

# FORM B – BUILDING

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

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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**Town:** Reading

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*)

## Photograph



**Address:** 89 King Street

**Historic Name:** Ruggles- Hayden House

**Uses:** Present: residential

Original: residential

**Date of Construction:** 1929

**Source:** water department records

**Style/Form:** Dutch Colonial

**Architect/Builder:** unknown

### Exterior Material:

Foundation: rubble

Wall/Trim: wood shingle/wood

Roof: asphalt shingle

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**  
none

### Major Alterations (*with dates*):

date unknown? – carport addition to east

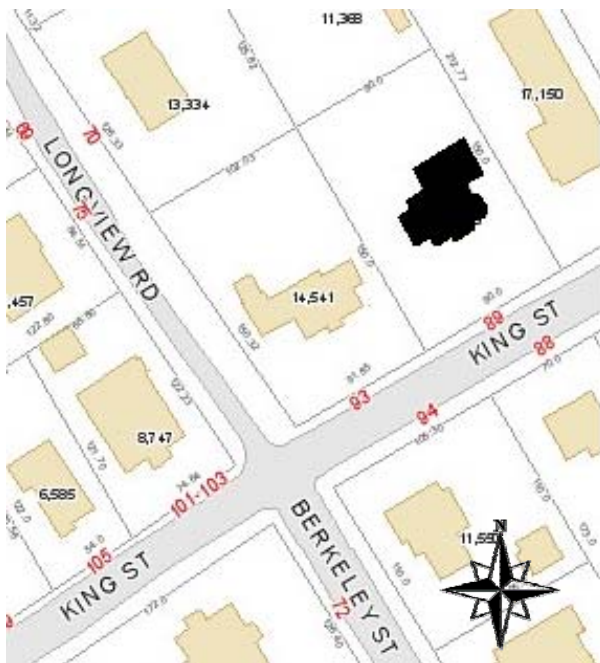
**Condition:** good

**Moved:** no | x | yes | | **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acreage:** 0.57 acre

**Setting:** mixed residential neighborhood

## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Recorded by:** Lisa Mausolf

**Organization:** Reading Historical Commission

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# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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89 King Street

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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.*

The house at 89 King Street is a well-preserved example of the Dutch Colonial style, a Colonial Revival mode which found widespread popularity in the 1920s and 1930s. The style is readily identified by the gambrel roof which is oriented with the roof ridge set parallel to the street with long shed dormers on the front and rear slopes. In this case, the façade is five bays wide, the exterior is sheathed in wood shingles and the house is set on a rubble foundation. Centered on the façade is a wide pedimented entrance porch with curved underside supported by fluted square posts. The door is flanked by multi-light sidelights. On either side of the porch is a pair of windows with molded surrounds and double-hung 6/1 sash. Punctuating the front shed dormer are five additional windows, also flanked by paneled shutters with cutout pine tree designs. Quarter round attic windows are located on the gable ends. An exterior brick chimney is centered on the west elevation. Projecting from the west end of the house is a single-story sunroom with simple stick balustrade. On the east side there is a rectangular bay window with a gabled carport addition offset to the northeast.

## 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.*

This house (originally 75 King Street) was constructed for Carter K. Ruggles in 1929. The land was Lot A on a Plan of Lots surveyed for Harold V. Palmer in Feb. 1929 (Book 5335, Page 188). The 1930 Census indicates that Carter Ruggles was then 25 years old, living here with his wife Doris and was employed as a stock and bond trader. The couple had two daughters, Barbara and Elaine. The latter was Miss New Hampshire in the Miss America contest in 1953.

The property was sold to Arthur and Ruth Hayden in 1952 and is still owned by family members today.

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Community      Property Address  
READING        89 KING STREET

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## National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

Check all that apply:

- Individually eligible       Eligible **only** in a historic district  
 Contributing to a potential historic district       Potential historic district

Criteria:     **A**     **B**     **C**     **D**

Criteria Considerations:     **A**     **B**     **C**     **D**     **E**     **F**     **G**

Statement of Significance by           Lisa Mausolf          

*The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.*

Constructed in 1929, the house at 89 King Street is a good and well-preserved example of the Dutch Colonial style which found great popularity nationwide in the 1920s and 1930s. Character-defining features include the gambrel roof with long front and rear shed dormers, the pedimented entrance porch, exterior chimney and sunroom. The property is potentially eligible for the National Register for its associations with the early 20<sup>th</sup> century development of Reading and as a good example of a variation on the Dutch Colonial style.