

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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1. Town North Reading

Address 152 Haverhill Street

Name Solon O. Holt House

Present use Parsonage

Present owner Union Congregational Church

3. Description:

Date 1872

North

Source Reading Assessor's Record

Style Shingle style

Architect Solon O. Holt, builder

Exterior wall fabric vinyl

Outbuildings (describe) barn, Church and school annex

Other features _____

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size: 1.9 Acres

One acre or less _____ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage 359'

Approximate distance of building from street

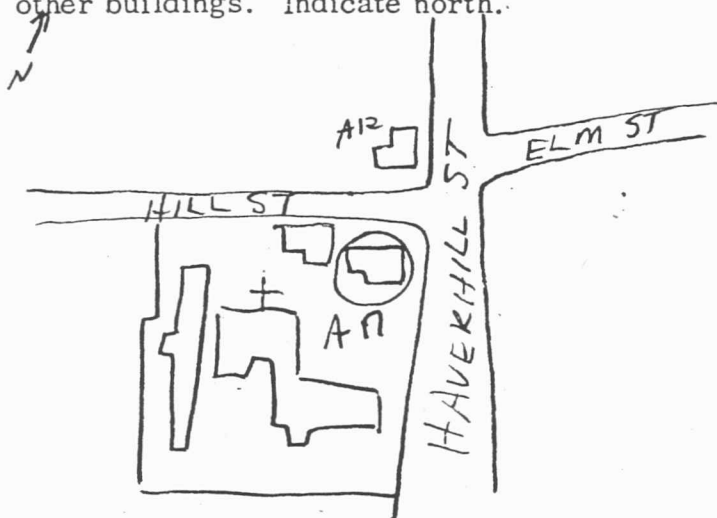
20'

6. Recorded by Marguerite Church

Organization Historical Commission

Date April 1978

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



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7. Original owner (if known) Solon O. Holt

Original use dwelling

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Parsonage 1954 to date

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

Solon O. Holt, carpenter and dealer in wood and lumber, educated in the North Ward school and 2 years at Phillips Academy, Andover; was Chairman of Republican Town Committee, served ten years as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, elected Nov 1893 as State Representative.

Edith Flint Holt, daughter of Solon O. and Judith B. (Flint) Holt, was born in the home. Edith F. Holt was a music teacher and a teacher in the N. R. Public Schools for 44 years, became principal of the L. D. Batchelder upon its completion and served in that capacity for 17 years.

In the ^{early} 1950's, served as home and office of W. Hadley Hoyt, Physician. Sold to the Union Congregational Church for a parsonage in 1954.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Mddlsx s. s. Registry of Deeds and Probate

North Reading Assessor's Records

Early maps thru 1910

North Reading Town Reports

250th Anniversary of the Ancient Town of Reading, 1894, Eaton

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