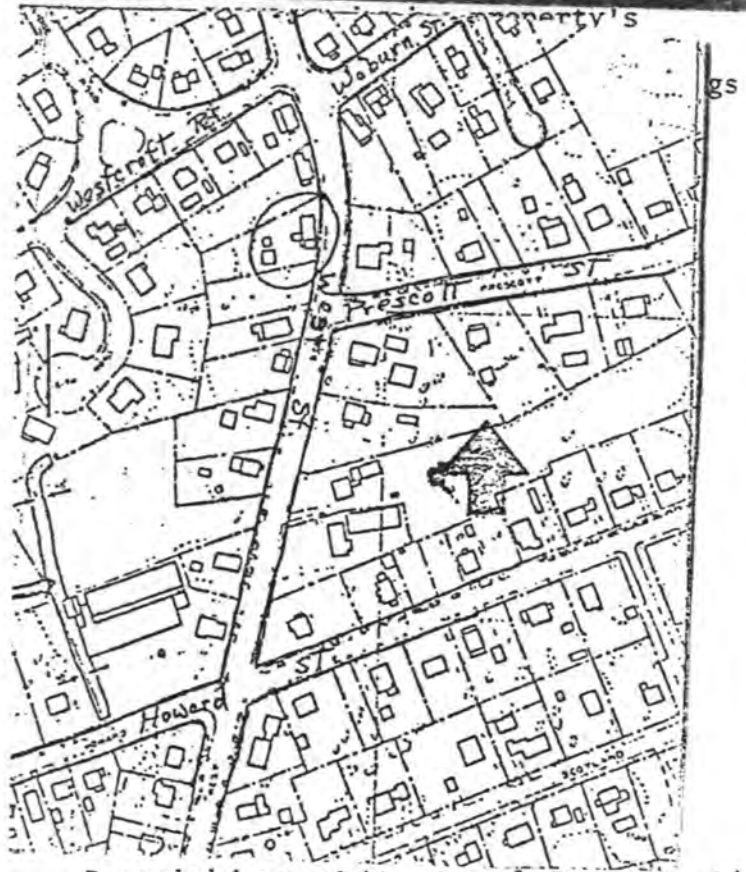


Area	Form no.
C	110



Reading
 Address 206 West Street
 Historic Name -- House at
 Original dwelling
 Present dwelling w/attached store
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization
 Public
 Original owner Henry M. Pratt



DESCRIPTION:
 Date c. 1831-1840
 Source town valuation lists
 Style Greek Revival
 Architect --
 Exterior wall fabric clapboards
 Outbuildings garage, shed
 Major alterations (with dates) 1-story
south extension; east gable; rear
ell and deck
 Moved no Date _____
 Approx. acreage 15,557 sq. ft.
 Setting faces east, close to
a main road

Recorded by Architectural Preservation
Associates
 Organization Reading Historical
Commission
 Date November 30, 1980
 Date 2/16/84

UTM: 19|325800|4709180

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

This property illustrates the way in which builders of Greek Revival houses in Reading kept the familiar five-bay Georgian-Federal plan, but oriented it to the street, and applied classical Grecian details. These details include the prominent sill, corner, and cornice boards, and the trabeated entrance with three-quarter length sidelights. The central gable is later.

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

The neighborhood store attached to this building takes its name from another structure in the area, which bore a painted dragon weathervane set up by Ephraim Weston in 1815. The vane gave the neighborhood the name of Dragon Corner, which still prevails today.

The 1840 valuation book records Henry M. Pratt as owner of this property. He was the son of David Pratt, and simultaneously owned his inherited property, 217 Woburn Street (form no. C-131) until 1851, when it was sold. Henry married Maryette Stratton in 1836, but the marriage was shortlived, as she died in 1842. He married Rebecca Richardson in 1845. Apparently Pratt moved to Haverhill between 1860 and 1870.

