

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
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1 Northampton

Address 61 Lyman Rd.

Name E. Gere House

Present use residence

Present owner William Newman & Juliet Schor

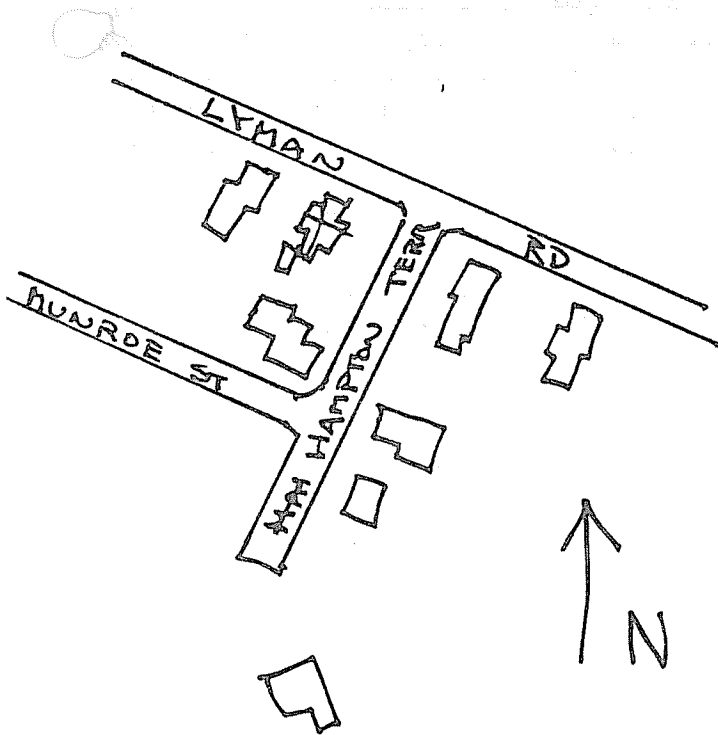
Description:

Date 1880-84

Source Reg. of Deeds & Atlas

Style Stick Style

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 rear porch added Date 20th C.

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

5. Lot size:

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

Approximate frontage 100'

Approximate distance of building from street

15'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date February 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Edward C. Gere

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	<u>X</u>	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

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

This house was built during the early 1880's for Edward Gere, son of Henry Gere, the long-termed editor of the Hampshire Gazette. Edward Gere was connected with the newspaper throughout his career, and became co-proprietor with his brother Collins H. Gere after their father stepped down in 1910. Edward retained this position until his death in 1926. This residence was also maintained by him until that date.

In 1880 he had obtained lot 5 of the Starkweather subdivision. This had been opened up from South St. in 1870. Early development was on the eastern half of the street, set back over 300 feet from South St. and near the brow of the river terrace overlooking Northampton's famous meadows. The street quickly attracted solid, middle-class residents who were enthralled by the setting.

The house is 2½ stories high, capped by a slate roof, and with the gable end to the street. The front gable is decorated by a large, arched brace, decorated king post and brackets. Pedimented cornices are used on the rectangular windows while the front porch has chamfered posts, set in pairs, and a balustrade of cut-out pattern.

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

- 1873, 1884 & 1895 Atlases
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 360-2.392, 275-100
- Northampton Directory: 1825-86, 1905, 1915
- The Northampton Book, ed. by Tercentenary History Committee, 1954, pp 377-92