

FORM B - BUILDING

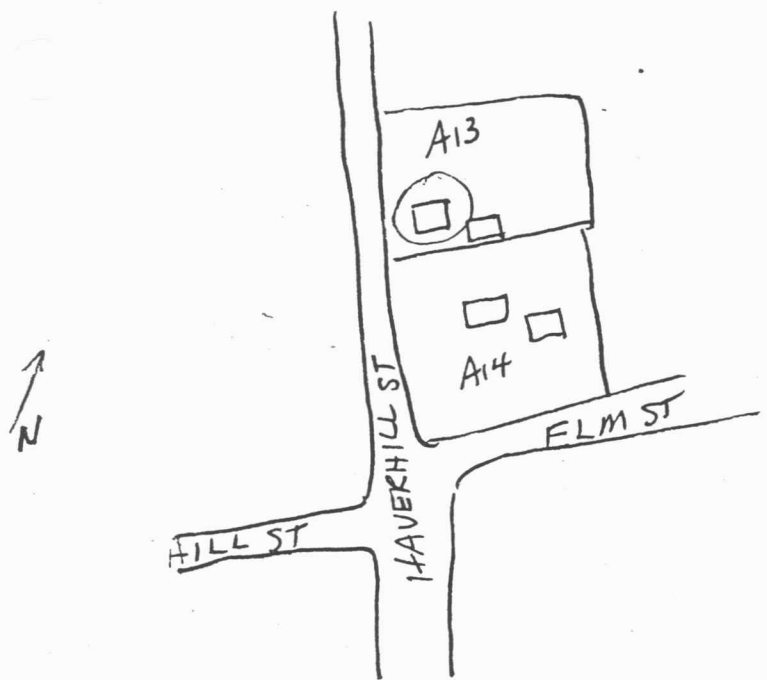
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



1. Town North Reading

Address 157 Haverhill Street

Name _____

Present use Residence

Present owner Mr. & Mrs. John Light

3. Description:

Date _____

Source _____

Style Salt Box

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric wood clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) barn

Other features _____

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved See #9 Date 1854?

5. Lot size: 1/4 acre

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 134'

Approximate distance of building from street
15'

6. Recorded by Marguerite Church

Organization Historical Commission

Date April 1978

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____
 Original use _____
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

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	_____		_____
Community development	_____				_____

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

Local hears^ay is that this home, or portions thereof, are the George F. Root homestead originally located on Willow Farm. In his autobiography published in 1891, "Story of a Musical Life," Root says he made plans with a boyhood chum, now a carpenter, to build a new house at the farm. In 1854, the Roots were taxed for the new home and this property was then assessed. However, the assessment dropped by 50% three years later. Until further research is done on the older homes surrounding the area of Willow Farm, this property/^{form}will remain incomplete.

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

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 Reading Assessor's Records
 North Reading Assessor's Records
 Early Maps to 1910