By 1875, Benjamin Peabody had established a pump factory here. Wooden pump stocks were manufactured in several small buildings. The operation was leased by Arthur S. Richardson in 1880 and 1882. By the time of the 1889 map, Mrs. Peabody still owned the property, but G.S. Tukey's name had been added.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- 1854 map - H.M. Pratt (Henry)
- 1875 map - B. Peabody (Benjamin) and Pump Factory
- 1889 map - Mrs. Peabody and G.S. Tukey, Pump Factory
- 1906 map - Henry L. Livermore
- 1855, 1860 censuses
- Chronicle, Nov. 11, 1880
- 1882 business directory - Arthur Richardson, pump maker

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Reading	Form No: C-110
Property Name: --	

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

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

This property is significant (1) for its role in the development of the Dragon Corner neighborhood; (2) for its use as a pump factory, one of Reading's characteristically small 19th-century industries; and (3) as an example of the conservative but well-built Greek Revival cottages built during the period 1830-1860 in Reading. It retains integrity of location, general design, setting, materials, workmanship, and feeling, and meets Criteria A 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

51. House at 206 West Street Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 7-19-84

Attest

52. House at 242 Summer Avenue Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 7-19-84

Attest

53. House at 322 Haven Street Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 7-19-84

Attest

54. House at 483 Summer Avenue Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 7-19-84

Attest

55. House at 1177 Main Street Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 7-19-84

Attest

56. Lewis House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 7-19-84

Attest

57. Manning, Charles, House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 7-19-84

Attest

58. Manning, Jacob, House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 7-19-84

Attest

59. Masonic Block Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 7-19-84

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60. Nichols, Daniel, Homestead Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 7-19-84

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House at 206 West 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
Entered in the _____ RETURN _____
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		Check one	Check one
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<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection



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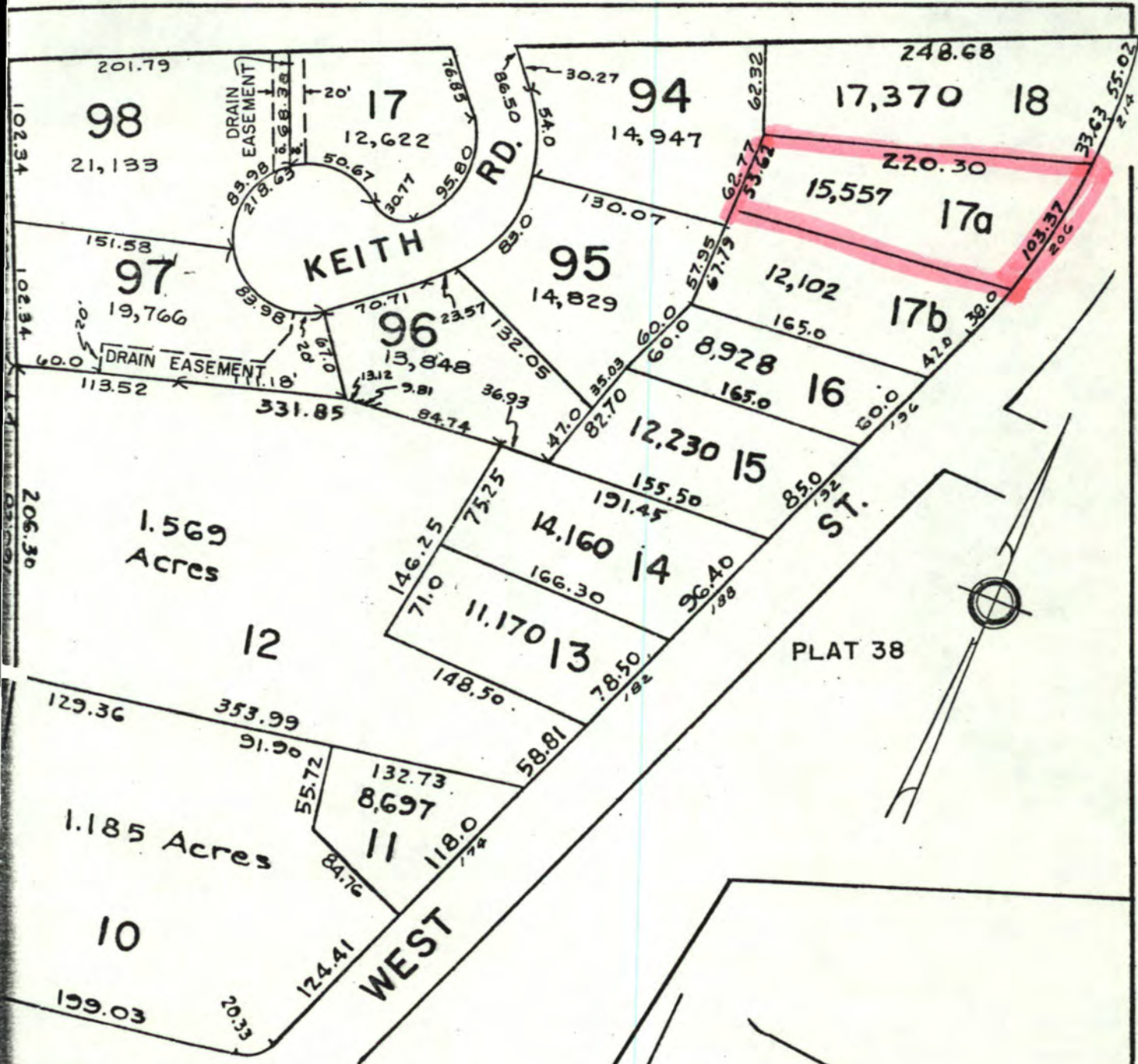


