

FORM B - BUILDING

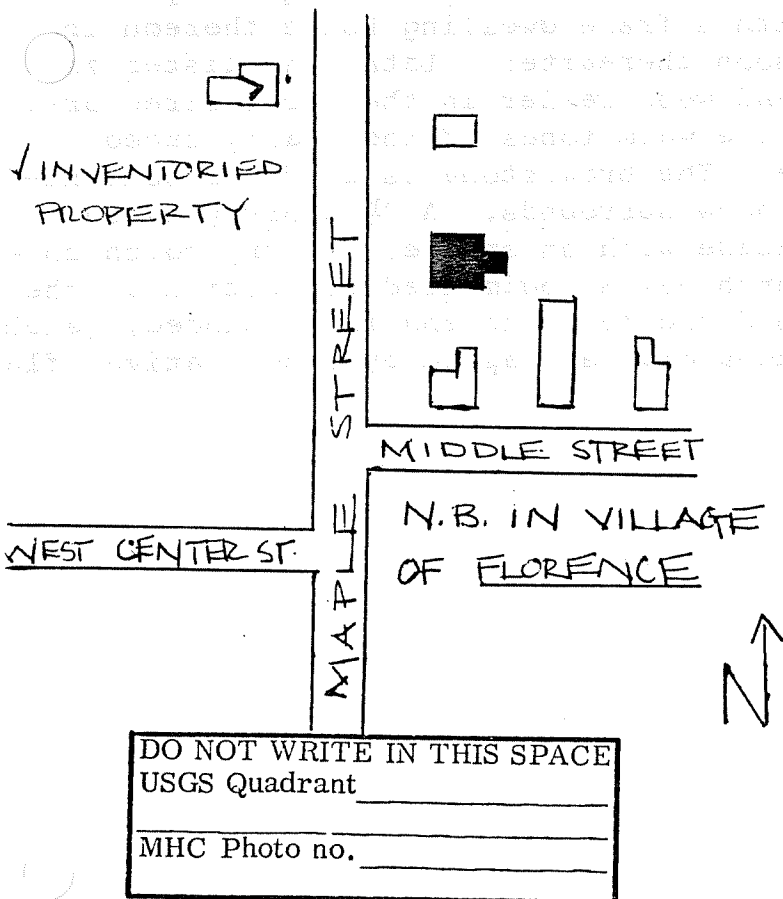
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no. <u>179</u>
	<u>23A-60</u>



Florence (Northampton)  
 Address Maple Street  
 Name William Latham House  
 Present use Residence  
 Present owner Pahorely, Nancy  
 Description:  
Circa 1890  
 Source visual evidence  
Current name  
Romanesque Revival

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



Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Granite  
 Outbuildings (describe) None  
 Other features Hip roof, dormer windows, pedimented entranceway, verandah, wood lattice work  
 Altered no Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:  
 Less than one acre x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate frontage 80 feet  
 Approximate distance of building from street  
30 feet

6. Recorded by L. Komaromi  
 Organization Northampton Historical Commission  
 Date March 6, 1976

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Original owner (if known) Willaim P. Latham

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	_____				

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

This is the only residence built of granite in Florence, or for that matter, in Northampton. Built in the early 1890's by William Latham, it is located on one of the two major side streets in Florence center. Maple St. had been laid out in the late 1840's after the dissolution of the Florence Community. Lots were sold for homesteads and the area was quickly built up. William Latham bought a lot with a frame dwelling house thereon in 1891, and built his new residence soon thereafter. Latham is listed as mason and builder, stone quarrier and wood dealer in the local directory.

The house is distinguished by the warm tones of the quarry-faced granite and smooth-faced brownstone. The brownstone is used for continuous sills and lintels as well as window surrounds. A 2½ story polygonal tower marks the north end of the facade with an ornate, 1 story porch covering the rest of the facade. The porch has a pedimented projection at the entrance and extends southerly beyond the house to end in a rounded, gazebo like form. The south side has a one-story bay capped by a decorative, flat roofed balcony.

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

- 1884 & 1895 Atlases
- Registry of Deeds: Bk.443-P.494
- Northampton Directory: 1892-93