

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. Town Northampton

Address 81-83 Maple St.

Present use residence

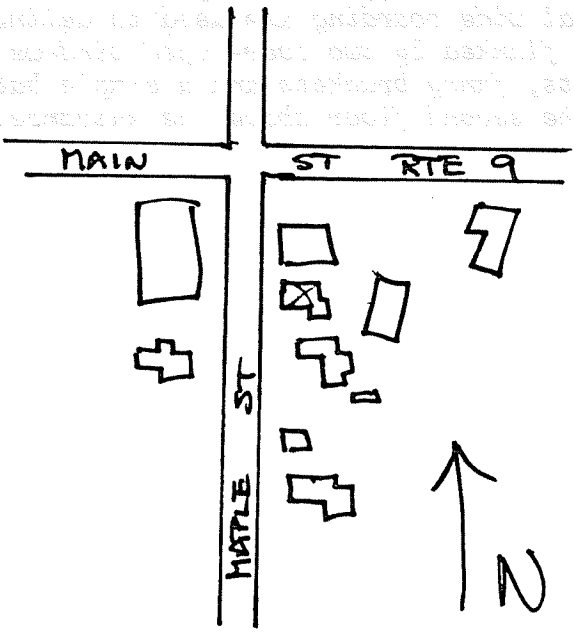
Present owner John Buteau

Description: 1884-95

Source Atlases

Architect _____

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



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)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use _____

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 large house first appears on the 1895 atlas as part of the Florence Hotel property. By the early 1920's it had become a double residence.

The house features two types of decoratively-cut shingle in the front gable, and vertical boarding and horizontal wide boarding are used to delineate the mass of the house. The central entrance is flanked by two over-sized windows and the whole is covered by a porch with turned posts, fancy brackets and a simple balustrade. A smaller porch with posts and brackets is on the second floor above the entrance.

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

1884, 1895 and 1915 Atlases.

History of Florence, ed. by Charles A. Sheffield, 1935

Northampton Directory: 1922.