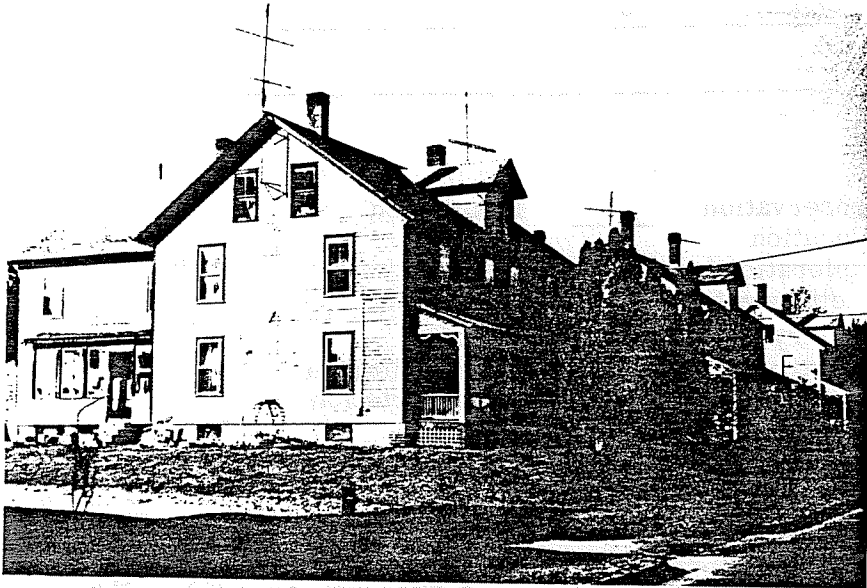


FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no. LOB-60, 62 and 63
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1 Northampton

Address Water St.

Owner Nonotuck Silk Co. Tenements

Present use residence

Present owner multiple owners

Description: c. 1860

Source Maps and Atlas

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

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

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features \_\_\_\_\_

Altered -- Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved house in rear moved from East side Water St. Date 20th c.

5. Lot size: One acre or less Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

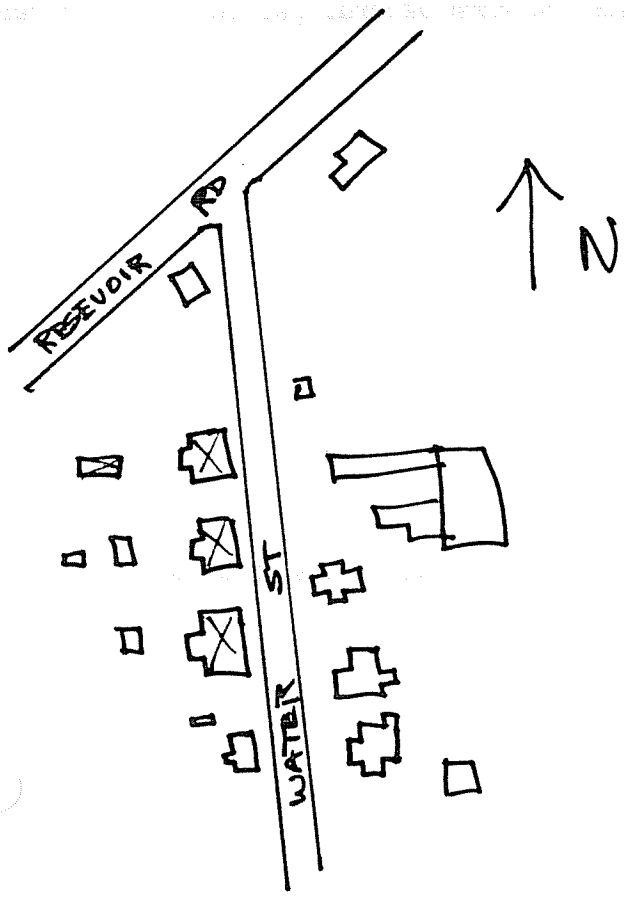
Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate distance of building from street \_\_\_\_\_

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date May 1980



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Nonotuck Silk Co.

Original use tenement houses

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)

*The Nonotuck Silk Co., which was started by S.L. Hill and S.L. Hinckley in Florence in 1846, bought the Northampton Woolen Mfg. Co.'s property in 1859. The woolen company, which had failed two years earlier, had been the mainstay of the village of Leeds, tracing its origins to the Shepherd Factory of the early 19th century.*

*Three boarding houses are shown on the west side of Water St. on the 1860 map. With minor alterations these are probably the same as are present today. The tenement house in the rear was probably moved there from the east side of Water St. where the water station now stands, and seems to date from the same general period as the other houses.*

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

*1860 County Map.  
1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.*