

FORM B - BUILDING

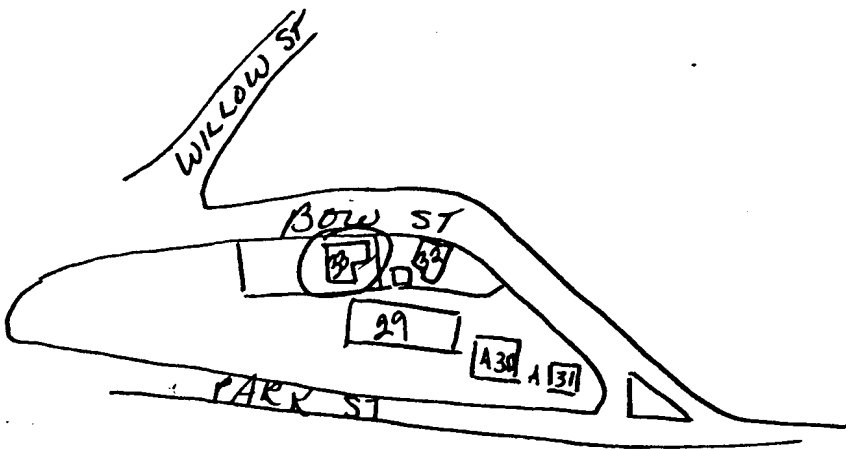
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no. A	Form no. 33
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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 12 Bow Street
Name William Walls House
Present use residence

Present owner Mr. & Mrs. Frank Wheeler

3. Description:

Date before 1836
Source Reading Assessor's Record

Style Victorian Cape

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric wood clapboards

Outbuildings (describe) garage

Other features _____

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved XX Date 1939

5. Lot size: 7,276 sq. ft.

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 131'

Approximate distance of building from street
10'

6. Recorded by Hurley/O'Brien

Organization Historical Commission

Date June 1978

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use dwelling

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

Believed to be part of Elbridge A. Howard's homestead lot, half of which he received from his father, the other half from a person unknown at this point, since we have been unable to pick up the conveyance - may not have been recorded. Believe Howard had it built in 1832.

Sold by Howard to William Wales (later Walls), Tinman, and son-in-law of Ebenezer Abbott, in 1836. Remained in Walls family until 1927.

The house was originally located on the northerly side of Park Street, west of A-30, and was moved to Bow Street in 1939 to make way for the D & S Service Station.

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
- Interviews with Frank Wheeler and Madeline Sweetland
- Early Maps to 1910