

FORM B - BUILDING

In Area no.	Form no.
	38B-72

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



1 Northampton

Address 235 South St.

Present use residence

Present owner Madelyn Nartowicz

Description: mid 19th century

Source maps and visual evidence

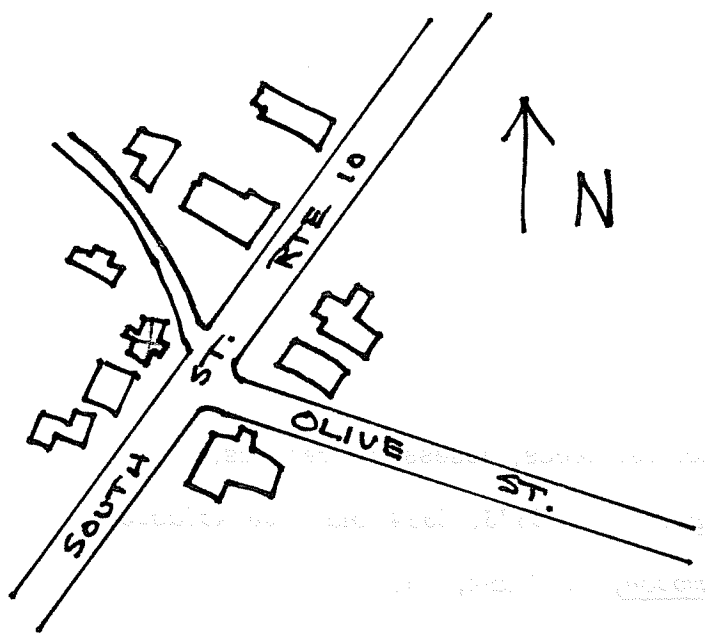
4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric brick and clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____



2nd floor

Altered added Date c. 1895

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) City of Northampton

Original use School

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates residence (c. 1895)

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

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

This structure originally was a one-story brick schoolhouse for the town of Northampton. Solomon Clark, in his review of Northampton homesteads states that Nathaniel Edwards, who was born in 1729, taught one of the earliest schools on South St. This became a family tradition and his son, grandson and great-granddaughter all taught school on this site. The one-story brick schoolhouse was probably built early in the 19th century. In 1890 a larger and more modern school was built farther east on South St. and this building was no longer needed. Alfred Wade, who lived at 237 South St. purchased the lot and building for \$545 in 1884 and had the second floor added to create a leasable residence.

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

*1831 Town Map. 1854 and 1860 County Maps. 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
 Registry of Deeds: Bk. 469-P. 22.
 Antiquities, Historical and Graduates of Northampton, S. Clark, 1882.*