

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	23A-90

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1 Northampton

Address 321 Locust St.

Name G. Thompson House

Present use day nursery

Present owner Sylvia Kriebel

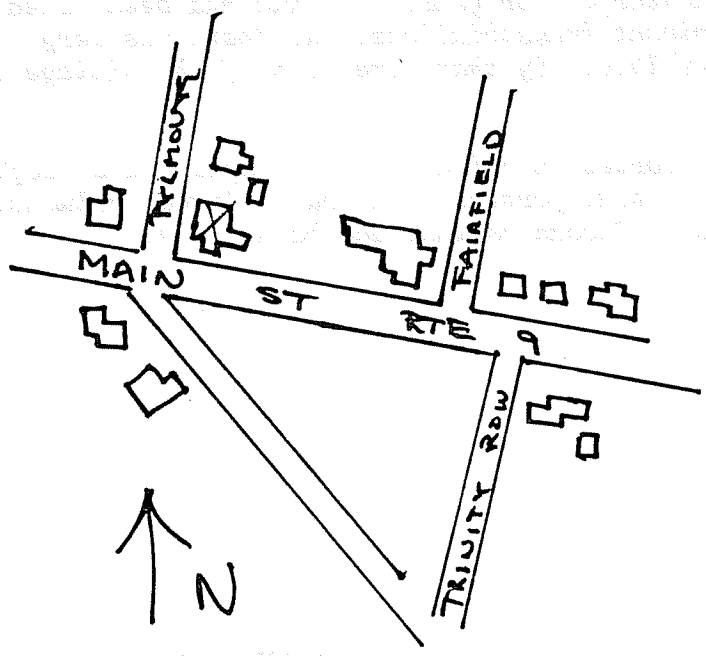
Description:

Year 1902

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 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) George E. Thompson

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 is listed in Northampton's business report for 1902 as having been built for real-estate agents Edward Barrett and James O'Brien for \$3000. Later that same year they sold the house to George Thompson, a motor man for the Northampton Street Railway Co.

The area north of Main and Locust Sts., and east of Chestnut St. in Florence was developed in the early 20th century. For years the land had been owned by D.G. Littlefield, one of Florence's prominent industrialists, but there was very little pressure for development until after 1900. By that time most of the village south of Main St. had been developed.

The house is two stories in height with a hipped slate roof. The three bay facade is dominated by a large, central portico with double Tuscan columns. The eastern side has a full length porch with Tuscan columns and balustrade.

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

- 1895 and 1915 Atlases.*
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 759-P. 413, 667-401, 625-217, 623-289, 622-447, 614-197, 565-102.*
- Northampton Directory: 1905, 1907, 1920.*
- Springfield Daily Republican Dec. 29, 1902.*