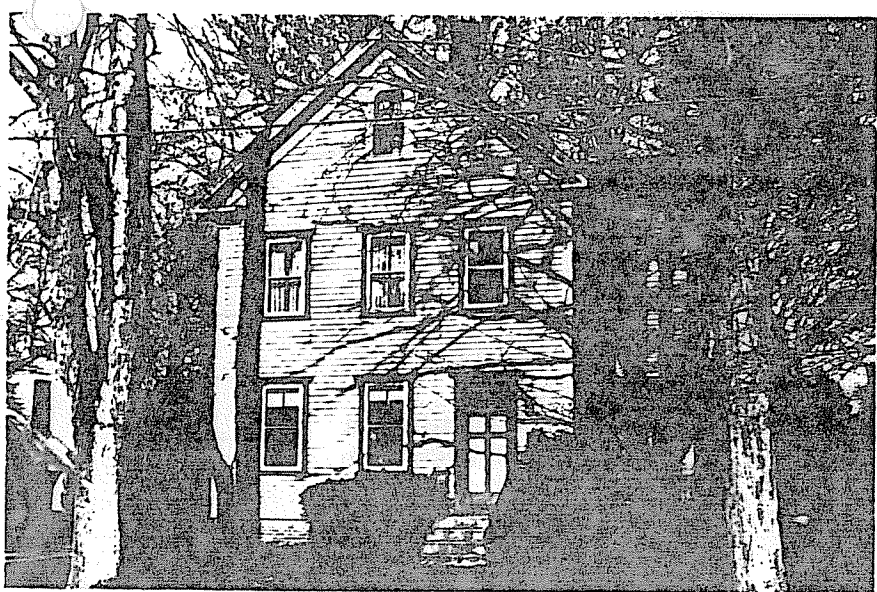


FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
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Northampton

Address 78 Lyman Rd.

Present use residence

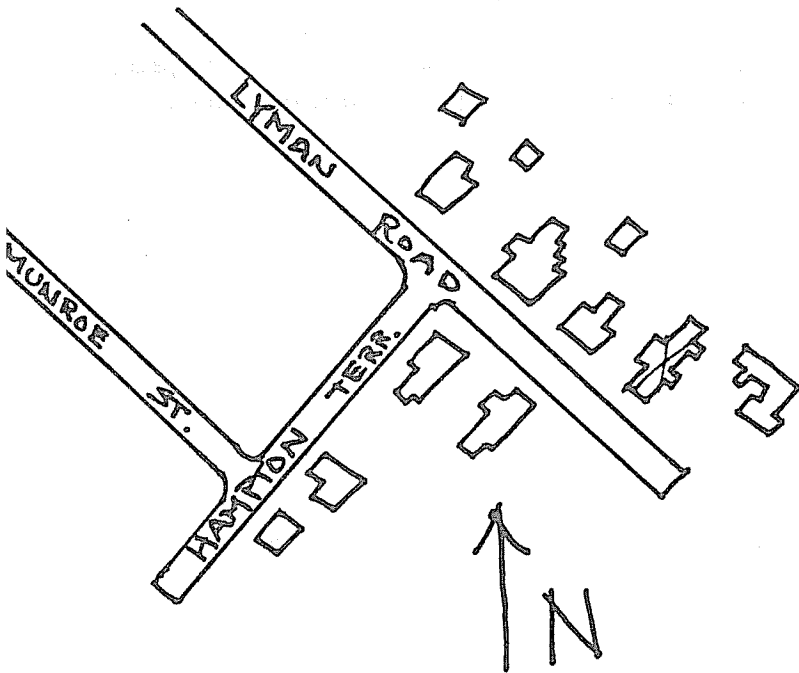
Present owner Gary and Anne Arnold

Description:

1883-85

Source Reg. of Deeds

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 x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

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

Approximate distance of building from street \_\_\_\_\_

6. Recorded by E. Loneragan

Organization NHC

Date April 1980

(over)

7. 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)

This simple two and a half story house was built during the early 1880's. Russell Roberts bought a large lot of land on the north side of High St. (now Lyman Rd.) at the brow of Fort Hill. Mr. Roberts lived at 68 High St. and sold the land at the brow of the hill to Emeriah Roberts, a Northampton jeweler. Emeriah, in turn, split the lot and sold the western part to Alphonso Witherell five days later. Mr. Witherell was a letter carrier and was first listed at the "foot" of High St. in 1885. By 1887 this had become 78 High St.

The house has the gable end to the street, with a cross gable on the eastern side. Within the front gable is a round-headed cash window with a shouldered surround.

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

- 1877, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
- Northampton Directory: 1885-86, 1886-87, 1887-88, 1895-96.
- Registry of Deeds: Bk 296-P 267.