

FORM B - BUILDING

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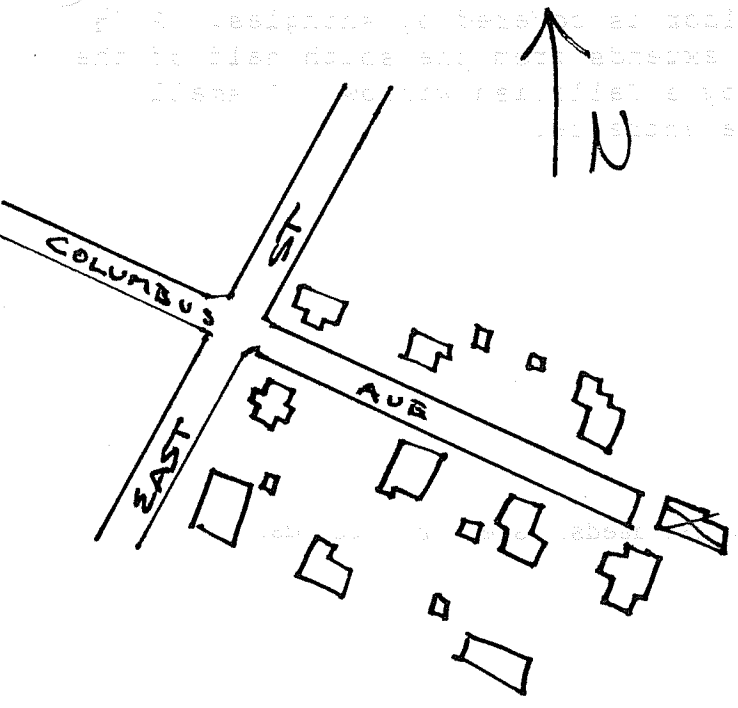
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston



Town Northampton
 Address 76 Columbus Avenue
 Name W. Gere House
 Present use residence
 Present owner Thomas & Victoria Lee Givler
 Description: _____
 Date 1901-02
 Source _____
 Date _____
 Architect _____

in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

Exterior wall fabric 1st-clapboard 2nd-shingle
 Outbuildings (describe) _____
 Other features side and front bays, slate pyramidal roof, entrance portico Palladian window in pedimented, front gable
 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)

7. Original owner (if known) William H. Gere

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)

This 2½ story house was built in 1901-02 for William Gere. Mr. Gere obtained lot 28 of the Columbus Ave. subdivision in 1901, and was listed as residing at the end of Columbus Ave. in 1902. At that time he was employed in the composing room of the Hampshire Gazette. He remained in employment with the Gazette well into the 20th century. The Gere family was connected with the Gazette from 1858 until the mid 20th century.

The house is at the end of the street, at the brow of the old Mill River terrace. Two and a half stories in height, the house is capped by a slate, pyramidal roof. The first floor is covered with clapboard and has front and side bays. The second floor is covered by shingles. A 2½ story projection with pedimented gable extends from the south half of the facade. The gable is mostly taken up by a Palladian window. A small portico with slender columns covers the entrance.

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

1895 & 1915 Atlases
 Reg. of Deeds: Sk.449-P.410, 546-424
 Northampton Directory: 1902