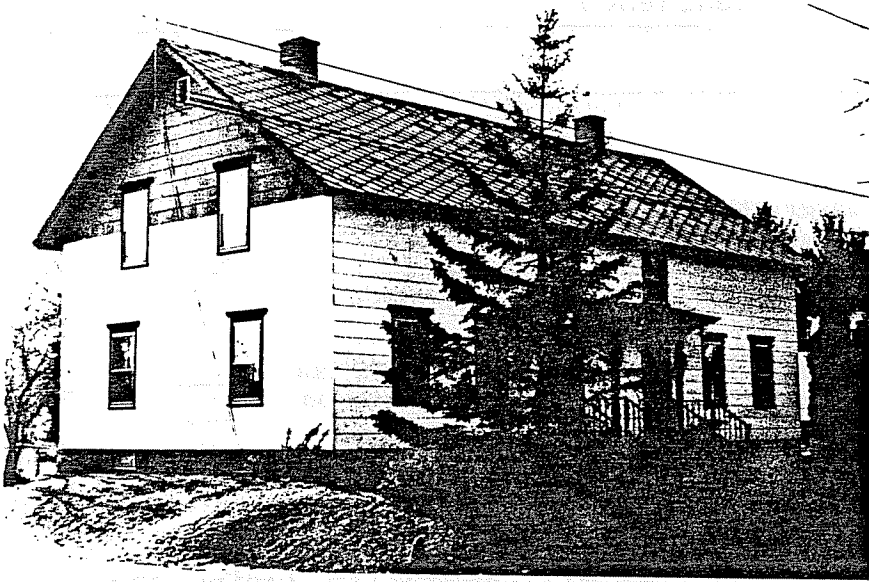


FORM B - BUILDING

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

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1 Northampton

Address 50-52 High St.

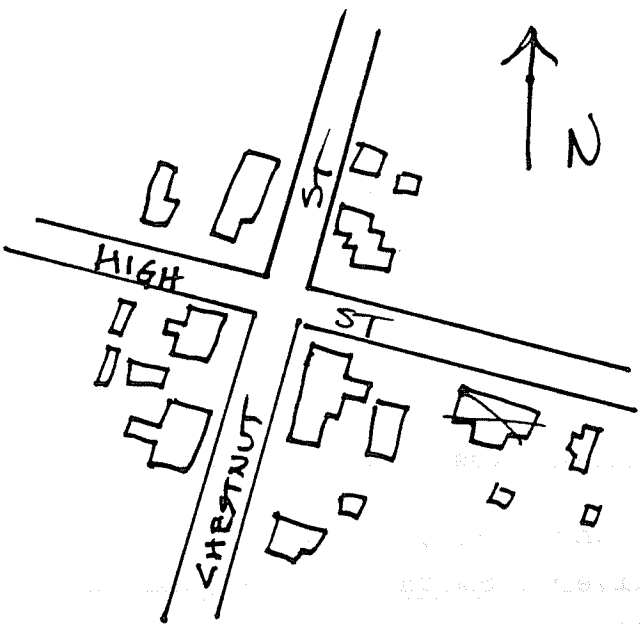
Use residence

Present owner Charles Asher

Description: 1860-73

Source Map and Atlas

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



Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric asbestos shakes

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered sided Date mid 20th c

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)

7. Original owner (if known) D.G. Littlefield

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 | <u>x</u> | | | | |

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

D.G. Littlefield was one of the prominent industrialists who helped develop Florence as a thriving mill community during the mid 19th century. He served as president of the Florence Manufacturing Co. and president of the Florence Sewing Machine Co. The latter Company was located at the corner of Chestnut and Main Sts. and owned a large amount of land north of Main St. and east of Chestnut St. During the late 1860's a number of cottages and blocks were built for the Company's workers. This house was probably used for the same purpose.

The block is one-and-a-half stories high with gables to the side. The central double entrance has a decorative, bracketed hood.

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

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