

FORM B - BUILDING

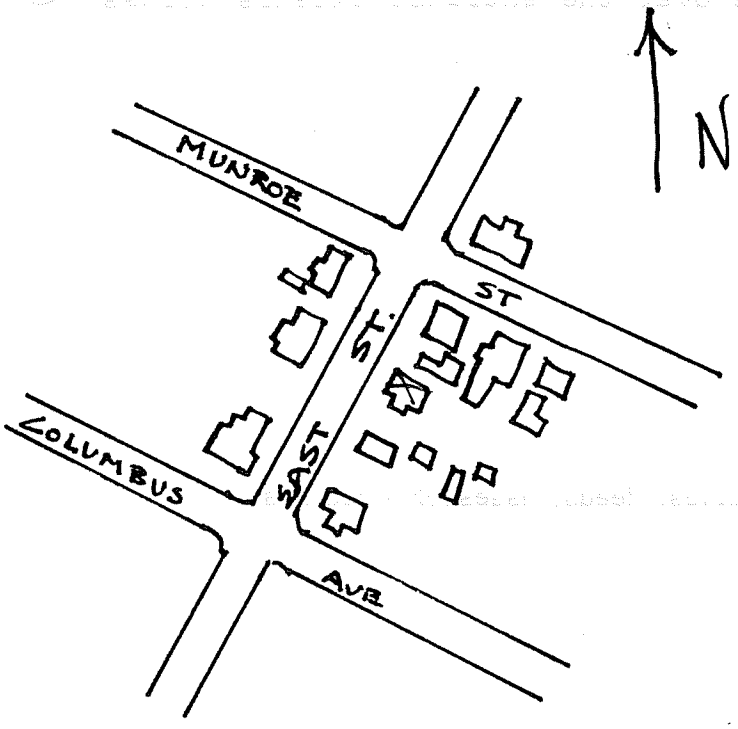
In Area no.	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston



Location Northampton
 Address 18 East Street
 Name J. Pierce House
 Present use residence
 Present owner A. Vincent & Marjorie Erikson
 Date of construction 1894-95
 Source Reg. of Deeds & Atlas
 Style Queen Anne

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



Architect _____
 Exterior wall fabric 1st-clapboard, 2nd-shingle
 Outbuildings (describe) ---
 Other features slate pyramidal roof, corner oriel with pedimented gable and front porch
 Altered --- Date _____
 Moved --- Date _____

5. Lot size:
 One acre or less X Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 64'
 Approximate distance of building from street 20'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan
 Organization NHC
 Date February 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) James M. Pierce
 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/
settlement | _____ | Science/
invention | _____ |
| The Arts | _____ | Industry | _____ | Social/
humanitarian | _____ |
| Commerce | _____ | Military | _____ | Transportation | _____ |
| Communication | _____ | Political | _____ | | |
| Community development | _____ | | | | |

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

East St. was extended southwesterly from Munroe St. to Fort St. at the time of the Columbus Ave. subdivision, in the early 1890's. James Pierce, a painter and paper hanger in business with Edward Rolfe (Pierce & Rolfe), had this house built in 1894-95. At the same time Rolfe had a house built on the lot next south.

Pierce's house has a slate, pyramidal roof topping the two-story block. A corner oriel with pedimented gable and a two-and-a-half story gabled side projection break up the mass, while vertical and horizontal wide boarding and the use of decoratively-cut shingles add to the variety. A one-story shed roof porch with gable over the entrance extends across the entire facade.

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

1894 & 1895 Atlases
 Registry of Deeds: bk. 467-P. 39, 467-105, 743-411
 Northampton Directory: 1894-95