

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no. 100
	17C-151

1. Town Northampton



Address 102 High Street

Date _____

Present use residence

Present owner Elton & Marjorie Bean

Description: _____

Date 1850-70

Source Map & Atlas

File _____

Architect _____

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

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved --- Date ---

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage _____

Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date February 1980



(over)

Original owner (if known) _____

Original use _____ residence _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u> x </u>				

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

This house first appears on the 1873 atlas, where it is listed as being owned by Elijah Nutting. Mr. Nutting is described as a carpenter in the 1873 directory and probably built the house himself. High St. was laid out about the time of the opening of the Williamsburg to Northampton Railroad in 1867. The tracks ran parallel to Main and North Main Sts. in Florence and a depot was established on North Maple St. This opening spurred industrial and residential development north of Main St. in Florence, which until that time had been completely contained between Main St. and the Mill River.

The house has front and side porches with chamfered posts and ornate brackets, and a simple balustrade. The windows have thin, molded cornices and there is a round-headed window with thin hood mould in the front gable.

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

- 1870, 1884 & 1885 Atlases
- Northampton Directory: 1873-74.