

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	23A-125

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1 Northampton

Address 24 Middle St.

Name H. Townsend House

Present use residence

Present owner \_\_\_\_\_

Description: 1884-95

Source Atlases

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 new balustrade Date mid 20th c.

Moved -- Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

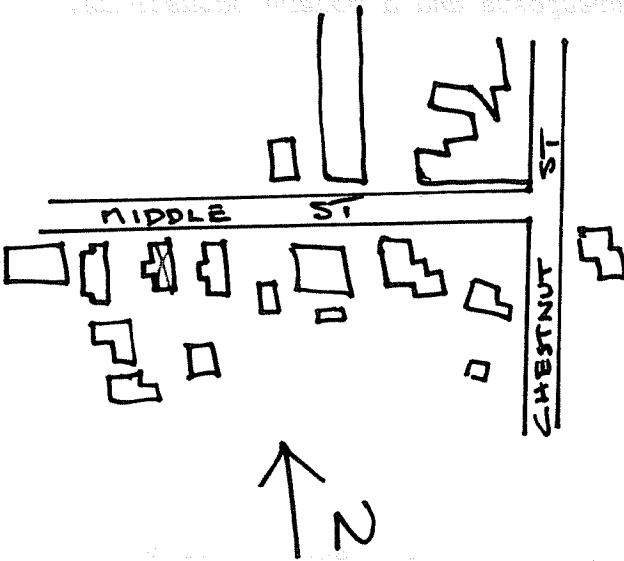
Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate distance of building from street \_\_\_\_\_

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Henry Townsend

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/<br>settlement | _____ | Science/<br>invention   | _____ |
| The Arts              | _____    | Industry                   | _____ | Social/<br>humanitarian | _____ |
| Commerce              | _____    | Military                   | _____ | Transportation          | _____ |
| Communication         | _____    | Political                  | _____ |                         |       |
| Community development | _____    |                            |       |                         |       |

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

*This house first appears on the 1895 atlas as the propoerty of Henry Twonsend, and engineer with the Florence Mfg. Co. Mr. Townsend had lived on Center St. since the early 1870's. which makes it difficult to know more precisely when the house was built.*

*The house is two-and-a-half stories in height with gable end to the street and a two-and-a-half story gabled projection on the western side. The front gable has a "Gothic" lowered form and all of the windows have two over two sashes. A one-story porch extends across the facade and along the western side to the projection. The porch has a hipped roof, chamferedposts and a modern balustrade.*

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

*1884 and 1895 Atlases.  
Northampton Directory: 1895-96, 1885-86, 1875-76 and 1873-74.*