

## **CHESTER HARDING HOUSE**

**16 Beacon Street, Boston,**

For four years, from 1826 to 1830, Chester Harding, one of the nation's great mid-19th-century portraitists, lived and worked in this brick house. Gilbert Stuart, himself an artist of no mean repute, complained of the "Harding fever" that temporarily eclipsed his own popularity. The house, four stories tall and quite large for its time, is now dwarfed by later commercial structures. It was renovated in 1963 as headquarters for the Boston Bar Association, which still occupies it.