

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	23A-147

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1 Northampton

Address 122 Pine St.

Name P. Smith House

Present use residence

Present owner Florence Congregational Church

Description:

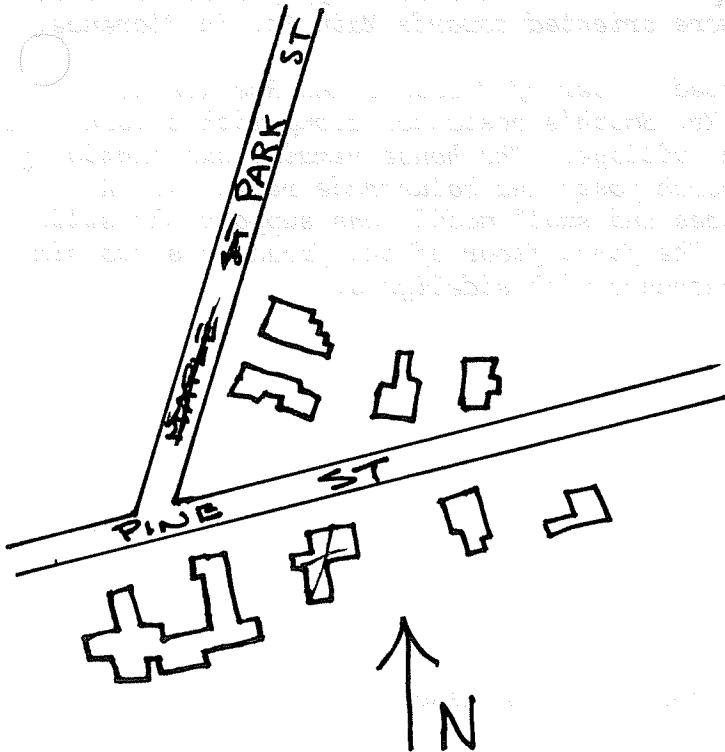
Date 1862-65

Source Reg. of Deeds and Sheffield

Remarks Bracketed

Architect _____

Map in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered new porch posts and 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

Organization NHC

Date eb. 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Plympton H. Smith

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	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 1861 Plympton Smith bought almost an acre of land on the southern side of Pine St. from the Greenville Mfg. Co. The Company was located along the banks of the Mill River and owned land extending to the top of the river terrace, along which Pine and Beacon Sts. run. Workers' housing, in the form of single and double cottages was built along the northern side of Nonotuck St., at the base of the terrace. During the 1860's the land atop the terrace was sold off for residential development. This area on the plateau was more oriented towards Main St. in Florence.

A lithograph from c. 1865 entitled "View of Florence and Residences", reprinted in the History of Florence shows Mr. Smith's residence along with eleven others in insets surrounding the central view of the village. The house remains substantially the same except for the replacement of the porch posts and balustrade recently: A bracketed frieze runs under the raking cornices and small modillions support the sills and slightly arched lintels of the windows. The first floor of the facade has two six over six windows with paneled bases and an entrance with sidelights.

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

*1860 County Map.
 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
 Registry of Deeds: Bk. 305-P. 473, 277-41, 209-42, 203-345.
 Northampton Directory: 1868-69, 1873-74, 1890-91.
 History of Florence, ed. by C.A. Sheffield, 1895 p. 187.*