

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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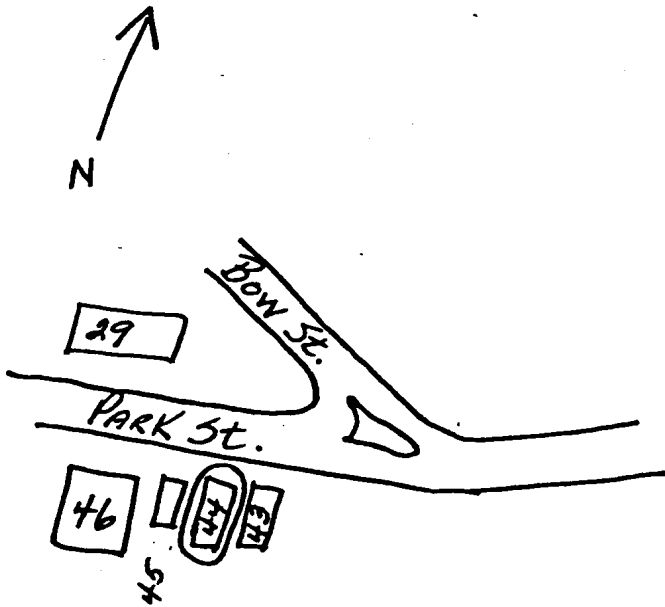


1. Town North Reading  
 Address 132 Park Street  
 Name Edward A. Carpenter Home  
 Present use residence, double  
 Present owner Hazart Realty Trust

3. Description:

Date 1839  
 Source Reading Assessor's Record  
 Style Greek Revival  
 Architect Ebenezer Damon, Builder  
 Exterior wall fabric wood  
 Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other features \_\_\_\_\_

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



Altered \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. Lot size: 14,448 sq. ft.  
 One acre or less  Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate frontage 75'  
 Approximate distance of building from street 15'  
 6. Recorded by Barbara O'Brien  
 Organization Historical Commission  
 Date June, 1978

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Otis Wakefield  
 Original use single family residence  
 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	<u>X</u>	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	<u>X</u>	Political	<u>X</u>		
Community development	<u>X</u>				

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

The residence of James L. and Ellen S. Eaton, proprietors of the general store James had built to the west of their home. For 70 years, it was the residence of Edward A. Carpenter and Elmer R. Jones, subsequent partners in the adjacent store when it was known as Carpenter & French and later, Jones Bros. Carpenter was prominent in local affairs holding many elected offices. Jones has been Trustee of Trust Funds for many years. The store of Capreuter & French was the first location of the telephone switchboard and the night service was run from Carpenter's home. Eaton was a Selectman and member of the School Committee; Carpenter was a Selectman.

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

Mddlsx s. s. Registry of Deeds & Probate  
 Reading Assessor's Records  
 Interview with Florence Conron