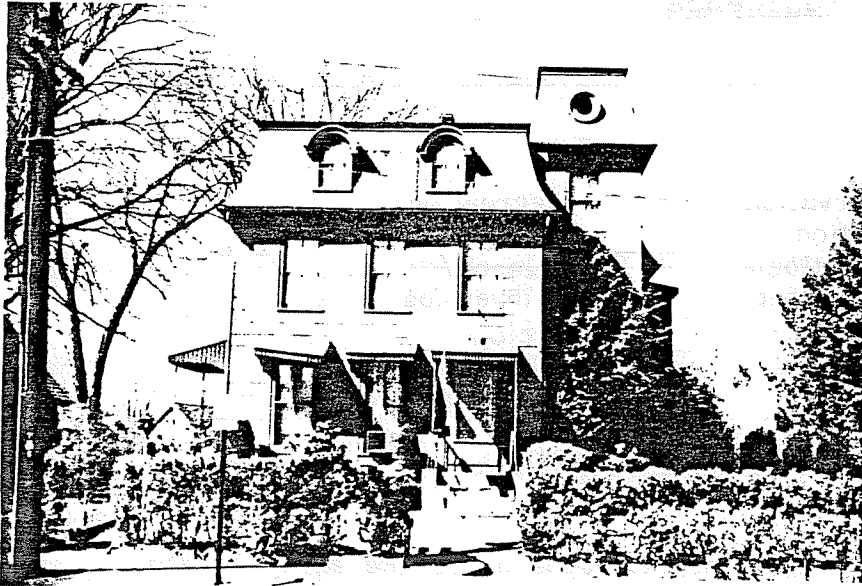


FORM B - BUILDING

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

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In Area no.	Form no.
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Northampton (Florence)

Address 74 Maple Street

Owner E. B. House

Present use Residence

Present owner Dr. Glade P. Hall

Description:

1870

Source 1884 Atlas of Northampton

Second Empire

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Wood

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features Mansard roof, cupola, dentils underneath roof; above windows

Altered no Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 85 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

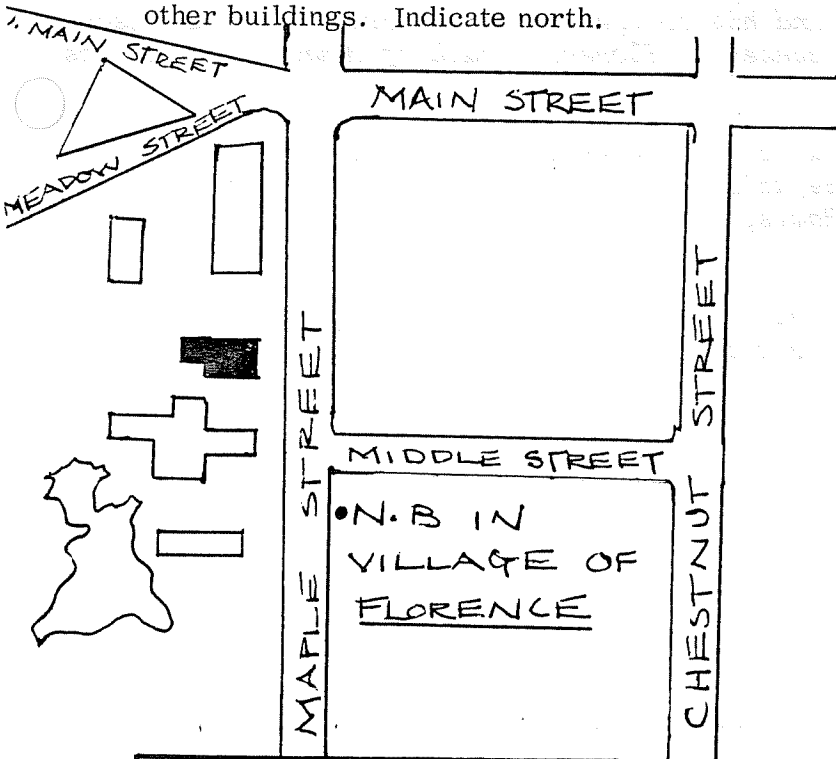
25 feet

6. Recorded by L. Komaromi

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date March 6, 1976

in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



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7. Original owner (if known) Elisha B. Howes (?)

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| 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 | _____ | | | | |

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

There has been a house on this site since the early 1850's. The 1854 map shows Joseph Martin as the owner. Mr. Martin had joined the Northampton Association for Education and Industry in 1844 and quickly rose to the position of president, a position he held until the Community dissolved late in 1845. At that time Samuel Hill, a charter member of the NAEL, and his brother-in-law Edward Eaton purchased most of the flat table land that forms the center of Florence south of Main St., and lots were sold for homestead purposes.

There seems to be quite a difference between the house outline shown on the 1873 atlas and that on the 1884 atlas, leading to the opinion that this house was probably constructed for Elisha Howes, a truckman, who acquired the property in 1881.

The house is two stories in height with a flaring Mansard roof, arched dormers and a three story corner tower with flaring Mansard roof and oculi. Brackets are used under the projecting cornices.

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. 361-P.265, 293-103, 261-297, 164-480 & 137-285

Northampton Directory: 1883-89.