

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	23A-86

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City Northampton

Address 1 Main St.

Name H.S. Richards House

Present use residence

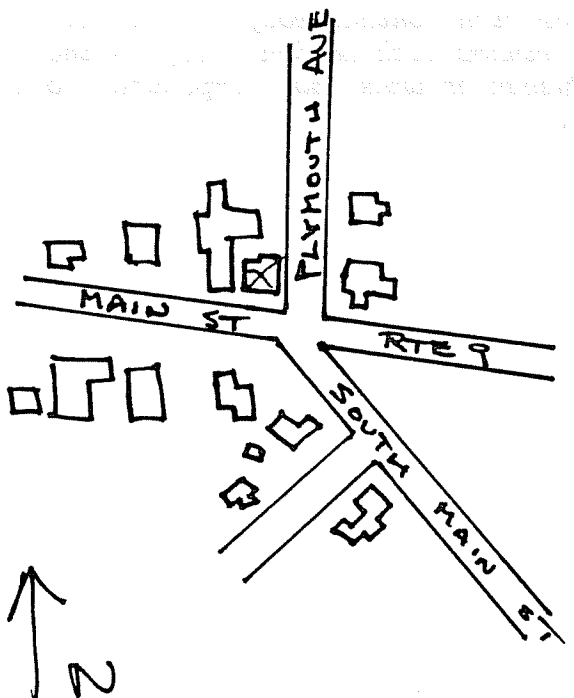
Present owner _____

Description: _____
1905

Source Spfld. Daily Republican

Architect _____

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



Exterior wall fabric shingle and vinyl siding

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered 1st floor sided Date mid 20th c.

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) Herbert S. Richards

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)

This house occupies a prominent corner site on Main St. in Florence opposite a small park. The house was built in 1905 for Herbert Richards, and replaces an earlier house. Early owners of the property, including Mr. Richards operated a meat market in a small frame building next westerly along Main St.

The house feature a two story tower with conical roof and finial at the southeastern corner, and has a two-story bay window with domical roof on the east side. A one-story porch with gabled entrance, Tuscan columns atop composite stone piers and simple balustrade covers the facade of the house.

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

- 1895 and 1915 Atlases.*
- Northampton Directory: 1895-96, 1897-98, 1900, 1905 and 1915.*
- Sofld. Daily Republican Jan. 1, 1906.*
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 593-P. 81, 586-39, 503-199, 457-339.*