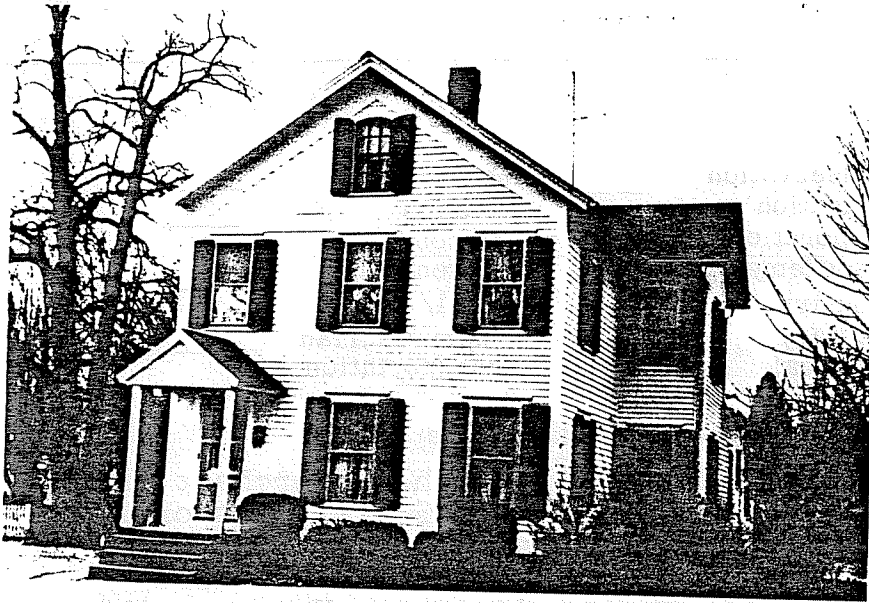


FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	17C-258



City Northampton

Address 58 North Main Street

Name S. Bosworth House

Present use residence

Present owner Roy & Catherine Frost

Description:

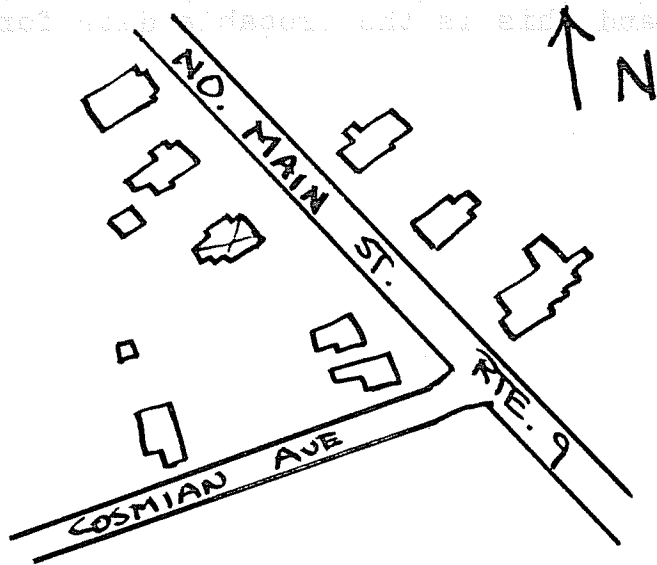
Approximate date c. 1870

Source Atlas and History of Florence

Reference:

Architect:

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



Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved - - - Date - - -

5. Lot size:

One acre or less Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 130'

Approximate distance of building from street

20'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date January 1980

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____
MHC Photo no. _____

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Sylvester J. Bosworth

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	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 house was built for Sylvester Bosworth, a merchant and farmer, most likely during the early 1870's. In 1861 Mr. Bosworth had bought over 15 acres of land between Meadow and North Main Sts. for \$1500. The deed states that this is the "homestead on which S.J. Bosworth now lives and occupies as a residence". However, this is probably referring to the "Polly Bosworth place" which was a small, one-story house at the junction of the two streets. This had been built in 1817 by William Warner, but long lived in by Polly Bosworth and Sylvester J. (her son?). The small house was removed when Cosmiar Hall was built in the early 1870's, and this is the probable date for the present house.

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

1854 and 1860 County Maps. "
 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
 Registry of Deeds: Bk. 200-P. 13, 176-445.
History of Florence ed. by Charles Sheffield, 1895.