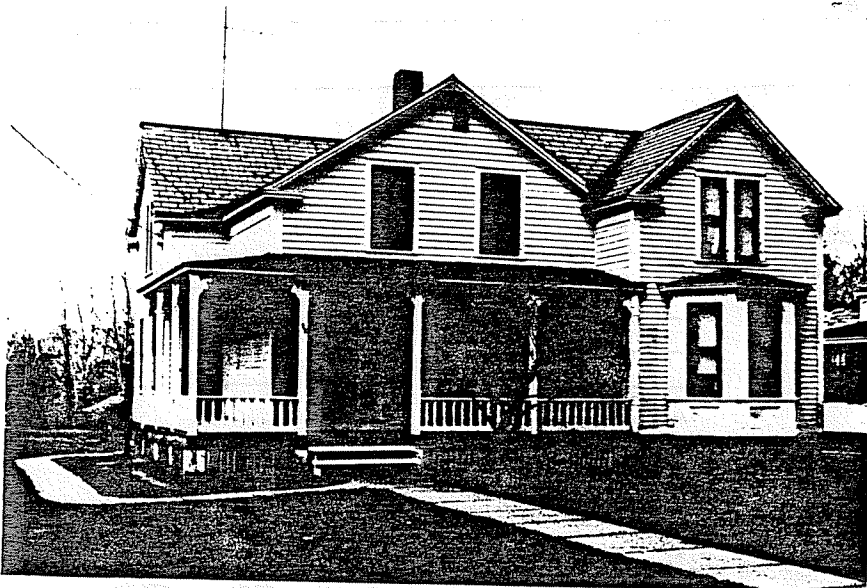


FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	23A-13

160



City Northampton

Address 26 Park Street

Year built

Present use residence

Present owner John Nolan & Estelle Bontempi

Description:

Period 1854-1860

Source Maps

File

Architect

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features 1 story wrap-around porch with decorative brackets, 1 story bay window on facade

Altered 2 story additions, front & side Date late 19th C

Moved --- Date ---

5. Lot size:

One acre or less Over one acre

Approximate frontage

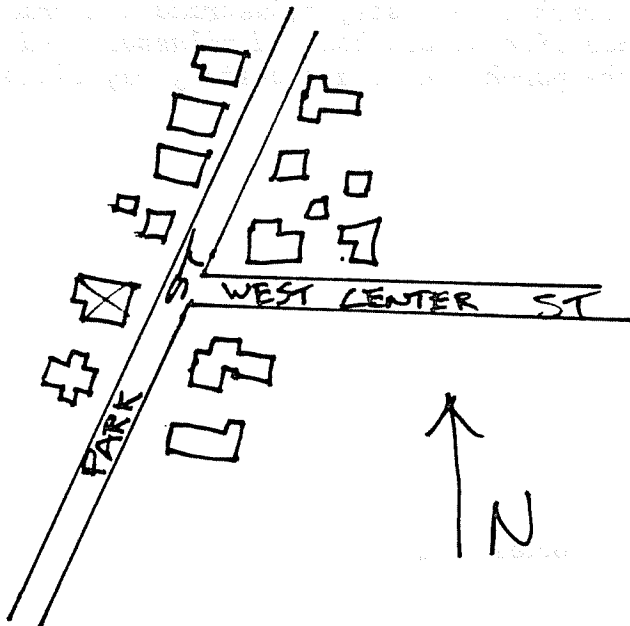
Approximate distance of building from street

6. Recorded by E. Loneragan

Organization NHC

Date February 1980

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



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

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 sprawling cottage is one of two owned by Miss Adaline Bowers on the 1860 map. Lots had been laid out by E.W. Eaton in 1846-47 for residential development along what later became Park, Maple, Pine and West Center Sts. Most of Park St. was developed early and with substantial lots. On the western side of the street five cottages were built prior to 1860 just south of the cemetery. In 1860 two were owned by Miss Bowers and three by Isaac Parsons. By 1873 all five had been sold to individual owners.

The original cottage seems to have been a one-and-a-half story, gable end to the street structure. Additions were made on the southern side and at the northern end of the facade. A one-story porch with posts, balustrade and brackets was also added. There is an oversized entrance with sidelights and pilasters and two full-length sash windows on the facade under the porch, while a one-story bay window projects from the facade addition.

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

- 1854 & 1860 County Maps 1873, 1884 & 1895 Atlases
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 283-P.87, 242-289, 220-31
- Northampton Directory: 1882-83