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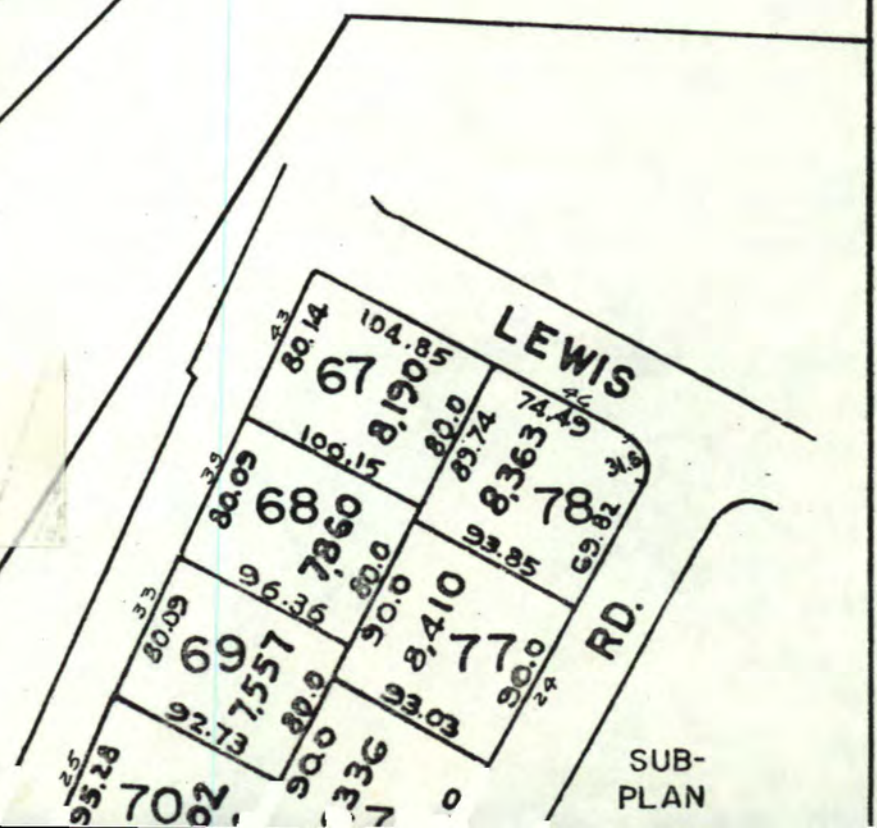


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#C-110 206 West St.
 Map 30, Lot 17A
 1983 Assessor's Map
 1" = 100'



PLAT 31

PLAT 38

SUB-PLAN

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000290