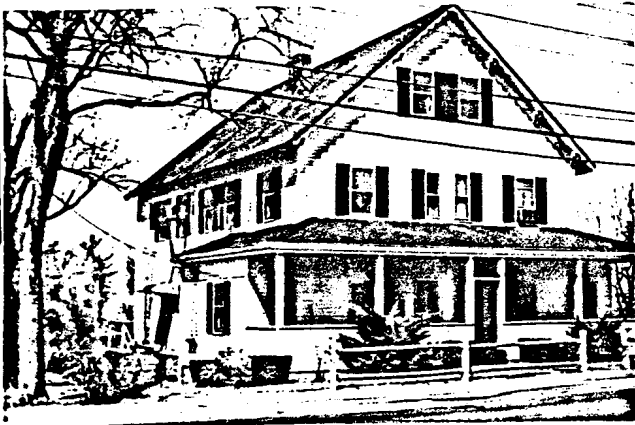


FORM B - BUILDING

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

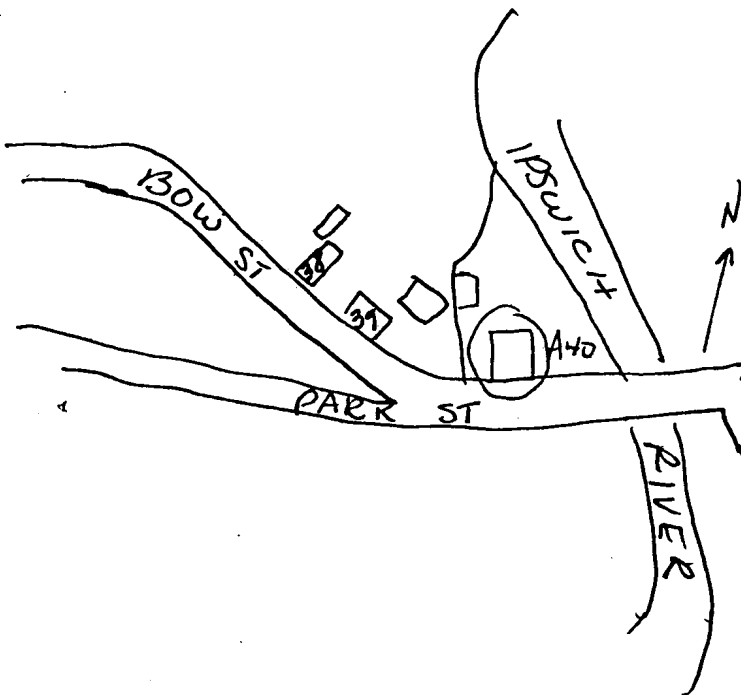
In Area no.	Form no.
A	40



1. Town North Reading
 Address 121 Park Street
 Name Symonds Box Factory
 Present use residence
 Present owner Mr. & Mrs. Thomas M. Jordan

3. Description:
 Date 1905
 Source N. R. Assessors Records
 Style Late Queen Anne
 Architect _____
 Exterior wall fabric vinyl over wood
 Outbuildings (describe) garage
 Other features _____

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



Altered converted Date 1917-20
 Moved _____ Date _____
 5. Lot size: 21,360 sq. ft.
 One acre or less Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 168'
 Approximate distance of building from street 10'
 6. Recorded by Barbara O'Brien
 Organization Historical Commission
 Date June, 1978

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) J. B. McLane
 Original use Box factory
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates converted to dwelling between 1917 and 1920

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)
- | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------------|-------|
| Aboriginal | _____ | Conservation | _____ | Recreation | _____ |
| Agricultural | _____ | Education | _____ | Religion | _____ |
| Architectural | _____ | Exploration/
settlement | _____ | Science/
invention | _____ |
| The Arts | _____ | Industry | <u>X</u> | Social/
humanitarian | _____ |
| Commerce | _____ | Military | _____ | Transportation | _____ |
| Communication | _____ | Political | _____ | | |
| Community development | <u>X</u> | | | | |

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

The house stands on the site of the old Flint/Putnam ^{Grisit} Mill. The mill buildings were sold to J. B. McLane and moved to his wagon factory property two years before McLane purchased the mill land (west of the river only). McLane built a new structure and rented to Otis P. Symonds, the millwright turned box manufacturer, who had sold him the land in 1903. In a community which thrived on farming and the cottage shoe industry, the box factory was one of only a few industries that located in town.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)
- Early maps thru 1910
 - Middlesex s. s. Registry of Deeds and Probate
 - N. R. Assessor's Records