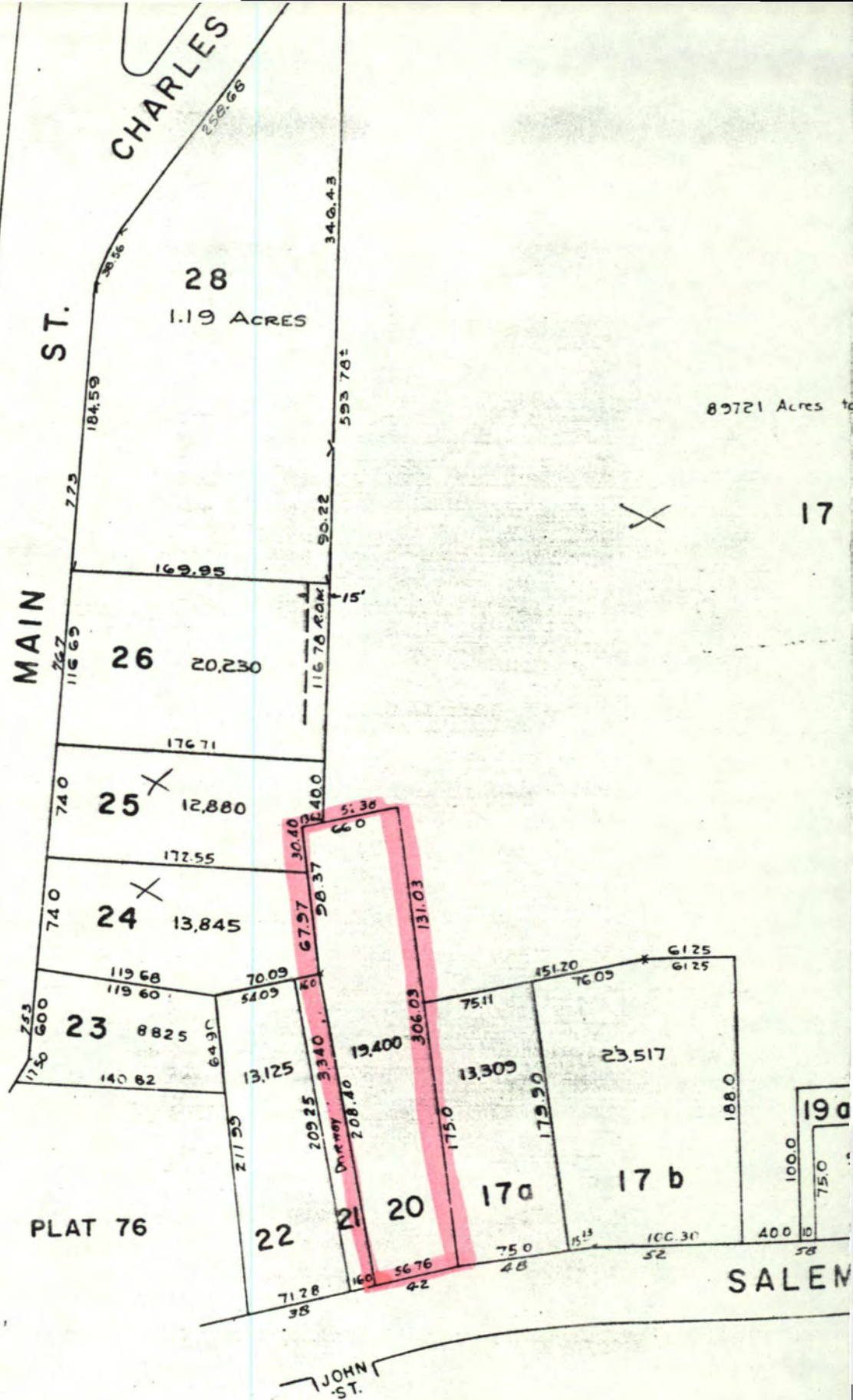
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House of

B-32

42 Salem



#B-32 42 Salem St
 Map 87, Lot 20
 1983 Assessors Map
 1" = 100'

Rev. JAN. 1, 1972
 JAN. 1, 1967

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000290