

FORM B - BUILDING

Area C	Form no. 238
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Reading

276 Summer Avenue

Name Brackett House ✓

Original dwelling

Present dwelling

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

Public

Original owner Herbert and Eva Brackett

Draw map showing property location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:

Date 1920

Source Street List

Style Bungalow

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric Wide clapboards

Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates)
none

Moved no Date _____

Approx. acreage 9,464 s.f.

Recorded by Architectural Preservation Assoc.

Organization Reading Historical Commission

Date APR 1981

Date 6/82

Setting Now on a corner lot, since Nichols

Road was laid out after the house was built.

Heavy evergreen plantings lend seclusion.

UTM: 19/326300/4709220

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

This bungalow, with its landscaping, comes nearest in Reading to the ideals of the Bungalow style that swept the country in the early years of the 20th century. One and one-half stories in height, it sits close to the ground, appearing behind its screen of evergreens as a cool retreat. A three-sided porch supported by large stuccoed columns summarizes its intent: one side is screened for healthy outdoor living; another is roofed over for a welcoming entrance; and the third is unroofed to create a pergola effect on the south, admitting sunshine into the interior. Exposed rafter ends suggest the construction: man-crafted, rather than machine-made, is their message.

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

This bungalow represents the type of infill being built on the old homesteads as they were opened up for development, and as the need for housing burgeoned in the early years of the 20th century. Built on Prescott land, this house was designed for the Bracketts, as an early and self-conscious example of the latest in architectural thought.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1920, 1927-35 Street List: Herbert and Eva Brackett, he a merchant and she a housewife

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Reading	Form No: C-238
Property Name: 276 Summer Avenue	

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

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

This property is significant (1) as an example of the way in which later building filled in the early real estate subdivisions; and (2) as an excellent example of the bungalow style. It retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, 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

For NPS use only
received 6/4/84
date entered

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 Byers 7/19/84
Attest _____

22. Boston and Maine Railroad Depot
Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/19/84
Attest _____

23. Bowser Gazebo Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/19/84
Attest _____

24. Brackett House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/19/84
Attest _____

25. Brande House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/19/84
Attest _____

26. Brooks, Francis, House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/19/84
Attest _____

27. Carroll-Hartshorn House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/19/84
Attest _____

28. Carter Mansion Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/19/84
Attest _____

29. Coggin, Gilman, House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/19/84
Attest _____

30. Cook, Asa M., House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/19/84
Attest _____

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Brackett 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

