

FORM B - BUILDING

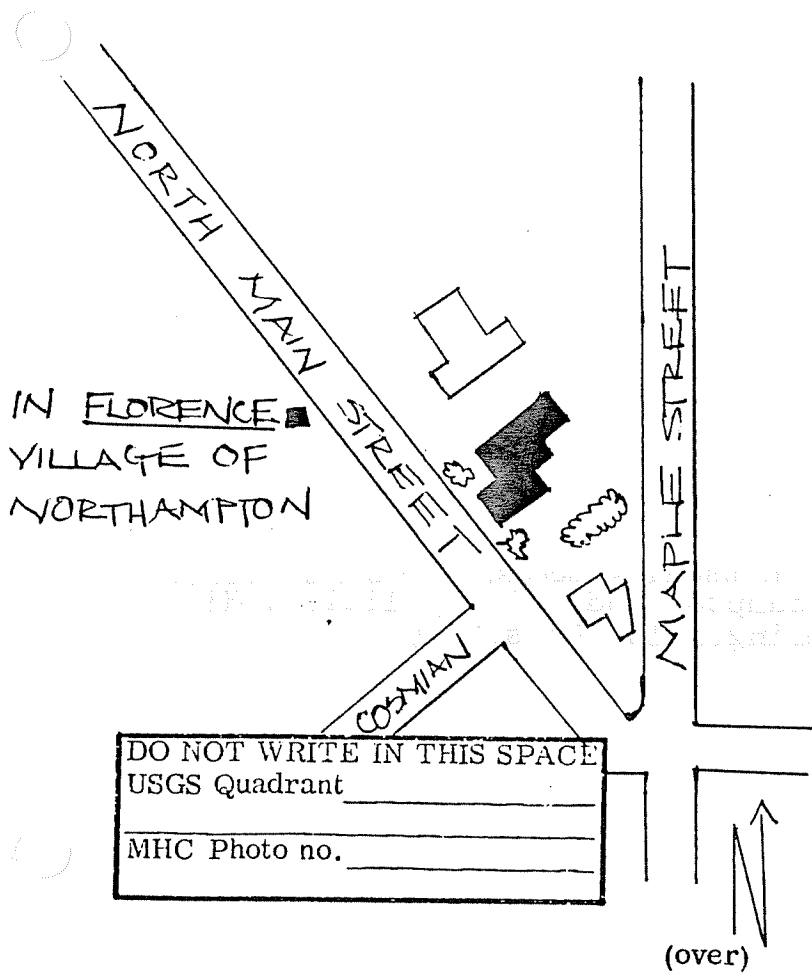
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	17C-253



Florence (Northampton)
29 North Main Street
Nelson Davis House
 Present use Nursing Home
 Present owner City of Northampton
 Construction:
1870
 Source 1873 Atlas of Northampton
Second Empire

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



Architect Unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Bracketed
 Outbuildings (describe) none
 Other features mansard roof, dormer windows, cupola, filigree on roof
 Altered no Date _____
 Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:
 Less than one acre x Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 125 feet
 Approximate distance of building from street 40 feet

6. Recorded by L. Komaromi
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7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Florence Home for the Aged- 1976

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| 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 | _____ | | | | |

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

The Nelson Davis House located on North Main Street is an imposing structure done in the French Mansard Style. Most interesting is the fancy filigree work denoting a puckish quality. The house accomodated Nelson one of the early entrepreneurs of Florence. Nelson Davis owned a building in the center of the village that served as a drugstore and elicited commercial growth, here.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.) 1873 Atlas of Northampton and principalities, History of Florence, Massachusetts, Springfield, Mass. 1894.