

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	17C-157



City Northampton

Address 76 High Street

Use

Present use

Present owner Kathryn Holt

Description:

1860-73

Source Map & Atlas

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

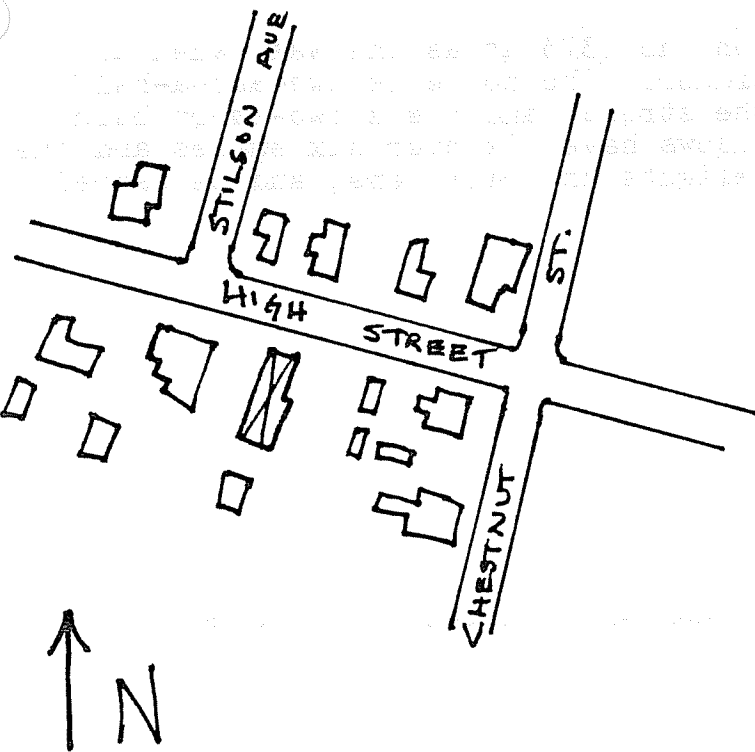
Approximate frontage

Approximate distance of building from street

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date February 1980



(over)

Original owner (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Original use \_\_\_\_\_ residence \_\_\_\_\_

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

High St. was laid out parallel to Main St. in Florence, north of the Williamsburg division of the New Haven and Northampton Railroad, during the late 1860's. The railroad line had opened in 1867, connecting the industrial villages along the Mill River to the main north-south railroad in downtown Northampton. This line spurred industrial development north of Main and North Main Sts. in Florence, as well as corresponding residential development.

The house first appears on the 1873 atlas and was owned and occupied by Samuel Brigham, a gardner. The house is two-and-a-half stories high with gable end to the street, and has a two-story barn in the rear of the property. Windows have six over six sashes and the front entrance is flanked by sidelights and pilasters, and is capped by an entablature.

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

- 1860 County Map.
- 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
- Northampton Directory: 1873-74.