

FORM B - BUILDING

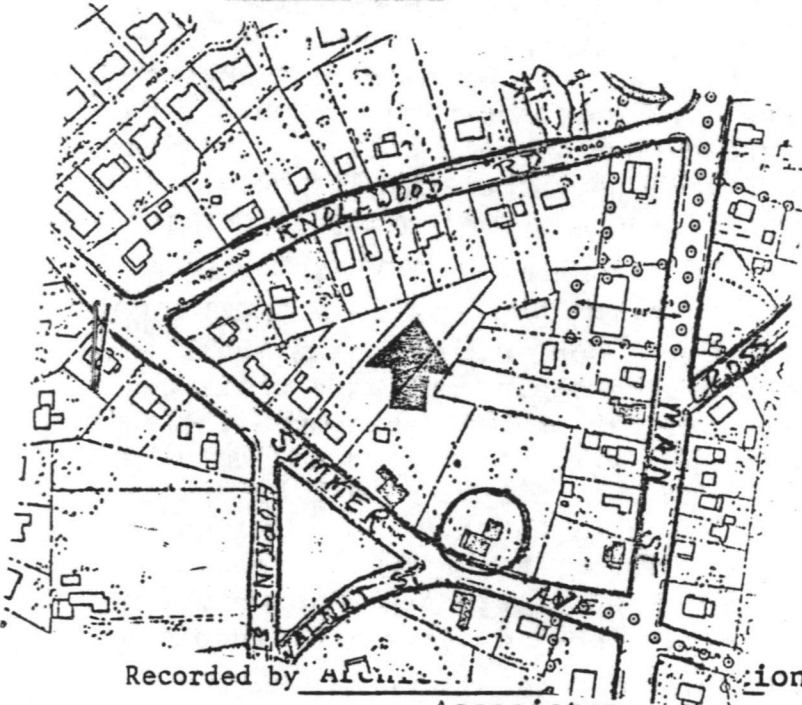
Area	Form no.
C	95

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Reading _____
 Address 484 Summer Avenue
 Historic Name Stillman Parker House
 Original dwelling
 Present dwelling
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Stillman Parker

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1851-54
 Source 1854 map, visual analysis
 Style Greek Revival
 Architect n/a?
 Exterior wall fabric flushboard, clapboards, shingles
 Outbuildings None
 Major alterations (with dates) Ell to rear, Queen Anne dormer on south facade.
 Moved NO Date _____
 Approx. acreage 48,612 sq. ft.
 Setting Faces south, close to road

Recorded by Architectural Associates
 Organization Reading Historical Commission
 Date November 10, 1980

REVISED

Date 6/82

UTM: 19/327020/4708440

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

This house, like its neighbor at 472 Summer Avenue, displays a Greek Revival variation of a Georgian-Federal vernacular building form -- seen in only three houses in Reading (though the house on County Road and West Street is gable-ended). Probably built in the early 1850's, the high peaked roof extends to form a covered veranda; a heavy cornice is supported by fluted Doric columns. Paneled pilasters edge the flushboarded facade. A pleasing Greek Revival feature are the triple-hung, 6/6/6 windows with fluted architrave surrounds and corner blocks. The same treatment is given to the sidelighted central door. The fanciful dormer was added in the Queen Anne style.

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

Stillman E. Parker was a member of the Bethesda Congregation Church, as were members of his extended family who lived nearby in the Hill End district. He was a well-to-do manufacturer of shoes for thirty-five years, and a public-spirited man, serving on the boards of selectmen, assessor and overseers of the poor, and for twenty-two years on the School Committee. District 1 School stood nearby, across from his house. He had been educated beyond the borders of the town.

This house and its nearby neighbor were built by brothers-in-law; Parker's second wife was a Pratt, sister to the owner of 472 Summer Avenue.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1854 map S. E. Parker (Stillman)
1875 map S. E. Parker (Stillman)
1889 map S. E. Parker (Stillman)

Eaton, Memorial Volume, p. 168

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Reading	Form No: C-95
Property Name: 484 Summer Ave.	

