

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

F-10A

Area <b>A</b>	Form no. <b>1</b>
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Reading

572 Haverhill Street

Name Carroll-Hartshorn

Original Dwelling

Present Dwelling

Owner:  Private individual  
 Private organization

Public

Original owner Timothy Hartshorn

FUNCTION:

Date c. 1700

Source Rooftrees

Style First Period

Architect n/a

Exterior wall fabric Wood Shingle

Outbuildings Small garage with antique shop on south.

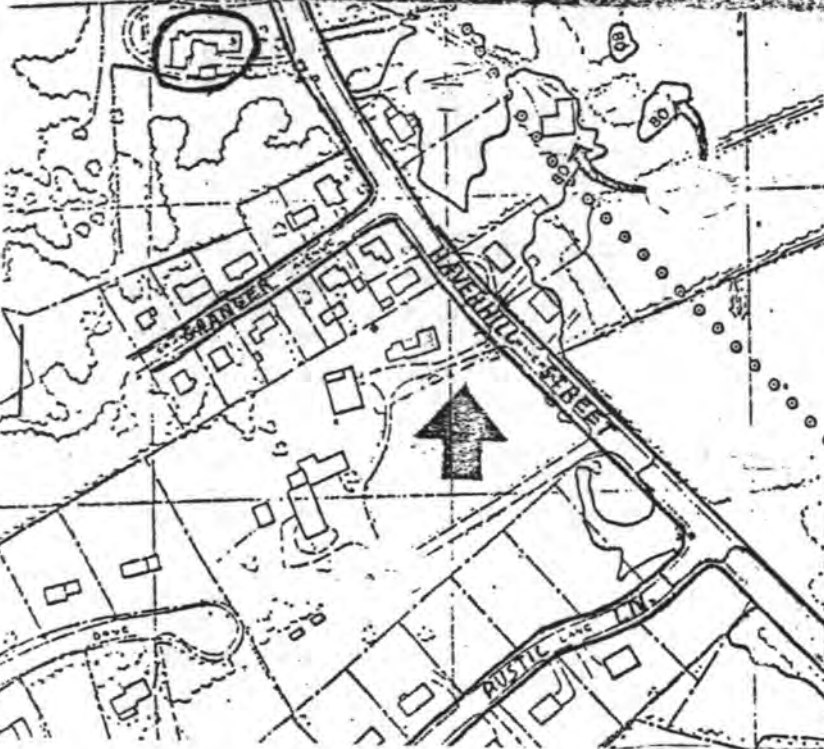
Major alterations (with dates) North extension, and to west and south.

Roof altered 1977.

Moved no Date

Approx. acreage 68,158 sq. ft.

Setting Faces south, on hill - remnants of old stonewall along roadside.



Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates  
Organization Reading Historical Commission  
Date November 30, 1980

REVISED

Date 6/82

(Staple additional sheets here)

UTM: 19/327840/4712830

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

This very early house displays several of the hallmarks of First period building: the compact shape, 5 bays in length, with central chimney and salt box extension. Window surrounds are original at front facade; windows are high-placed, and longer than usual for early building. The door surround may have been altered when a 19th or early 20th-century door hood was removed. Placed on a hill, facing south, it is sturdy, simple, and a fine example of Reading's earliest structures.

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

This is surely one of the oldest houses in town. Its site represents a settlement made on a direct road from the earlier settlement at present Wakefield. Situated between a swamp to the south, and a watershed and brook to the north, it was farmed for generations by Hartshorns.

The Pratt family who owned the place from 1751-1799 was the forerunner of Pratt dominance of this Bear Meadow area. It was known in the 19th century as "Pratt Row."

James Weston owned it in 1799-1824. He was a shoemaker, farmer, and diarist. His little book was a valuable primary source for local history and folkways.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- 1765 map D. Pratt - Hartshorn (Daniel Pratt & John Hartshorn, brothers-in-law)
- 1795 map Pratt
- 1830 map yes
- 1854 map David Emerson
- 1875 map A. F. Emerson (Albert)
- 1889 map George Wakefield

Bishop, Rooftrees, Chapter 41

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Reading	Form No: A-1
Property Name: 572 Haverhill St.	

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

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The Carroll-Marshorn house is significant (1) for its role as an early farm/shoemaking homestead; (2) for its connection with the locally important Hertsborn and Pratt families; and (3) as one of Reading's two remaining 17th-century buildings. It retains integrity of location, design, setting, and feeling, and meets Criteria A, B, and C of the National Register.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

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

21. Beard, Benjamin, House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byrum 7/19/84

Attest

22. Boston and Maine Railroad Depot

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byrum 7/19/84

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23. Bowser Gazebo

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National Register

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24. Brackett House

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25. Brande House

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26. Brooks, Francis, House

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27. Carroll-Hartshorn House

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28. Carter Mansion

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29. Coggin, Gilman, House

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30. Cook, Asa M., House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Carroll-Hartshorn House (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

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**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

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: \_\_\_\_\_ 64000290