

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
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Location Florence (Northampton)

Address 136 South Main Street

Historical Name Col. Thomas Pomeroy House

Present use Residence

Present owner Evelyn Tremaine

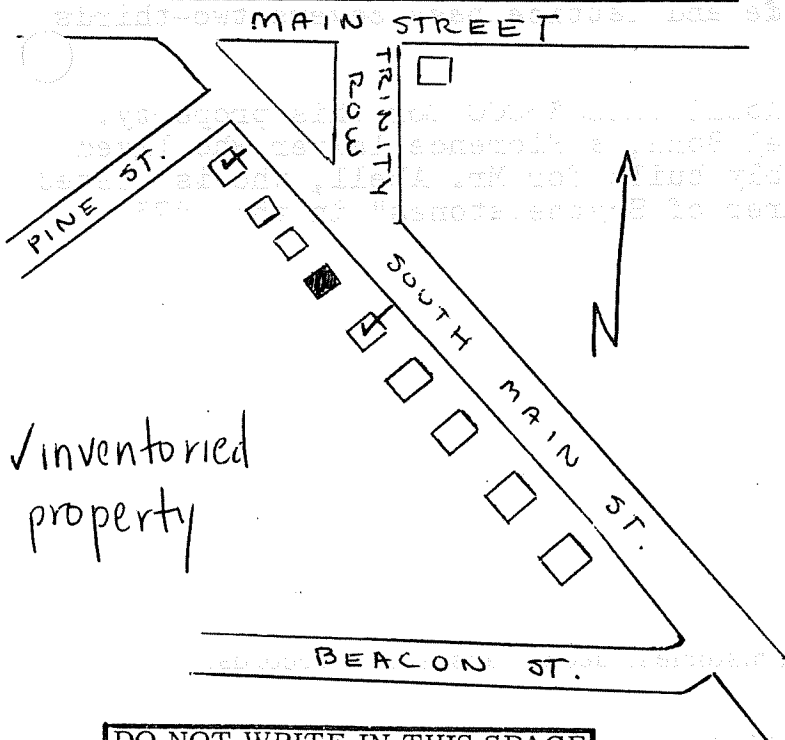
Description:

c. 1860

Source General style, 1873 Atlas of Northampton

Gothic Cottage style

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



Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features Pointed and lancet-shaped windows, tower

Altered no Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:

Less than one acre x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 200 feet

Approximate distance of building from street 40 feet

6. Recorded by Lori Komaromi

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date March 10, 1976

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE USGS Quadrant _____
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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 | <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 eclectic Victorian residence is the most prominent of the late 19th century houses built along South Main St., and one of the most interesting houses in the city. Basically a one-story brick cottage with Mansard roof, the house is dominated by the tower at the northeast corner. This is a tall two stories in height with an extensive corbel table and narrow "Gothic" windows. The tower is capped by a pyramidal roof with hipped dormers. A front porch with double chamfered posts, balustrade and lattice base covers two-thirds of the facade.

In 1871 Joshua and Mary Abell paid \$5000 for this property. The previous owner had been Daniel Bond, a Florence lawyer who lived on Main St. The house was probably built for Mr. Abell, who is listed in the directory as a "manufacturer of Scythe stones" in the 1873 directory.

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

- 1860 County Map 1873, 1884 & 1895 Atlases
- Registry of Deeds: Bk.363-P.25, 285-359, 282-265 & 262-183
- Northampton Directory: