

FORM B - BUILDING

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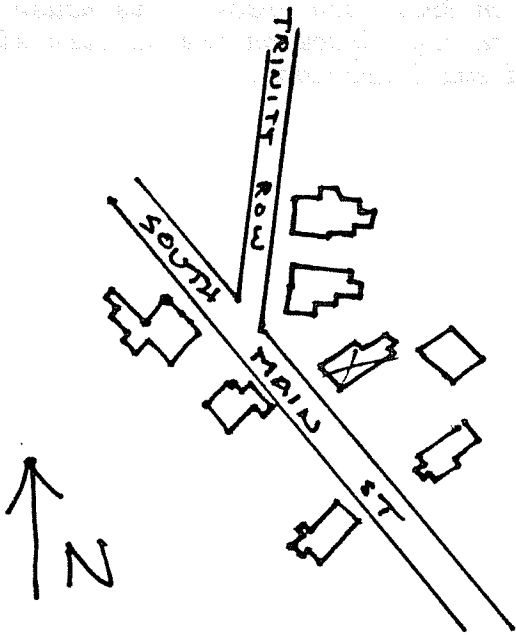
In Area no.	Form no.
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City Northampton
 Address 143 South Main Street
 Name G. Merrifield House
 Present use residence
 Present owner Maud Leduc
 Description:
 Date 1876-84
 Source Reg. of Deeds & Atlas
 Date

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 1 story wrap-around porch with posts & decorative brackets

1 story side bay

Altered --- Date ---

Moved --- Date ---

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 February 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) George E. Merrifield

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 1876 George Merrifield bought a lot from E.B. Goodwin for \$600. Mr. Goodwin had filed a subdivision plan in 1868 for the area between South Main and Locusts Sts. atop the village plateau. This was an eastern extension of the original plan for the village, which was filed in 1846.

Mr. Merrifield is listed in the directories as a dyer at the silk mill located at the end of South Main St., on Broughton Brook. His house is a one-and-a-half story cottage, side hall plan with bay window on the eastern side and a wrap-around porch with chamfered posts and small brackets.

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

1873, 1884 & 1895 Atlases

Registry of Deeds: Bk.327-P.235

Northampton Directory: 1888-89 & 94-95