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

Project Home (Reading MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

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: _____



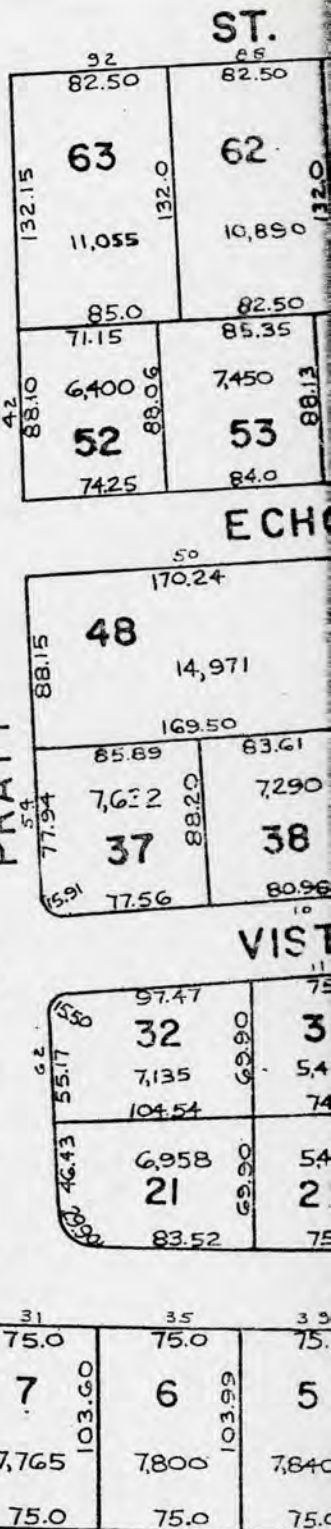
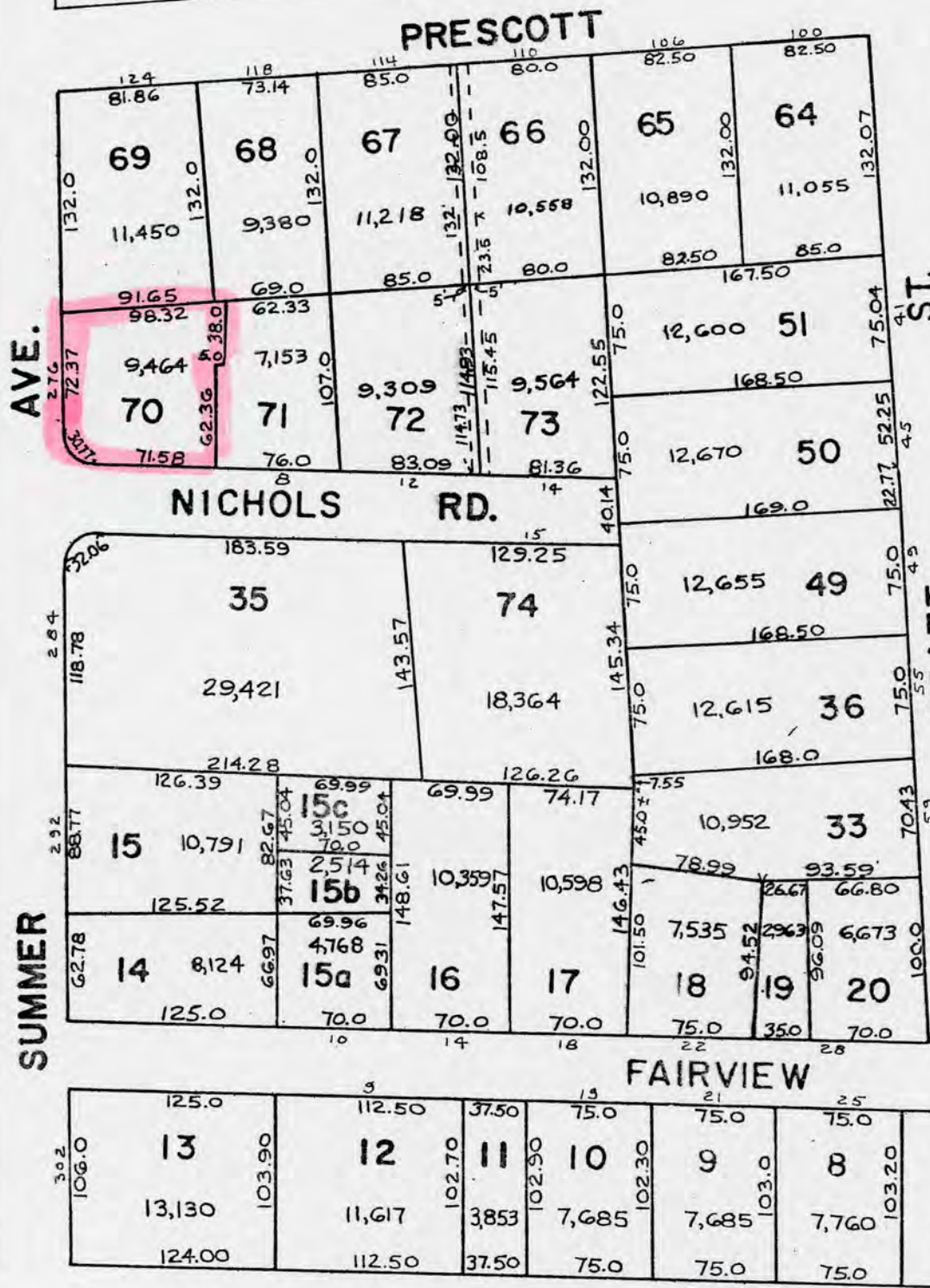
Brackott House

Reading, WRA, MA

27th Summer Ave

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PLAT 50



#C-238 276 Summer Ave.
 Map 40, Lot 70
 1983 Assessors Map
 1" = 100'

PLAT 34

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000290