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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

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1. Town North Reading
 Address 153 Haverhill Street
 Name _____
 Present use residence
 Present owner John Norton

3. Description:
 Date 1842*
 Source Reading Assessor's Record
 Style Greek Revival
 Architect _____
 Exterior wall fabric wood clapboards
 Outbuildings (describe) House (A-16)
 Other features _____

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



Altered _____ Date _____
 *possibly moved to site 1842
 Moved turned around Date c. 1905

5. Lot size: 13,400 sq. ft.
 One acre or less x Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 130' in a curve
 Approximate distance of building from street 30'

6. Recorded by Meredith M. Turner
 Organization Historical Commission
 Date June 1978

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) John F. Hammond
 Original use Barn
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Converted to house between 1900 - 1910 while owned by J. D. Gowing

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

Originally the barn to 151 Haverhill Street (A-16).
 Thomas Croswell (Croswell Funeral Home) lived here for over 41 years. He started his business in the basement of his home in 1912. That is to say, he performed his duties as undertaker in the basement of this home during the years when the deceased was laid out for viewing in his or her own parlor. The undertaking business moved to 19 Bow Street (A-26) in 1948 although Mr. Thomas Croswell continued to live here until 1951.
 Mr. Croswell was the town's first police chief.

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

Mdd1sx s. s. Registry of Deeds and Probate
 Reading Assessor's Records
 Interviews - E. Croswell, W. Croswell
 Early Maps thru 1910