

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
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1. Town North Reading

Address 131 Park Street

Name _____

Present use Residence & Shop

Present owner Paul E. Champagne

3. Description:

Date 1837

Source Reading Assessor's Recd

Style Late Federal

Architect Ebenezer Damon, Builder

Exterior wall fabric wood

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features Greek Revival Entranc

Fanny Flint Shoe Shop/Dwelling
attached

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size: 6,822 sq. ft.

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 65'

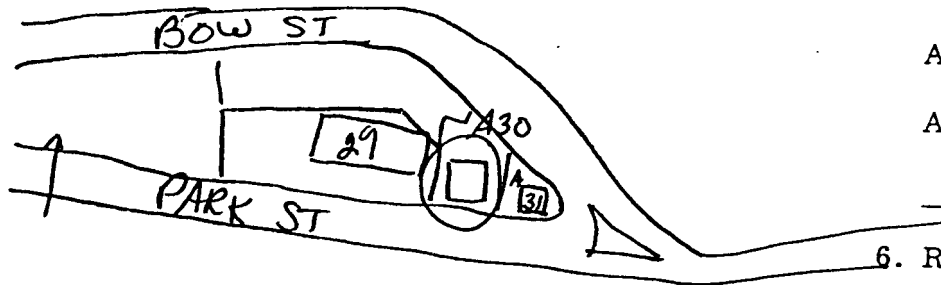
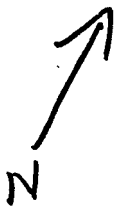
Approximate distance of building from stre
10'

6. Recorded by Hurley/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.



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7. Original owner (if known) James M. Ward

Original use Single-family residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates double house - 1839 thru 1971

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

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

Built as a single family dwelling in 1837 and converted to a double house in 1839. Remained as a double house with the owners conveying either the "easterly half" or the "westerly half" until purchased by present owner and returned to its original use as a single family home.

The westerly addition or ell is believed to be the shoe shop Sumner S. Abbott conveyed to the widow, Fanny Flint, for her use as a dwelling during her lifetime. The shoe shop was located on the adjoining 1/8 acre parcel, conveyed to Fannie in 1835 and she lived there until her death in 1839. Fanny Flint was one of two women who, in 1816 at the beginning of the Baptist movement, were the first to be baptised in the Ipswich River.

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

Mddlsx s. s. Registry of Deeds and Probate
 Reading Assessor's Records
 Reading Vital Records to 1850
 "Historical Highlights" of the Baptist Church, Robertson, 1967