

FORM B - BUILDING

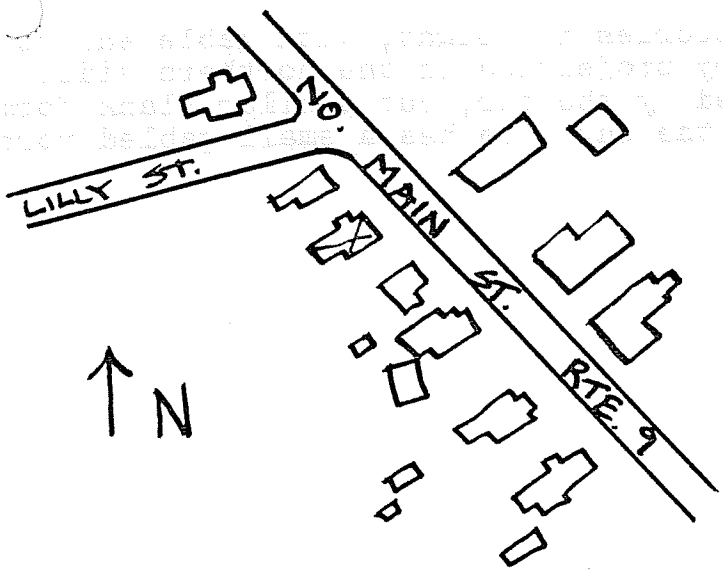
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	17C-263



City Northampton
 Address 88 North Main Street
 Name Florence M.E. Parsonage
 Present use residence
 Present owner Edward & Ann Shanahan
 Description:
 Date 1881-1884
 Source Registry of Deeds & Atlases
 Architect _____

4. Map. Draw sketch of building 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 65'
 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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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Trustees of Florence Methodist-Episcopal Church

Original use parsonage

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| 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)

In 1881 the Rev. Martin Chapin sold one-third of an acre fronting on North Main St. just south of his homestead to the Trustees of the Florence Methodist-Episcopal Church. Within the deed it was stated that Rev. Chapin "will spend not less than \$1300 within six months on a parsonage". The present house was built as the parsonage and is shown on the 1884 atlas. It continued in use as a parsonage until the Florence church merged with the Northampton church in the mid 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 projection on the northern side. A narrow, round-headed window flanked by shorter, but similar blank forms is situated in the front gable, and the entrance has a small gabled porch.

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.346-P.201.
- History of Florence, ed. by Charles A. Sheffield, 1895.