

Area <b>B</b>	Form no. <b>67</b>
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Reading (#13)

316 Haven Street

Name Parker House

Original

Present

Property:  Private individual  
 Private organization

Public

Original owner E. Parker (Ella J.)

Information:

Date 1881

Source 1882 Directory

Style Stick - Queen Anne

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards / shingles

Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) Extension rear

Moved no Date

Approx. acreage 6,300 sq. ft.

Setting At corner faces south on small lot.



Other buildings features.

Natural Preservation Associates  
Organization Reading Historical Commission

Date November 30, 1980

**REVISED**

Date 6/82

WTU: 19/327390/4709820

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community) This is a fine example of a Queen Anne cottage, here given a Stick-style interpretation. The wrap-around veranda, whose roof is supported by basket handle arches, is extravagant for such a small structure. The gable embellishment reminiscent of half-timbering, the staggered-butt shingles in the gable end, and the wide, arched veranda brackets make a cozy "English cottage" statement.

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

The sidestreets on the east side of Reading seem to have been the home of the lower middle- and working-class folk, insofar as a definite class structure can be perceived. This house, though of modest size, is high-style in feeling and execution.

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- 1889map - E. Parker (Ella J.) (Mrs. Frank W. )
- Wadlin, Concerning the Past, Chapter XXXIX
- 1900 Assessors Valuation List
- 1882 Directory
- 1890 Valuation List

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Reading	Form No: B-67
Property Name: 316 Haven St.	

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

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

This property is significant (1) as an intact example of the Victorian house built by lower and middle class Readingites; and (2) for its fine Stick style-Queen Anne detailing. It retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, and feeling, and meets Criteria 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

For NPS use only  
received 6/1/84  
date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Reading Multiple Resource Area  
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
61. Nichols, James, House Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u>Melona Byers 7-19-84</u> Attest _____
62. Nichols, Richard, House Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u>Melona Byers 7-19-84</u> Attest _____
63. Octagon House Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u>Melona Byers 7-19-84</u> Attest _____
64. Old Hose House Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u>Melona Byers 7-19-84</u> Attest _____
65. Parker, Capt. Nathaniel, Red House Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u>Melona Byers 7/19/84</u> Attest _____
66. Parker House (52 Salem St.) Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u>Melona Byers 7-19-84</u> Attest _____
67. Parker, Joseph, House Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u>Melona Byers 7-19-84</u> Attest _____
68. Parker, Samuel, House Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u>Melona Byers 7-19-84</u> Attest _____
69. Parker, Stillman, House Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u>Melona Byers 7-19-84</u> Attest _____
70. Parker House (316 Haven St.) Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u>Melona Byers 7-19-84</u> Attest _____

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Parker House (Reading MRA)  
Middlesex County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. JUN 4 1984

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/5/85

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	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

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

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parker House (Reading M.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: \_\_\_\_\_



Parker House

Reading MA, Ma

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52 Salem st.

A 8

PLAT 76



#B-67 316 Haven St.  
 Map 65, lot 09  
 1983 Assessors Map  
 1" = 100'

PLAT

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000290