

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 19 Bow Street

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Present use Funeral home

Present owner Mr. & Mrs. Ellsworth Croswell

3. Description:

Date 1844

Source Reading Assessor's Record

Style Greek Revival

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric wood clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features \_\_\_\_\_

Altered \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size: 21,654 sq. ft.

One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage 117'

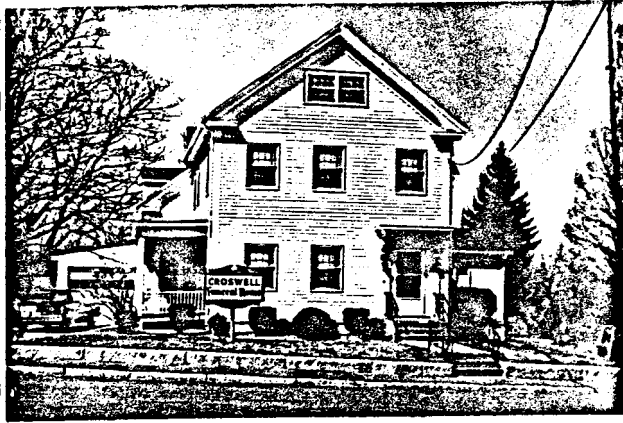
Approximate distance of building from street  
15'

6. Recorded by Meredith M. Turner

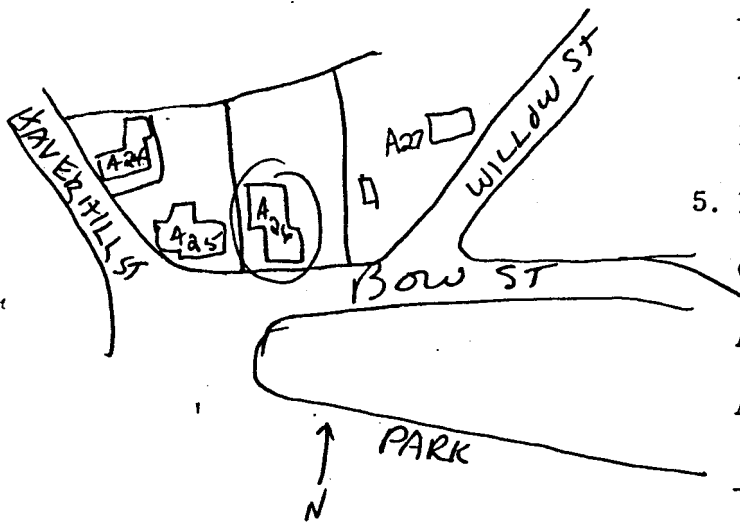
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Date May 1978

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



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Elisha Jeffrey, Miller

Original use dwelling

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Funeral home, 1948 to date )

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<u>      </u>	Conservation	<u>      </u>	Recreation	<u>      </u>
Agricultural	<u>      </u>	Education	<u>      </u>	Religion	<u>      </u>
Architectural	<u>      </u>	Exploration/ settlement	<u>      </u>	Science/ invention	<u>      </u>
The Arts	<u>      </u>	Industry	<u>  x  </u>	Social/ humanitarian	<u>  x  </u>
Commerce	<u>  x  </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)

Elisha Jeffrey lived in this home located a short distance away from his grist, saw and shingle mills which were situated east and west of the Ipswich River, north of Park Street. Otis P. Symonds, a millwright from Andover who had purchased the mills from Jeffrey in 1872 and subsequently became a box manufacturer (Symonds Box Factory), purchased the home in 1887.

Dr. Herbert Land had his home and office located here between 1936 and 1943.

The Croswell Funeral Home, one of the oldest establishments in Town, was started 12 May 1912 by Thomas Croswell, father of the present owner. The business moved to this location in 1948.

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

Mdd1sx s. s. Registry of Deeds and Probate  
Reading Assessor's Records  
Early Maps thru 1910  
Interviews with Seafer Croswell, Mike Walsh