

FORM B - BUILDING

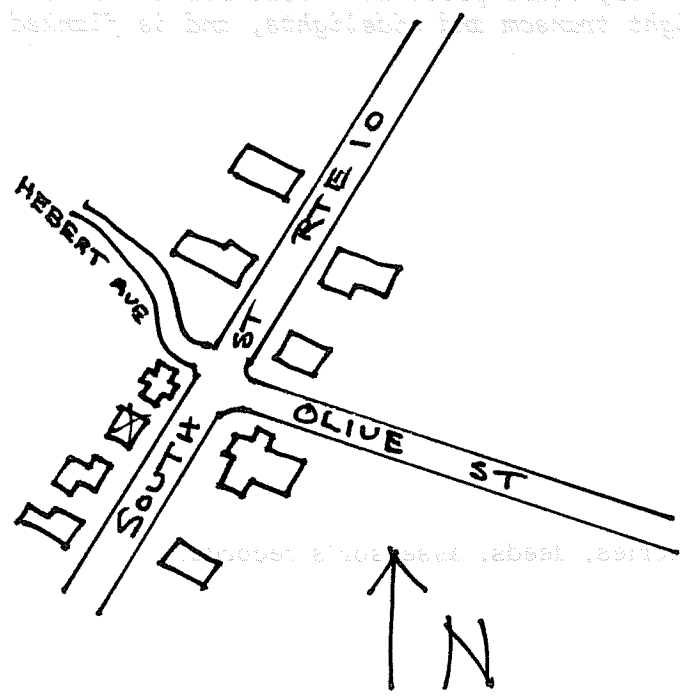
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	38B-70



Northampton  
Address 237 South St.  
Present use vacant  
Present owner estate of Arthur F. Wade  
Description:  
Source

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



Architect  
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 April 1980

(over)

7. 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	<u>x</u>	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)

*In 1889 Alfred Wade bought this parcel for \$200. This and the fact that the 1884 atlas doesn't show a house in this site would seem to mean that this building was constructed after 1890. However, the house appears to be of earlier construction, and the atlas of 1873 as well as the mid 19th century map show a house on this site. The one other possibility is that this house was moved from another site.*

*The house is two-and-a-half stories tall with slate ridge riif and two in-set chimneys. The north and south sides are pedimented with the tympanum being clad with flush boarding nd also having an oculus. The three-bay facade is covered with a one-stor porch which has a flat roof with projecting cornice, sqare posts with brackets and a low balustrade. The central entrance has a five-light transom and sidelights, and is flanked by smooth pilaster.*

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

- 1854 and 1860 County Maps.*
- 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.*
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 423-P. 101.*