

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	17C-204

109

1 Town Northampton



Address 55 Main St.

Use residence

Present owner _____

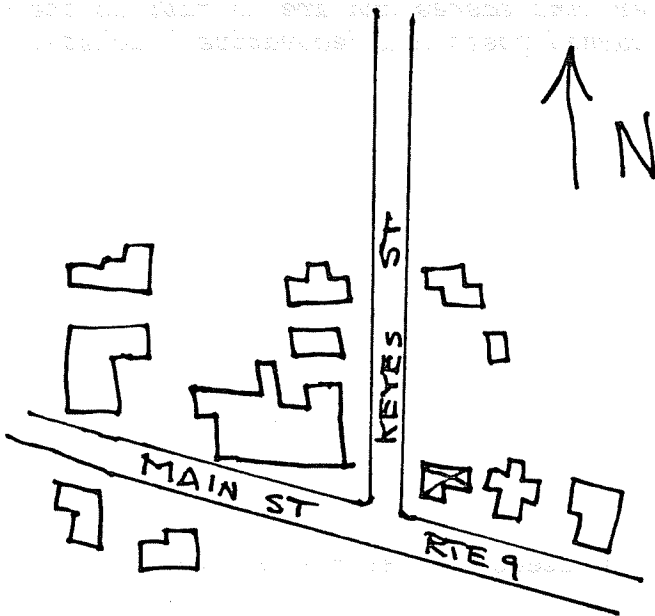
Description: _____

Approx. date c. 1855

Source Maps

Architect _____

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



Florence

Exterior wall fabric asbestos shakes

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered sided Date mid 20th c.

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. Lonergan
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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use residence

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)

This small Greek Revival styled cottage was built during the middle of the 19th century. The first known owner and occupant was E.L. Smith who is shown here on the 1888 map. A business advertisement on the same map lists Mr. Smith as a carpenter and joiner, so perhaps he built the house himself.

The house is one-and-a-half stories in height with gable end to the street and an over-sized, Greek Revival-styled entrance. A projecting cornice caps a full entablature and plain door surrounds, with the door and its flanking sidelights recessed within. The first floor windows on the facade have nine over nine sashes and are as tall as the doorway. The eastern side has a small porch with turned posts and decorative brackets.

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

- 1831 Town Map,
- 1854 and 1860 County Maps.
- 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.