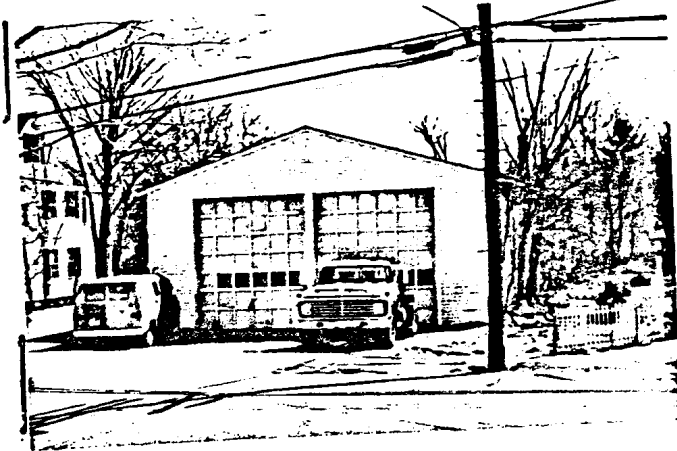


FORM B - BUILDING

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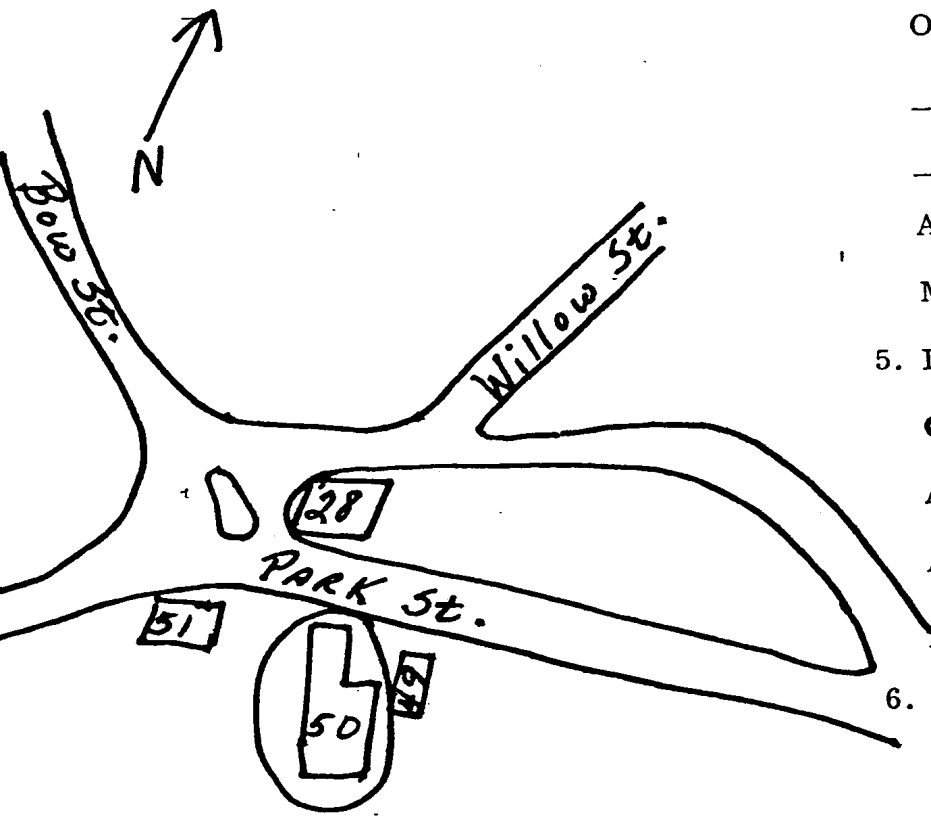
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1. Town North Reading
 Address 146 Park Street
 Name Turner Truck Body, Inc.
 Present use repair of truck bodies
 Present owner Amos Eaton



3. Description:
 Date c. 1929
 Source N. R. Assessor's Records
 Style 19th Century Industrial
 Architect _____
 Exterior wall fabric front - wood
sides - asphalt
 Outbuildings (describe) _____
 Other features Front facade formerly
Greek Revival Style

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: 20,584 sq. ft.
 One acre or less x Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 58'
 Approximate distance of building from street 20'
 6. Recorded by Barbara O'Brien
 Organization Historical Commission
 Date June 1978

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Roy W. Turner

Original use paint shop used in conjunction with J. E. Turner & Sons.

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 | <u>X</u> | Social/ humanitarian | _____ |
| Commerce | _____ | Military | _____ | Transportation | <u>X</u> |
| Communication | _____ | Political | _____ | | |
| Community development | <u>X</u> | | | | |

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

Built on the site of the old Center School (1858), one of two schools which Turner purchased in 1918. Turner moved the High-Grammar School (site of A-34) to this spot and attached it to the Center School for use by J. E. Turner & Sons/^{Wagon Works} as a paint shop. With the exception of the northerly facade, or front of the High-Grammar School, both buildings were destroyed by the McLane Wagon Factory fire of 1928. With the advent of the automobile, the wagon works changed to Turner Truck Body and only recently the business was sold by J. E. Turner's grandson.

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

Mddlsx s. s. Registry of Deeds and Probate
North Reading Assessor's Records
Old photos taken after the fire
Interviews with Elmer Jones, Flossie Conron, Bill & Betty Doten and Ruth Kinnie