

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
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Florence (Northampton)

Address 98 Pine Street

A.L. Williston House

Present use Residence

Present owner Vincent Wiesztort

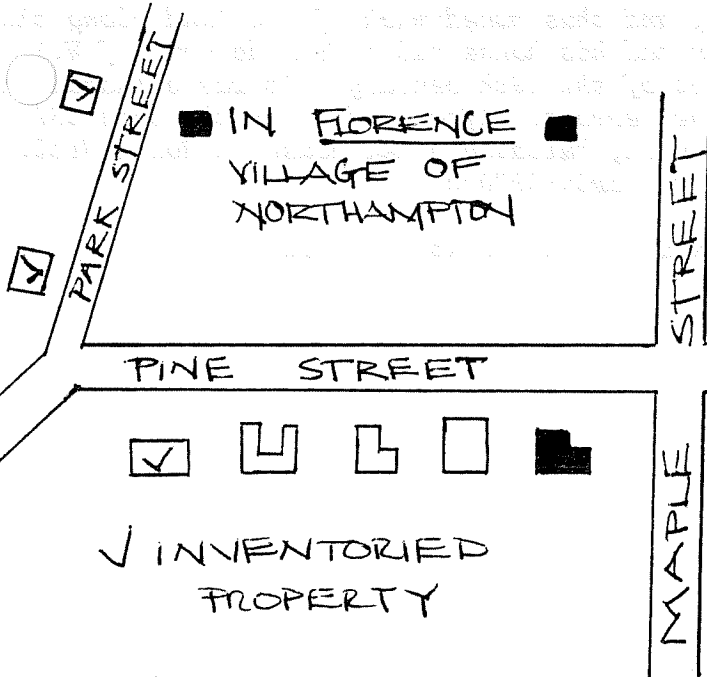
Description:

Circa 1865

Source 1873 Atlas of Northampton

High Victorian Gothic

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



Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Bracketed

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features dormer windows

Altered yes Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 150 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

20 feet

6. Recorded by L. Komaromi

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date March 6, 1976

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USGS Quadrant _____

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7. Original owner (if known) A.L. Williston

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	_____				

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

This house, even though damaged by fire in the 1870's, moved c. 1880 and altered during the mid 20th century, still possesses enough of its original shape and character to be considered significant.

A.L. Williston was the son of John Payson Williston, a prominent Eastampton industrialist. The Willistons were also involved in the Greenville Manufacturing Co., a cotton cloth manufactory in Florence, and thus owned much of the land along the Mill River below the terrace. A.L. Williston had his house built from designs of W.F. Pratt, Northampton's most prominent architect of the 19th century. It was situated on the south side of Pine St., at the top of the terrace. After a fire in the late 1870's Mr. Williston moved to the center of Northampton, building a new house on Round Hill. The Round Hill house was demolished during the early 1970's.

Williston's house in Florence was moved about 100 yards westerly after the fire and divided into tenements.

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

1854 and 1860 County Maps.

1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.

Registry of Deeds: Bk. 471-P. 286, 441-132, 402-365, 372-265, 352-403.

Daily Hampshire Gazette April 1, 1915, p. 3.

Hampshire Gazette, Jan. 8, 1861.