

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
C	193

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION N-13
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Location in relation to
cross streets and other buildings
or geographical features.



Reading

Address 16 Mineral StreetHistoric Name House atOriginal dwellingPresent dwellingOwnership: ☒ Private individual
Private organization

Public

Original owner probably Milo Allen

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1873Source deedStyle Second EmpireArchitect Bancroft and Temple, buildersExterior wall fabric clapboardsOutbuildings garageMajor alterations (with dates) rear
extension; enclosed porchMoved no DateApprox. acreage 10,850 sq. ft.Setting on a rise, facing the street
behind a fieldstone retaining wallRecorded by Architectural Preservation
AssociatesOrganization Reading HistoricalDate November 30, 1980Date 2/16/84UTM: 19/326300/4710130

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

This was called a "French cottage" when it was built, and that is just what it appeared to be, as interpreted by suburban America. Although the house is a full two stories high, the mansard roof gives it the appearance of being one and one-half stories. The house is similarly deceptive in plan; although only three bays face the street, it is actually quite roomy, due to extensions at the rear. Architectural interest comes from the fish-scale patterned slate roof; the dormers, topped with wide, octagonal hood moldings; the Italianate entry portico; and bay windows. Set on a hill, on high brick foundations, this house still manages to look cozy and prim, with a dash of high style imported from France.

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

In the 1870's, this part of town was the scene of a great deal of real-estate activity. David C. Temple and Wendell Bancroft were builders; they built this house for immediate resale to new arrivals in Reading, or to the younger sons of established families who did not wish to emigrate north or west.

In 1875, Mineral Street was known as Bancroft Street, despite the fact that there already was a Bancroft Street in another part of town. It eventually got its current name from mineral springs that Oscar Foote attempted to develop for commercial purposes. The venture failed, and all that remained was the street name.

It is believed that the 1875 map errs in depicting this house, locating it one lot too far toward High Street.

Milo Allen lived here when both the 1875 and 1889 maps were drawn, but must have moved by 1900, because he was not assessed taxes that year. Allen was a clerk in Melrose.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1875 map - Milo Allen
1889 map - M.L. Allen (Milo)
1906 map - E.B. Edwards (Mrs. Emma)
1886/7 business directory

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:	Form No:
Reading	C-193
Property Name: --	

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

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

This house is significant (1) for its role in the 19th-century residential development of Reading's west side, having been built by the well-known local firm of Temple and Bancroft; and (2) as an excellent example of a "French cottage." It retains integrity of location, 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

41. House at 11 Beech Street

Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper *Shelona Byers*

7/19/84

Attest

42. House at 16 Mineral Street

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43. House at 26 Center Avenue

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National RegisterKeeper *Shelona Byers*

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44. House at 42 Salem Street

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National RegisterKeeper *Shelona Byers*

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45. House at 44 Temple Street

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46. House at 57 Woburn Street

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National RegisterKeeper *Shelona Byers*

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47. House at 77 Howard Street

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48. House at 79-81 Salem Street

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49. House at 129 High Street

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50. House at 199 Summer Avenue

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

House at 16 Mineral 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
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Entered in the
National Register

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

title _____

date _____

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Reading MBA, Ma

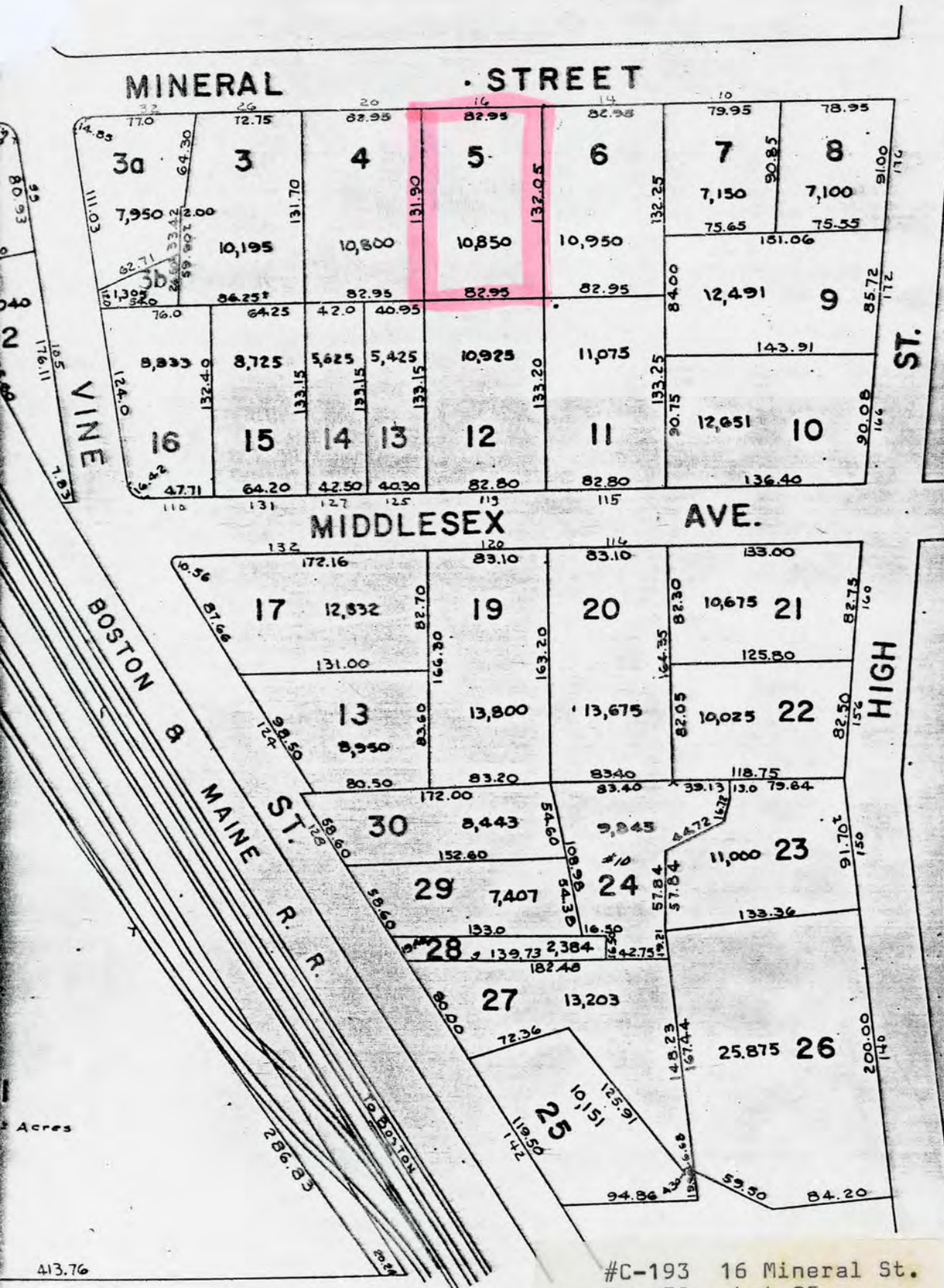


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#C-193 16 Mineral St.
Map 72, Lot 05
1983 Assessors Map
1" = 100'

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000290