

FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
 220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town: Reading

Place: (*neighborhood or village*) Downtown

Photograph



Address: 78-88 Haven Street

Historic Name: Cooperative Building

Uses: Present: commercial

Original: commercial

Date of Construction: 1883

Source: *Chronicle*, July 21, 1883

Style/Form: Queen Anne (altered)

Architect/Builder: Ellenwood & McDonald

Exterior Material:

Foundation:

Wall/Trim: wood shingle

Roof: asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
none

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

early 20th c. - storefronts

date unknown – reconstruction of storefronts in brick

c.2000- new exterior sheathing, windows on rear section

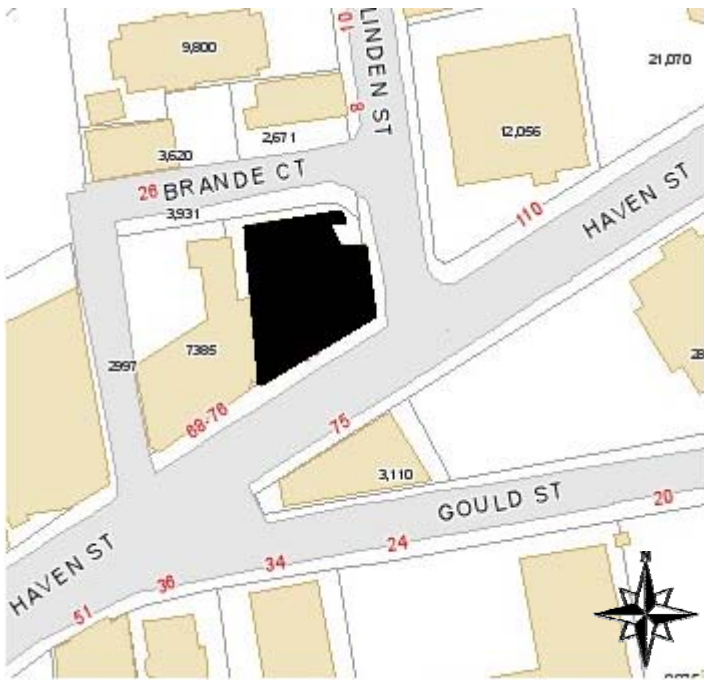
Condition: fair (due to new siding)

Moved: no | x | yes | | **Date** _____

Acreage: 0.15 acre

Setting: mixed downtown area

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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

Located at the corner of Haven and Linden Streets, 78-88 Haven Street is a 2½-story gablefront structure which was originally constructed in 1883 but has been greatly remodeled in recent years. The building, originally clapboarded, has been sheathed in modern wood shingles with scalloped shingles filling the gable areas. The double-hung windows now contain modern 1/1 sash and are flanked by shutters. Added in the early 20th century, the single-story storefronts facing Haven Street were originally clapboarded with large transomed plate glass windows. In recent years the storefronts have received a brick veneer, new doors and smaller, elevated plate glass display windows. The brickwork continues along the Linden Street side and culminates in a curved projection adjacent to the back stairs.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

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.

The building at the corner of Haven and Linden Streets was built in 1883. On July 21, 1883, the *Chronicle* reported that "Ellenwood & McDonald had been given the contract for putting up the building at the corner of Haven and Linden street, for the co-operative company". The Cooperative Building was a source of feed and grain, butter and eggs and other supplies.

In October 1917 the building was purchased by the Globe Ear-Phone Manufacturing Company whose products including early hearing devices were used by the U.S. Secret Service during World War I and in rehabilitation work for the deaf after the war.

In the late 1920s Bailey Chevrolet operated a car dealership in the corner storefront.

In 1941 the tenants included E.B. Currell & Son (78 Haven), Reading Upholstery (80 Haven).

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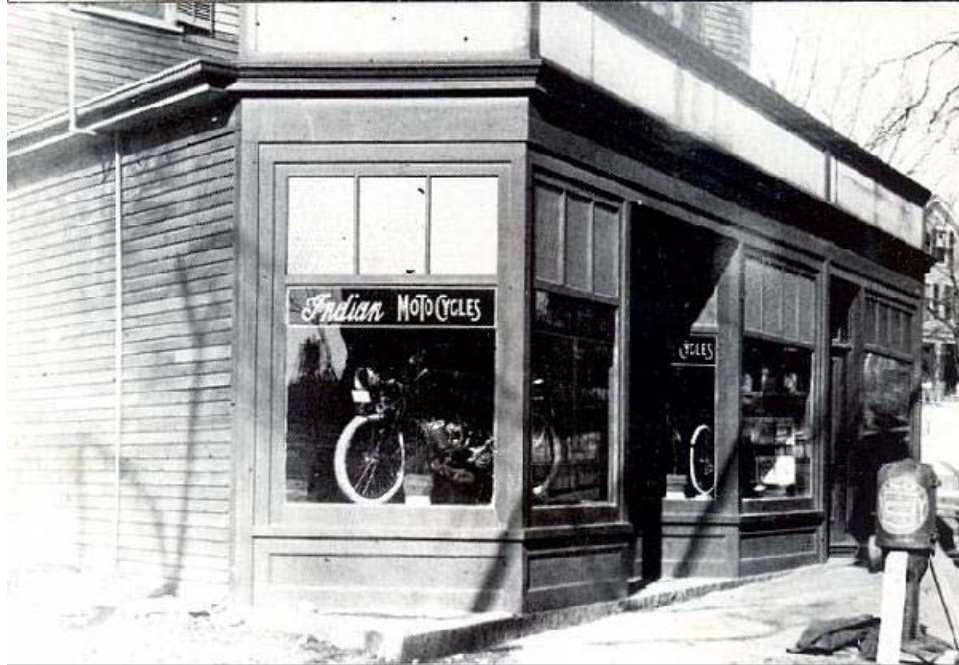
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Undated view showing original appearance of front storefronts

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