

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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Northampton

Address 26 and 30 Fairfield Ave

Present use residences

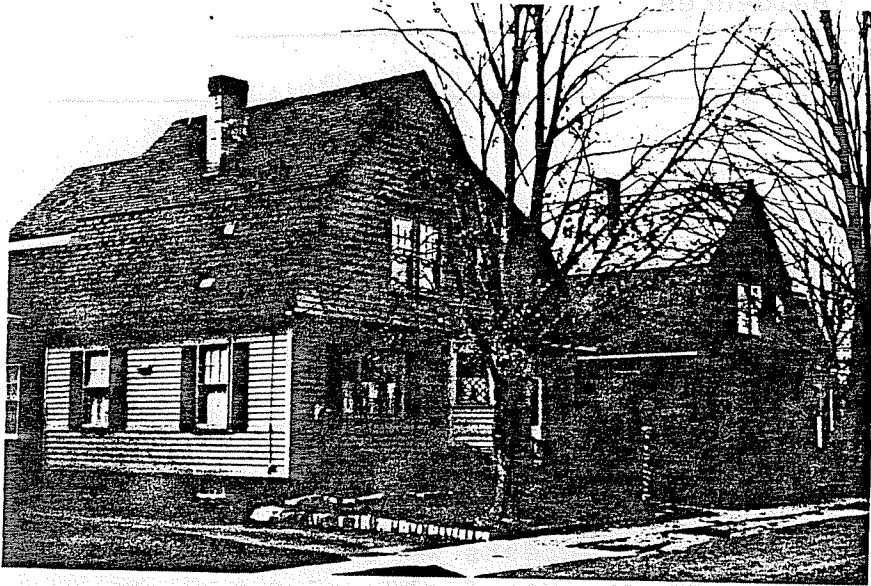
Present owner \_\_\_\_\_

Description:

c. 1915

Source Atlas and directories

Architect \_\_\_\_\_



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

Exterior wall fabric clapboard and shingle

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features \_\_\_\_\_

Altered \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

One acre or less \_\_\_\_\_ Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

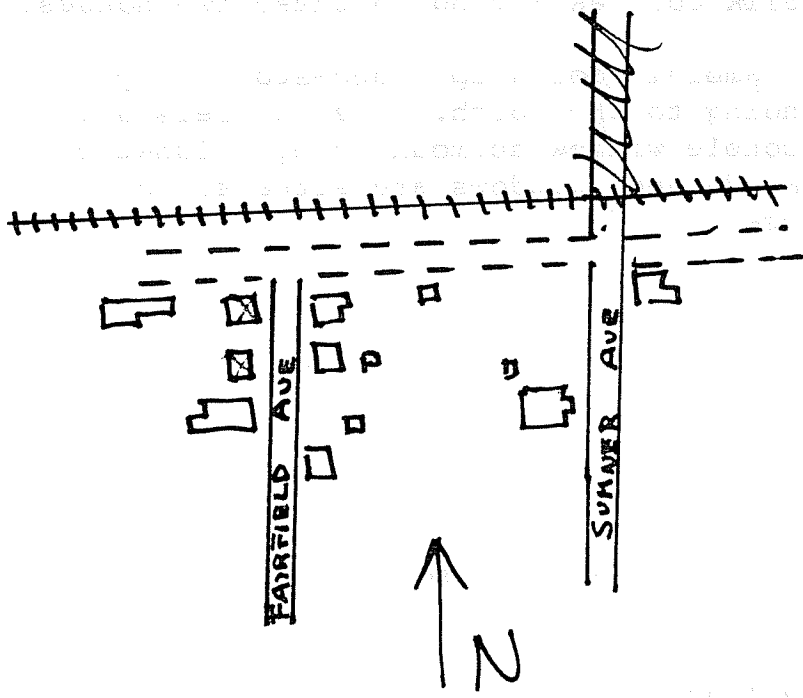
Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate distance of building from street  
15'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

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(over)

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

Original use \_\_\_\_\_ residences \_\_\_\_\_

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

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>  x  </u>	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)

Around the turn of the century, three streets were laid out north of Main and Locust Sts. in Florence: Plymouth, Fairfield and Summer Avenues. The streets extend northerly only a short distance to the railroad tracks. These two houses are the northernmost on the western side of Fairfield Ave., and are virtually identical. The 1915 Directory lists Edward Murphy, foreman of the foundry at the Norwood Engineering Co. and proprietor of Northampton Iron Works, both in Florence, and Herbert Freeman, superintendent of the braiding department at Nonotuck Silk Co., as living in these two houses.

Each house has a high pitched gambrel roof atop a one-story clapboarded base, and a cross gable extending to the north. The gambrels are shingled, and the front ones have a double window surmounted by a lunette. One-story, three-sided bays with diamond-paned windows are situated to the left of each house's front entrance.

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

1895 and 1915 Atlases.  
Northampton Directory: 1905, 1915 and 1922.