

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	23A-131

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1 Northampton

Address 54 Middle St.

Present use residence

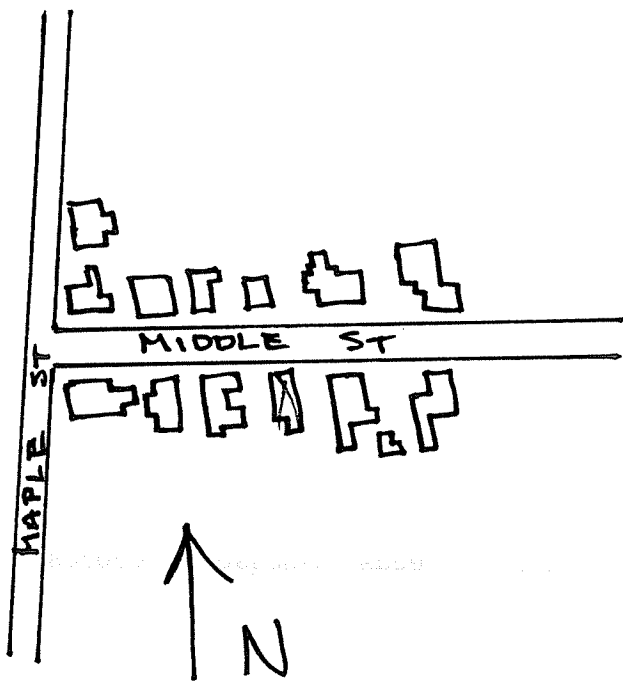
Present owner _____

Description: 1860-73

Source Map and Atlas

Architect _____

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) _____

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.). The house first appears on the 1873 atlas and is shown as the residence of William Genhard, a diesinker at Florence Mfg. Co.

The house is one-and-a-half stories in height with gable end to the street and two wall dormers on the eastern side. All of the windows have six over six sashes, and there is a porch which extends across the facade and along the eastern side to the projection. The porch has a flat roof, square posts, carved brackets, simple balustrade and lattice base.

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

1860 County Map.
 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
 Northampton Directory: 1895-96, 1885-86, 1873-74, 1868-69 and 1860-61.