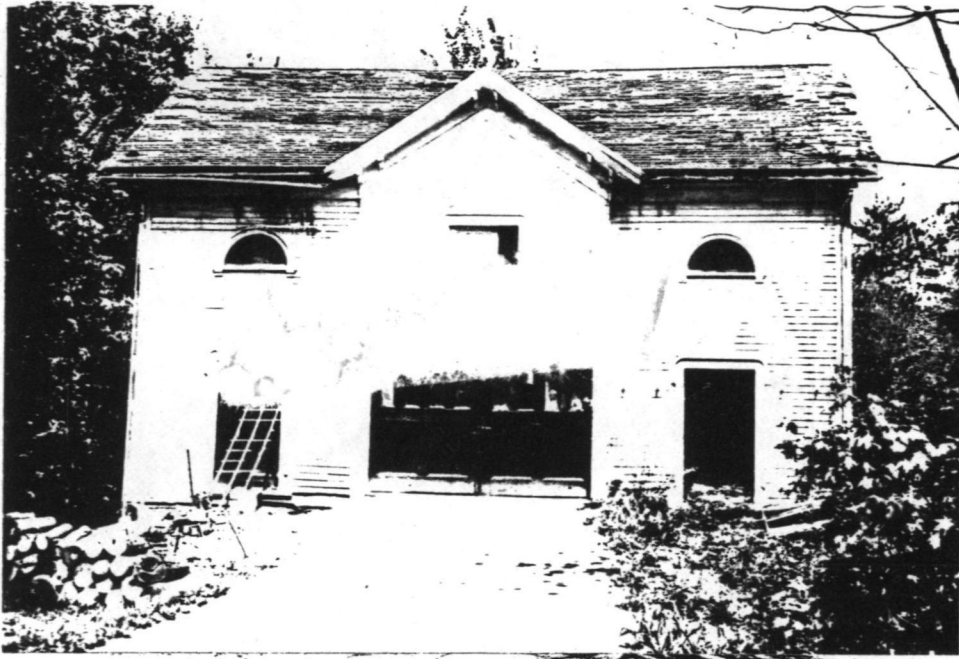


FORM B - BUILDING

Area C	Form no. 157
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Reading
 186 Summer Avenue
 Name Kemp Barn
 Original Barn
 Present Barn
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization
 Public
 Original owner Robert "Father" Kemp

location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DATE: c. 1853
 Source Concerning the Past
Italianate
 Architect _____
 Prior wall fabric Clapboards
 Buildings _____
 Alterations (with dates) _____
 Slates replaced with asphalt.

Recorded by Architectural Preservation Associates
 Organization Reading Historical Commission
 Date November 30, 1980

Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage 1.568 acres
 Setting Behind house. Ramp to central door.

REVISED

Date 6/82

WTM: 19/326120/4709690

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

This barn, which is part of the architectural ensemble with the house, is as carefully designed and embellished as the dwelling. The rectangular shape broken by a cross gable has 3 openings on the first floor -- a double sliding door is flanked by doors with shouldered architraves. Pilasters support the bracketed central gable pavilion, which is flush-boarded. Above the hayloft is a scrolled molding. Two semi-circular windows flank the hayloft. A copper weathervane adorns the roof.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

Robert ("Father") Kemp came to Reading in 1853 after his partner in a boot and shoe business in Boston, John Mansfield, bought ten acres on Summer Avenue, then sold half of it to Kemp. He planned to raise apples and chickens, while continuing to commute to town on the 8-year-old railroad line. This barn was probably for the horse and carriage, rather than farm produce.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1854 map R. Kemp
1875 map Mrs. T. Hawes (Temperance, wife of William)
1889 map Jacob W. Roberts
Wadlin, Concerning the Past, Chapters LXXXIX AND XCIII

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Reading	Form No: C-157
Property Name: 186 Summer Ave. Barn	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The Kemp Barn is significant (1) as a product of the 19th century real estate boom on the West Side, and as the barn of a railroad commuter; (2) for its connection with Robert ("Father") Kemp, shoe manufacturer and choral leader, and with public servants Charles and Katherine Howard; and (3) as part of a high-style Italianate architectural ensemble, with the house on the property. It retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship, and meets Criteria A, B, and C of the National Register.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Reading Multiple Resource Area
State MASSACHUSETTS

