

FORM B - BUILDING

Massachusetts Historical Commission  
220 Morrissey Blvd.  
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

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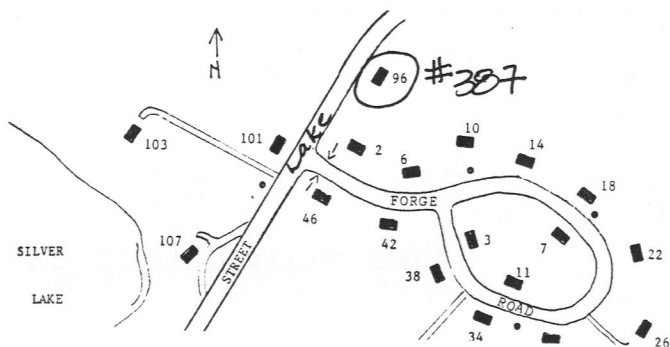
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BARN - 427



inventoried building. Indicate north.



Town Kingston

Place (neighborhood or village) SILVER

Address 96 Lake Street

Historic Name

Uses: Present residence

Original residence

Date of Construction c.1850

Source maps

Style/Form

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation granite block

Wall/Trim wood clapboards

Roof asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures  
barn

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes

Date

Acreage 1 acre

Setting

in linear village near Silver lake

Recorded by Deirdre Brotherson

Organization Kingston Historical Commission

Date (month/year) May 1998

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## BUILDING FORM

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

☒ *see continuation sheet*

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

☒ *see continuation sheet*

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.  
*a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

*If checked, you must attach*

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**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:**

The residence at 96 Lake Street was built c.1850. This 3x2 bay, wood frame, 1-1/2 story building sits on a granite block foundation. The building is clad with wood clapboards and has a side gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. A brick chimney is located in the center at the ridge. The entrance is in a 1x1 gable roof bay which projects from the facade. The entrance contains paired Italianate doors with flat surrounds. The windows contain 2/2 sash with flat surrounds. The cornerboards are narrow and flat. The cornice is boxed with returns. A 2x2 bay, side gable, 1 story side ell has an exterior brick chimney and a one story open porch across the front. A 3x4 bay, front gable barn is on the property.

**HISTORICAL NARRATIVE:**

This property was built c. 1850 by Porter C. Reed who owned the house into the 20th century. Porter Reed leased the nearby Forge Pond nail mill in about 1860. According to local history, Porter was a descendent of Col. Jesse Reed, who invented the nation's first machine that both cut nails and put heads on them (in 1811 in Kingston). After Reed sold the property it was used as a summer home. It is now a year-round home.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

Melville, Doris Johnson. Major Bradford's Town: A History of Kingston: 1726-1976. Kingston, MA., 1976. [KPL]

**MAPS:**

1726 Kingston. John Gray [MHC]

1795 A Plan of the Town of Kingston. John Gray. [MHC]

1820-30 Five School Districts [KPL]

1876 Town of Kingston. Boyden (w/directory). [KPL]

1876 Town of Kingston, Enlargement of Village. Boyden. [KPL]

1879 Atlas of Plymouth County. George E. Walker. [MHC]

1896 Bird's Eye View of Kingston [KPL & MSL]

1903 Atlas of Plymouth County. George E. Walker. [KPL]

Sanborn Insurance Company Maps:

Plymouth: 1896 June

1901 April (1896, 1901, 1906 include Kingston Village

1906 Feb. and Factories in Kingston)

Kingston: 1912 (6 sheets)

1925 (7 sheets)

1943 (7 sheets)

1954 (8 sheets)

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

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USGS - HANDMA  
SOUTH

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In Area no.	Form no.
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Town Kingston

Address Lake Street

Name Porter Reed House

Present use residence

Present owner Felix & Olive Childs

Description:

Date mid-1800s

Source \_\_\_\_\_

Style farmhouse

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric wood

Outbuildings (describe) barn

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

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

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

5. Lot size: 25+ a.

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

Approximate frontage 1000 ft.

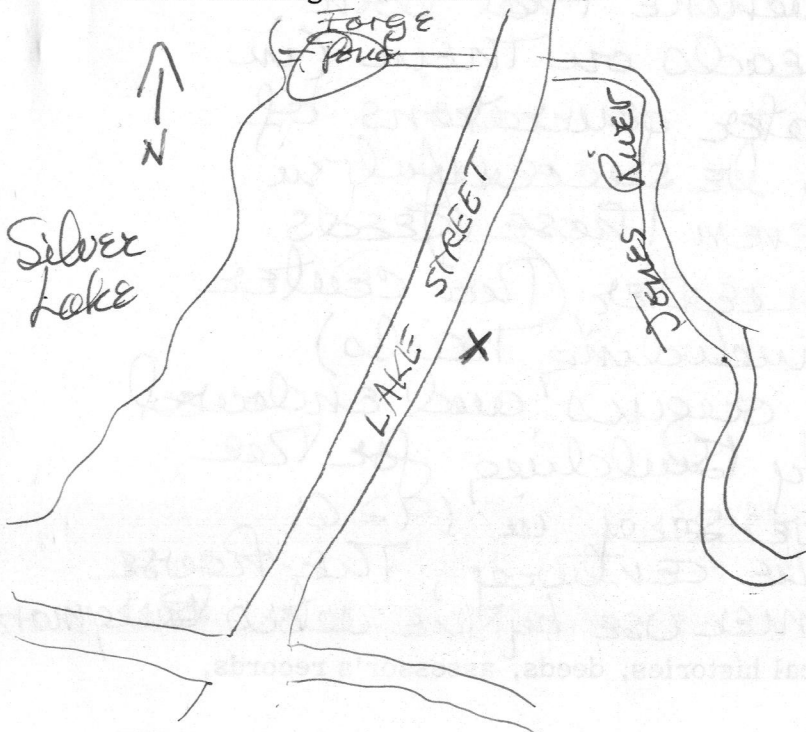
Approximate distance of building from street  
100 ft.

6. Recorded by Donald Randall

Organization Jones River Village Hist Soc

Date Sept. 2, 1978

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



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7. Original owner (if known) Porter Reed

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	_____	settlement	_____	invention	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	_____	Industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Social/	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	humanitarian	_____
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Political	_____	Transportation	_____

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

Porter Reed leased The nearby Forge Pond nail mill in about 1860. Porter was a descendant of Col. Jesse Reed, who invented the nation's first machine that both cut nails and put heads on them (in 1811 in Kington). Later generations of Reeds continued to be successful in nail making and even those Reeds who moved to Worcester (the center for wire products including nails) remembered their origins and endowed The Reed Community Building for the town's 200th anniversary in 1926. About the turn of the century, The House was rented for summer use by the actor Montgomery.

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

local historians  
town tax records  
U.S. Patent office