

FORM B - BUILDING

In Area no.	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston



1 Northampton

Address 27 Meadow St.

City

Present use residence

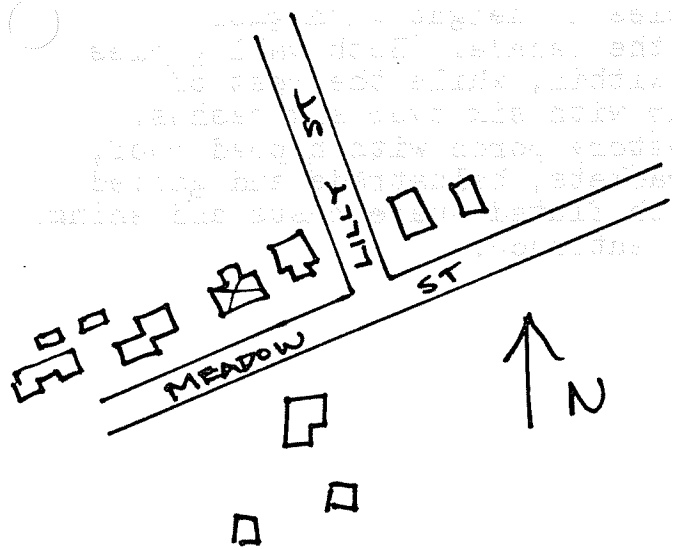
Present owner E. Paul Brown

Description:

c. 1873

Source Reg. of Deeds and Atlas

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



Architect

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features

Altered -- Date

Moved -- Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre

Approximate frontage

Approximate distance of building from street

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date June 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) William Gerhardt

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)

William Gerhardt bought half an acre of land fronting on Meadow St. for \$400 in 1873. There is some confusion between the 1873 atlas and the deed record but it appears as if the house was built around this time. Mr. Gerhardt is listed in the directory as a die sinker and later as a saloon keeper. His residence was maintained on Center St. (now Middle St.) in Florence, and this double house must have been rented out.

The house is two-and-a-half stories in height with gable roof to the side and two wall gables in the facade. Both wall gables have "Gothic" six over six sash windows within, while the rest of the windows on the house are rectangular with six over six sashes. The five-bay facade is covered by a one-story porch with hipped roof, projecting cornice, turned posts with brackets, balustrade and gabled entrance. A smaller pedimented porch with fluted square posts and shingled base sits atop the lower porch above the entrance.

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

- 1860 County Map.
- 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 306-P. 496, 293-89, 290-291.
- Northampton Directory: 1875-76, 1885-86.