Conn [Signature] 2/19/84

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

Review

1. Ace Art Company

Substantive Review for Keeper
Attest

[Signature] 2-1-84

Review

2. Common Historic District

Substantive Review for Keeper
Attest

[Signature] 2-1-85

3. Harnden-Browne House

Substantive Review for Keeper
Attest

[Signature] 2-1-85

Review

4. Haverhill Street Milestone

Substantive Review for Keeper
Attest

[Signature] 2-1-85

5. Kemp Place

Entered in the National Register for Keeper
Attest

[Signature] 7/19/84

6. Kemp Barn

Entered in the National Register for Keeper
Attest

[Signature] 7/19/84

7. Nichols, Jerry, Tavern

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Attest

[Signature] 7/19/84

Review

8. Reading Standpipe

Substantive Review for Keeper
Attest

[Signature] 2-1-85

Review

9. Smith Shoe Shop

Substantive Review for Keeper
Attest

[Signature] 2-1-84

Review

10. Woburn Street Historic District

Substantive Review for Keeper
Attest

[Signature] 2-1-84

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Kemp Barn (Reading MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. JUN 4 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/6/85
Date Due: 7-5-84 / 7-19-84
Action: ACCEPT 7-19-84
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____

Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

(A.R.M. Reading M.R.A.)
 Middlesex County
 MASSACHUSETTS

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____

date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

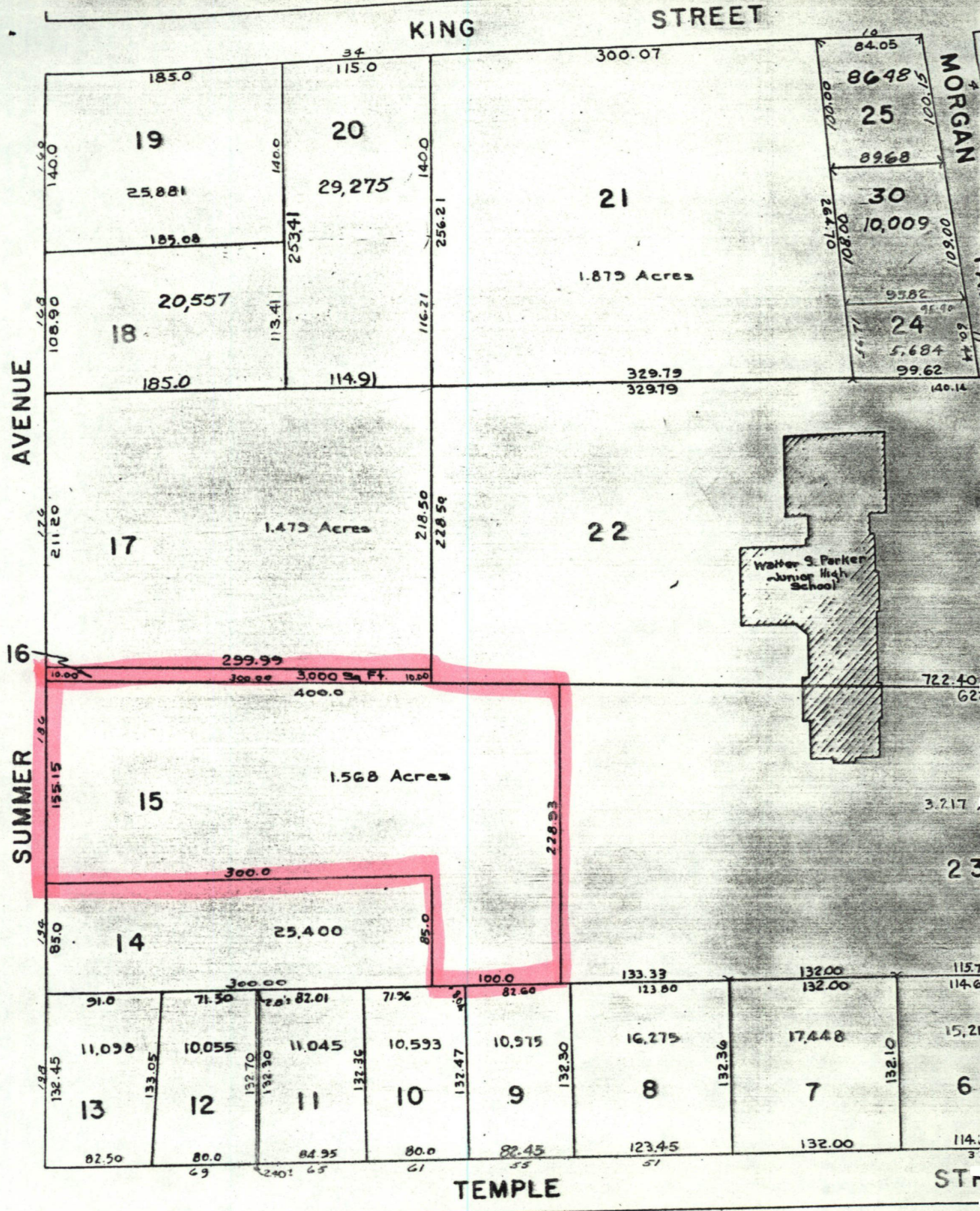


Kemp Barn

Reading MRA, Ma

186 Summer Ave - Barn

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#C-157 186 Summer Ave.
 Barn
 Map 61, Lot 15-16
 1983 Assessors Map
 1" = 100'

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000290