

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	17C-264



City Northampton

Address 94 North Main Street

Use residence

Present owner Charles & Veronica Handschuh

Description:

Period 1867-1873

Source Registry of Deeds

Reference

Architect

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features full length front porch with turned posts & decorative brackets

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved - - - Date - - -

5. Lot size:

One acre or less X Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 65'

Approximate distance of building from street

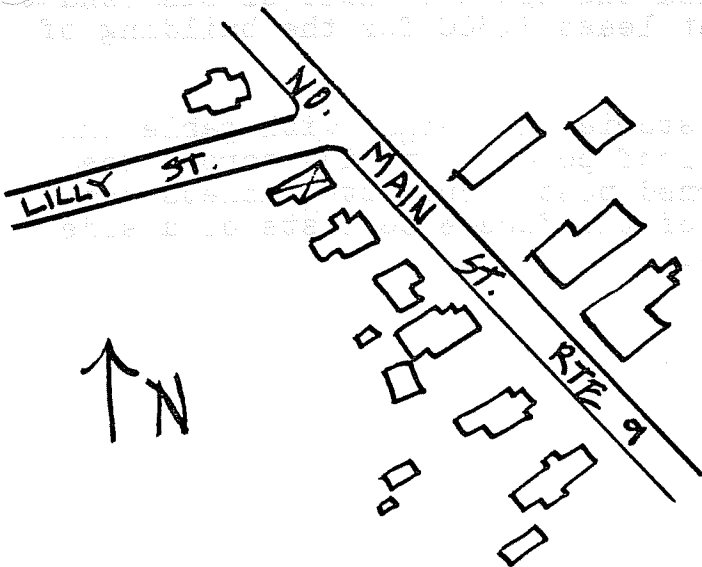
20'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

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Date January 1980

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



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE USGS Quadrant _____
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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Joseph and Harriet Bush

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)

Joseph and Harriet Bush purchased 1 and 1/2 acres from Polly Bosworth on the western side of North Main St. in Florence for \$800 in 1867. This house was probably built soon thereafter. In 1873 the property was sold for \$3000 plus a mortgage of \$1238.56 to Joel Burt. Mr. Burt, a farmer, lived here only a year before selling to John Smith, who likewise only maintained the property for a year. In 1875 the Rev. Martin Chapin of Holyoke purchased this house and land and made it his homestead. Rev. Chapin was connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Florence, and sold the southern half of his land to the church for \$1, and contributed at least \$1300 for the building of a parsonage thereon.

The house is one-and-a-half stories in height with gable end to the street and a one-story, shed-roof porch extending across the three-bay facade. The porch has turned posts, cut-out brackets and a simple balustrade. The first floor of the facade consists of a side entrance and two full-length windows.

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. 317-P. 333, 309-330, 303-151 and 246-205
 Northampton Directory: 1868-69, 1873-74.