

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	23A-67

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1 Northampton

Address 63 Maple St.

City

Present use residence

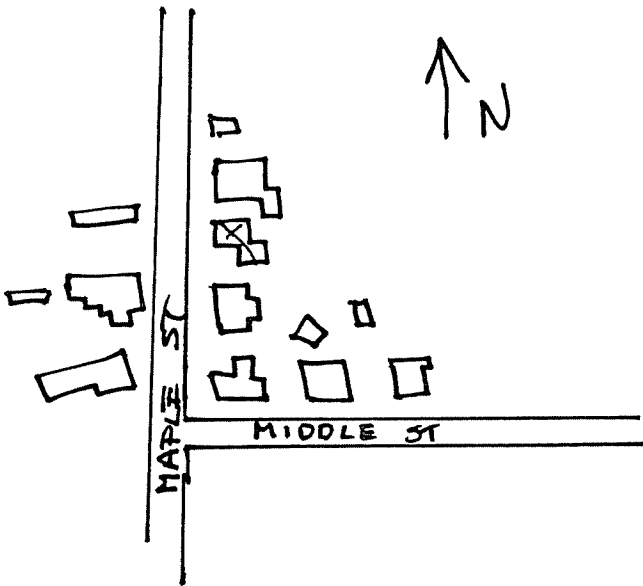
Present owner Thomas and Helen Omasta

Description:

1864-66

Source Reg. of Deeds

4. 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)

Original owner (if known) Joel Abercrombie

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)

In 1864 Joel Abercrombie bought a lot of land for \$250. from Hiram Stebbins. Two years later he sold this lot "with building" for \$2000. and a \$700. mortgage. Mr Abercrombie founded the Florence Hotel in the late 1850's and managed it for a number of years.

This house is one-and-a-half stories in height and L-shaped. Most windows have six over six sashes, except for the two first floor facade windows which have six over nine sashes.

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. 407-P. 251, 374-351, 236-87, 220-177.*
- Northampton Directory: 1868-69, 1885-86.*