

FORM B - BUILDING

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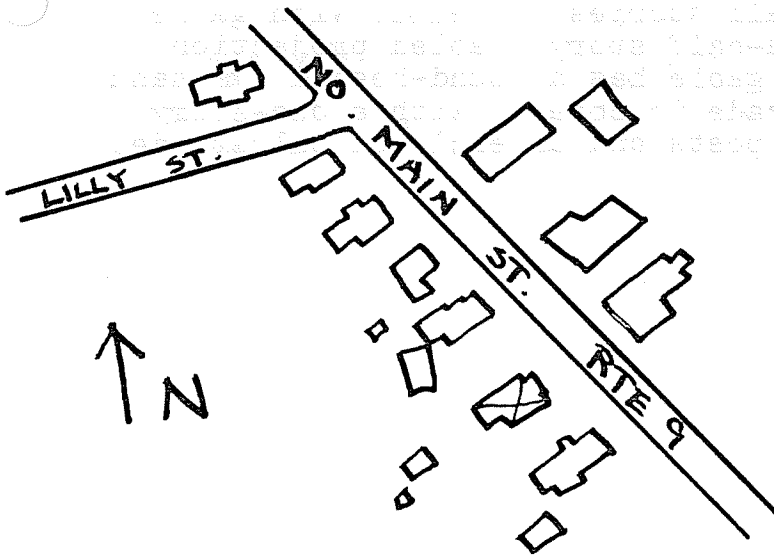
In Area no.	Form no.
	17C-260

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City Northampton
 Address 72 North Main Street
 Name J. Black House
 Present use residence
 Present owner Raymond LaFlamme & Carolyn Ainsworth
 Description:
 Date 1880-1884
 Source Reg. of Deeds and Atlas
 Date
 Architect

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



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 70'
 Approximate distance of building from street 20'

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

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan
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 Date January 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) John C. Black

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)

In 1880 John Black, an engineer employed at the Florence Sewing Machine Co. bought a large lot of land fronting on North Main St. and extending westerly over the terrace drop-off to the Mill River. Within the next few years Lilly St. was put through at the edge of the terrace and Mr. Black sold a number of residential lots. This house was built for his own residence and he lived here into the 20th century.

The house is two-and-a-half stories in height with gable end to the street and a two-and-a-half story gabled projection on the northern side. The front gable has a round-headed 2x2 sash window within. The three-bay facade is covered with a one-story hipped roof porch with chamfered posts and an enclosed balustrade.

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

1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
 Registry of Deeds: Bk. 856-P. 149, 355-161, 337-468.
 Northampton Directory: 1895-96, 1885-86.