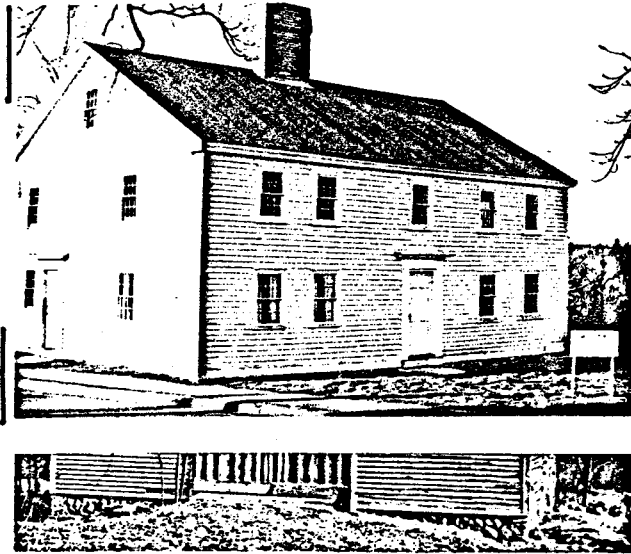


FORM B - BUILDING

In Area no. A	Form no. 23
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

2.



1. Town North Reading
 Address Bow Street
 Name Rev. Daniel Putnam House
 Present use Museum (operated by the N. R. Historical Society)
 Present owner Town of North Reading

3. Description:

Date 1720
 Source Parish Records
 Style Colonial
 Architect _____
 Exterior wall fabric wood clapboard
 Outbuildings (describe) Victorian Barn
 Other features _____

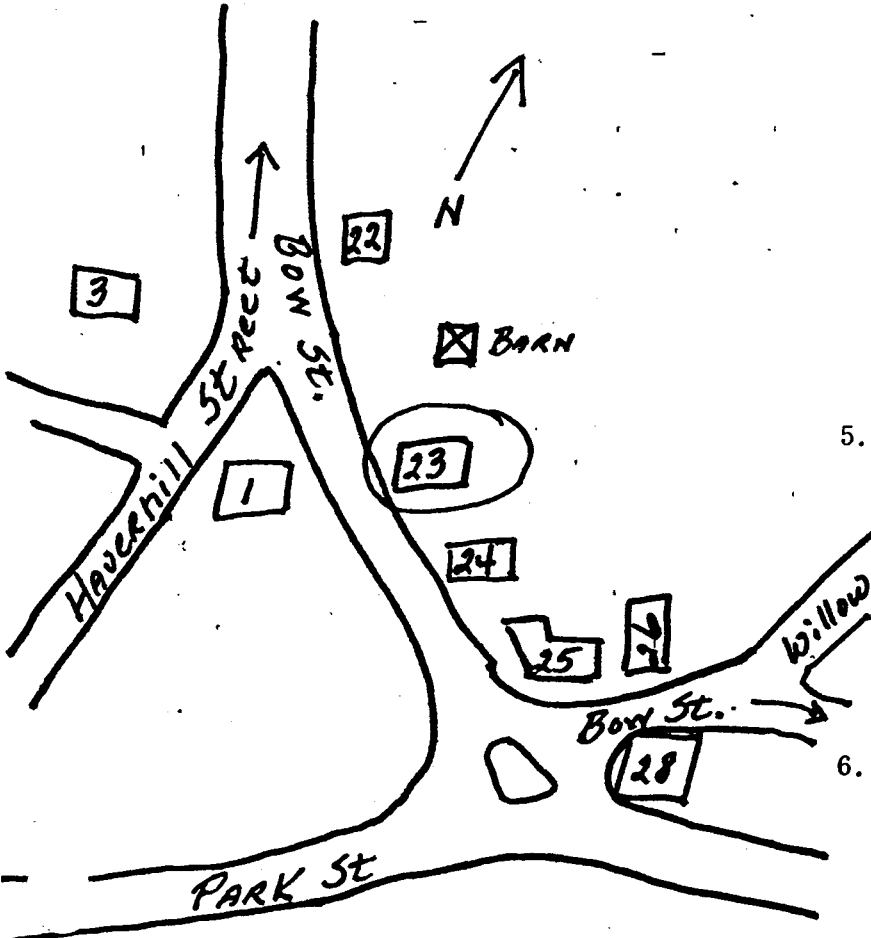
Altered _____ Date _____
 Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size: 2.3 acres
 One acre or less _____ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage 217'
 Approximate distance of building from street 5'

6. Recorded by Turner/O'Brien
 Organization Historical Commission
 Date June 1978

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Rev. Daniel Putnam

Original use dwelling

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	<u>x</u>	Education	<u>x</u>	Religion	<u>x</u>
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	<u>x</u>	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	<u>x</u>
Commerce	_____	Military	<u>x</u>	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	<u>x</u>		
Community development	<u>x</u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Built by Reading's North Parish as a condition of Rev. Daniel Putnam's settlement, the house has always been occupied by his lineal descendants carrying the Putnam name. Rev. Daniel Putnam, the first of that name to graduate Harvard in 1717 and the first settled minister of the North Parish, served in the ministry at old Reading, which included the now towns of Wakefield, North Reading and Reading, longer than any other man (1720-1759) except by his successor, Rev. Eliab Stone (1761-1822). Descendants occupying the home have been Deacon Daniel Putnam, Physician and Selectman; Deacon Henry Putnam, Farmer, Selectman and State Representative, also served in the Revolutionary War under Reading's Capt. John Flint of the North Parish; Capt. Joshua Putnam,¹ War of 1812, member of the School Committee, Selectman and State Representative; and the widow Nancy (Graves) Putnam, who had formerly been headmaster of her own school in South Danvers, furnished a room of the house for teaching boarding students as well as day pupils after the death of her husband Joshua. Many of Rev. Daniel Putnam's descendants settled throughout the Parish, but particularly in the Center Village, and carried names other than Putnam, a few of whom were Buxton, Flint, Eaton, Upton, McIntire, Nichols, Brown, Hayward, Howard, Ingalls, Emerson, Cleveland, Foster, Fay.

1 Joshua's brother, Henry Putnam, Esquire, Harvard College 1802, State Rep in Maine, author and founder of the literary line, died at the homestead in 1828. Henry's son, George Palmer

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.) Putnam, founded the G. P. Putnam Publishing House.

Parish Records

Mddlsx s. s. Registry of Deeds & Probate

Reading Vital Records to 1850

Reading Assessor's Records

North Reading Assessor's Records

Early Ministers of the North Precinct, Mary H. Graves, 1907