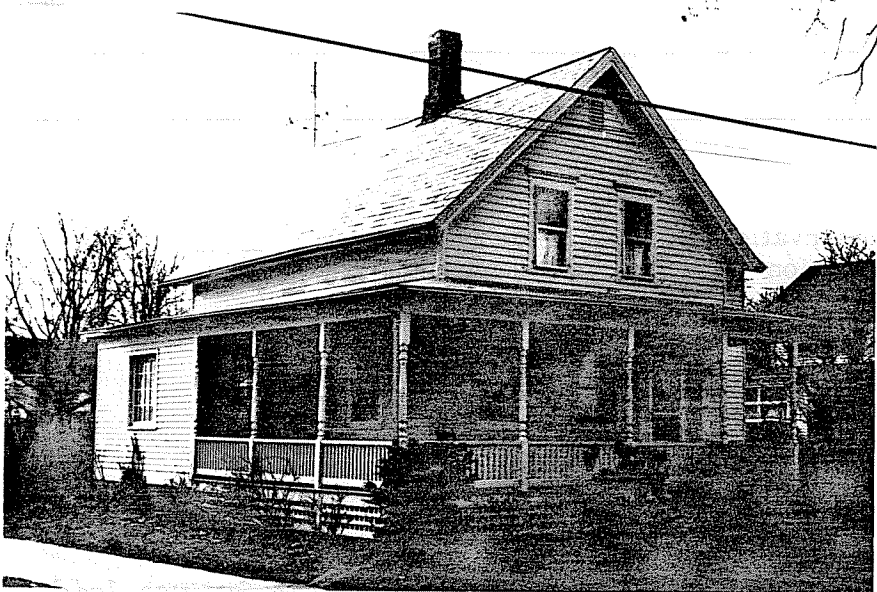


FORM B - BUILDING

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

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1. Northampton

Address 46 Middle St.

City

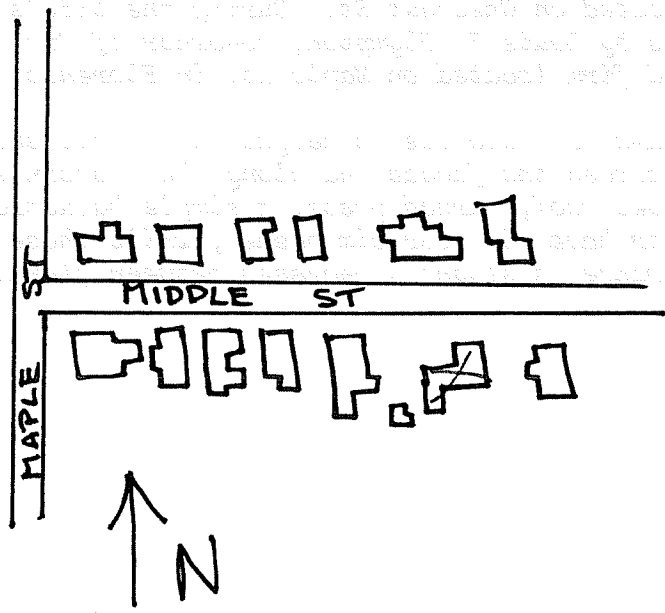
Present use residence

Present owner

Description: 1860-73

Source Map and Atlas

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



3. Architect

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) _____

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 small cottage was one of the first houses to be built on the southern side of Center St. (now Middle St.) in Florence. Center St. was laid out in 1860 and was first called "Concrete House Street" after the four houses constructed of such material on the northern side of this street. These houses were owned by Hill and Co. and were used as workers cottages for the newly developing industry at Main and Chestnut Sts.

The first known owner of this house was Edwin Bardwell, a mechanic for the Florence Sewing Machine Co., located on Chestnut St. During the 1880's and 1890's the house was owned and occupied by Louis F. Plympton, co-owner of Cutler, Plympton & Co., the grocery and dry good firm located on Maple St. in Florence.

The house is one-and-a-half stories in height with gable end to the street. A one-story porch extends across the facade and along the eastern side to a rear projection, and is composed of hipped roof, turned posts, a simple balustrade and lattice base. Windows on the first floor have six over six sashes, while those on the second floor are two over two. The entrance is slightly recessed between flanking pilasters.

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

1860 County Map.

18-3, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.

Northampton Directory: 1868-69, 1875-76, 1885-86, 1895-96.