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

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

This property is significant (1) for its role in the religious dissent that formed the Bethesda Congregational Church; (2) for its connection with prosperous shoe manufacturer Stillman E. Parker; and (3) as a largely intact example of the colonnaded-porch type of Greek Revival architecture. It retains integrity of location, general design, setting, materials, workmanship, and feeling, 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

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

Ref. # 84002785

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Parker, Stillman, 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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> 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 Stillman House (1874-1875)
 Middlesex County
 MASSACHUSETTS

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadangle 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, Stillman, House
Reading, MA, Ma

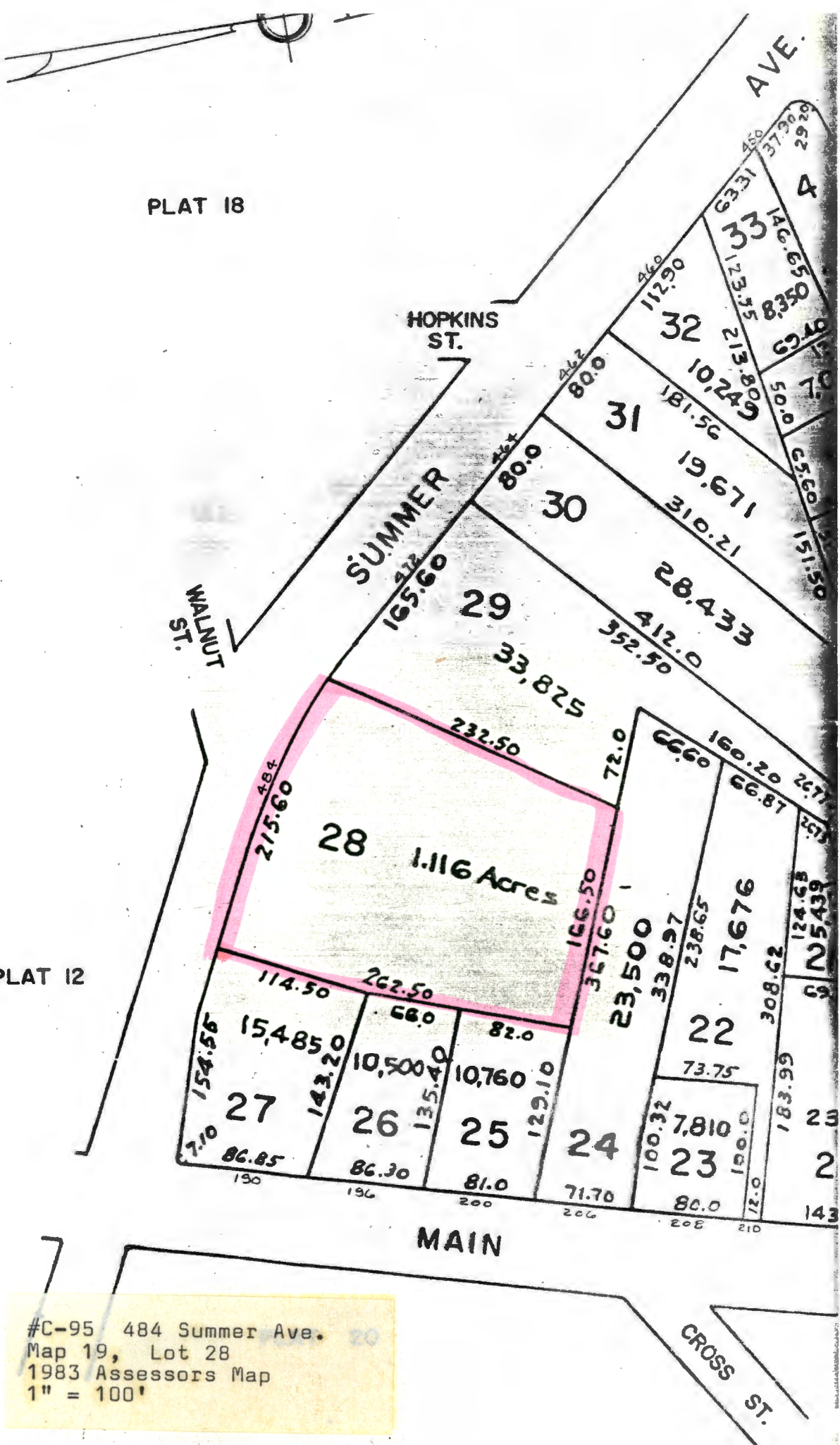
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4834 Summer Ave

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PLAT 18

PLAT 12



#C-95 484 Summer Ave. 20
 Map 19, Lot 28
 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