

FORM B - BUILDING

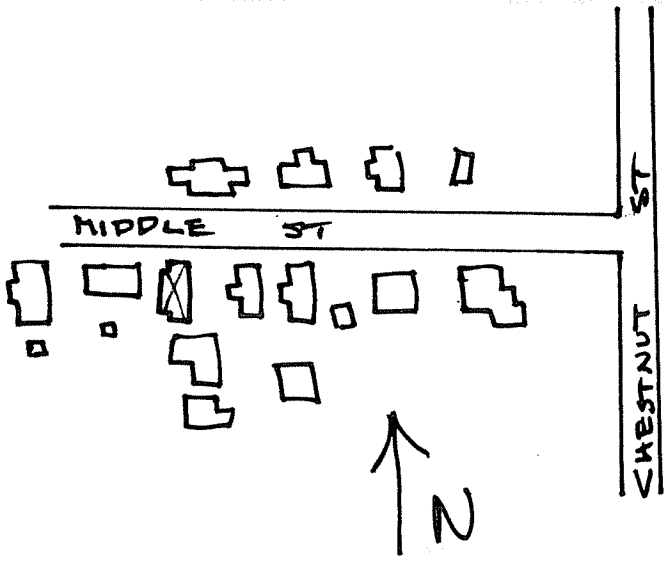
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	23A-126



1 Northampton
 Address 30 Middle St.
 Name W. Rice House
 Present use residence
 Present owner _____
 Description: _____
c. 1885
 Source Atlas and Directory
 Architect _____

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



Exterior wall fabric asbestos shakes
 Outbuildings (describe) large barn
 Other features _____

Altered 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)

7. Original owner (if known) William H. Rice

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 | _____ | 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)

This large house first appears on the 1895 atlas as property of William Rice, an ice and coal dealer on the corner of Park and Meadow Sts. in Florence. Mr. Rice is first listed on Center St. in the 1885 directory and as the house isn't on the 1884 atlas, it was probably built in 1885.

The house is two-and-a-half stories in height with gable end to the street. A two-story, three-sided bay window projects from the eastern side and the front entrance is protected by a one-story portico, with flat roof, square posts and modern valustrade. A large one-and-a-half story barn with cupola and finial is situated in the rear of the property.

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

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