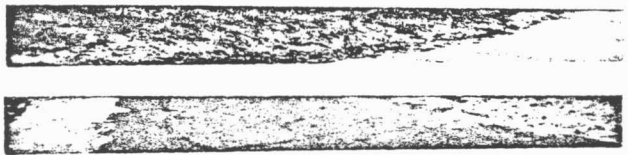


FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
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1. Town North Reading
Address Peabody Street
Name L. D. Batchelder School
Present use Elementary school

Present owner Town

3. Description:
Date 1917
Source N. R. Town Reports
Style Georgian Revival
Architect McNaughton & Robinson,
Boston
Exterior wall fabric brick

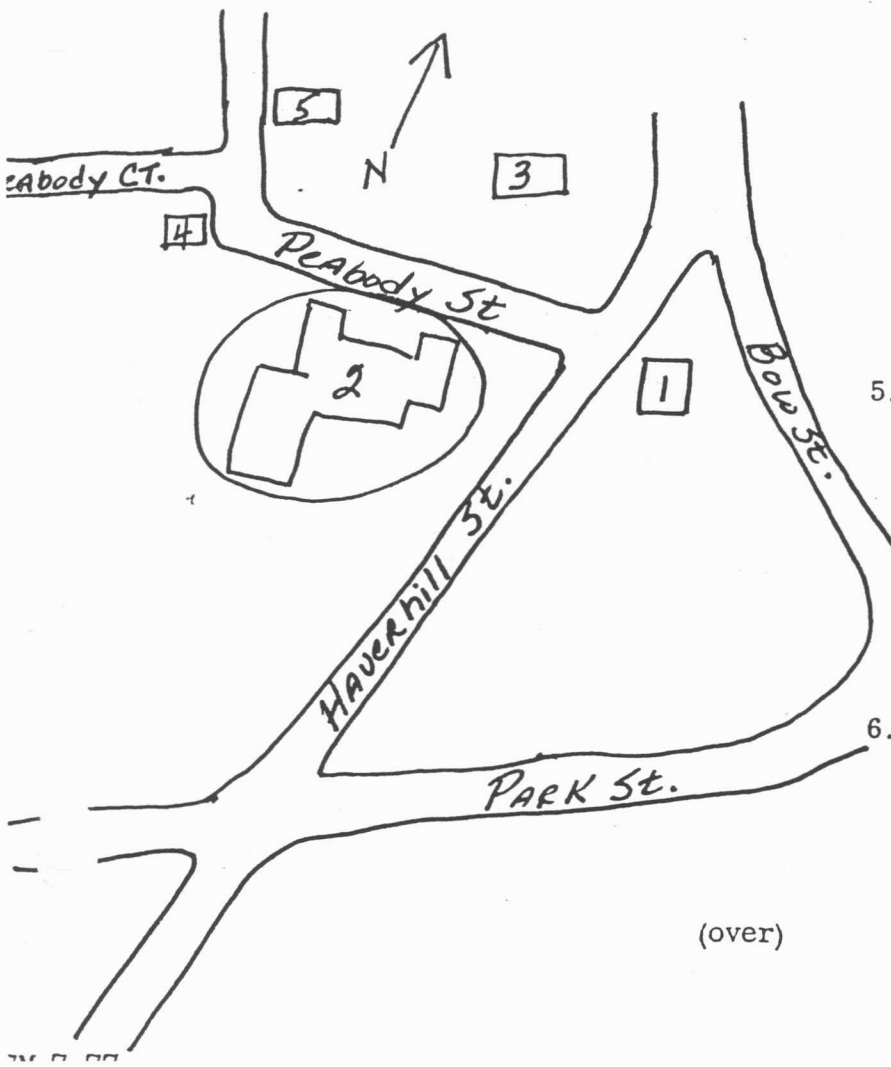
Outbuildings (describe) _____
Other features Slate roof, amphitheater
to the south; 1930's addition of
two wings matches original; 1950
modern ell

Altered _____ Date _____
Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size: 8.5 acres
One acre or less _____ Over one acre x
Approximate frontage 331'
Approximate distance of building from street
10'

6. Recorded by Barbara 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.



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Town of North Reading
 Original use elementary and junior high school
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates elementary only - 1957

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

The district school houses went out of existence when this new centrally located school was completed in 1917. The school was named two years later when Leland D. Batchelder, a School Committee member for 25 years, died. The L. D. Batchelder School was designed for grades 1 thru 9, with grades 10 thru 12 attending out-of-town high schools, and remained the only school in Town for 50 years. The Junior-Senior High School opened in 1957.

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

North Reading Town Reports