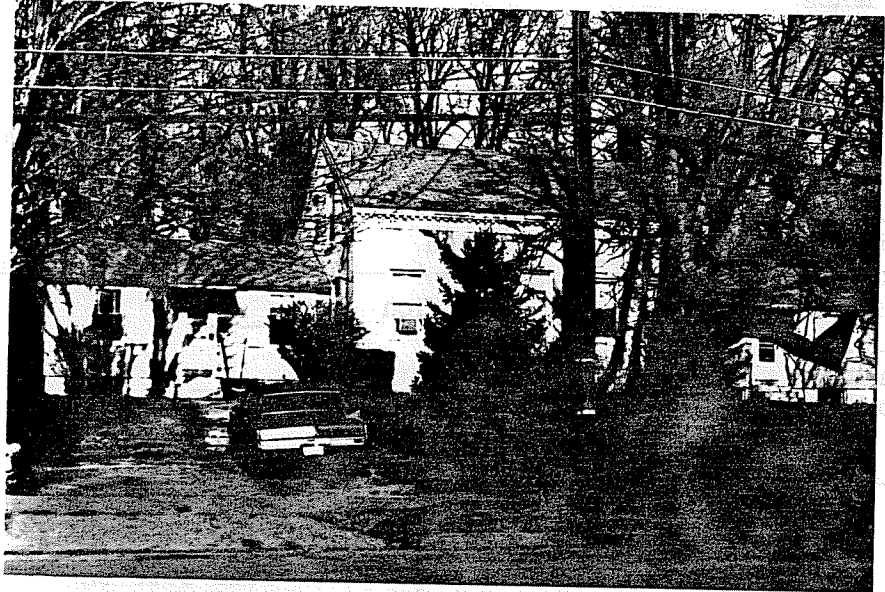


FORM B - BUILDING

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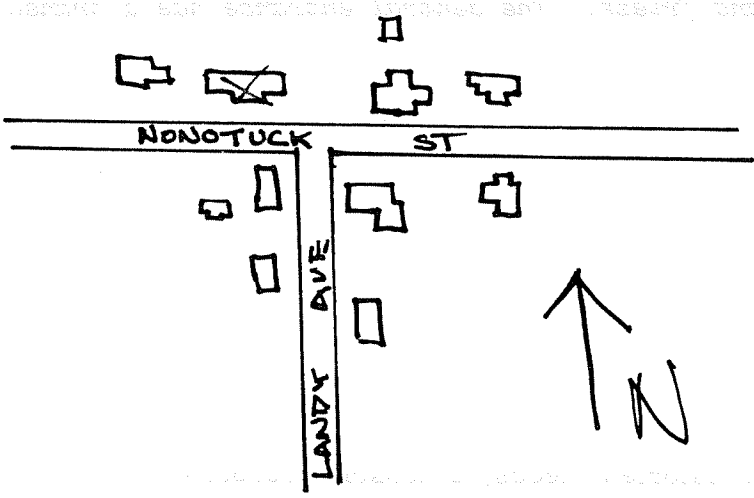
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1 Northampton  
 Address 179-81 Nonotuck St.  
 Description 1840's  
 Present use residence  
 Present owner \_\_\_\_\_  
 Source Sheffield and visual evidence  
 Architect \_\_\_\_\_

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



Exterior wall fabric brick  
 Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other features \_\_\_\_\_  
 Altered -- Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Moved -- Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:  
 One acre or less  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 double 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)

*This is the most ornate of the double cottages with side ells in Florence, all of which except for one are located on Nonotuck St. This street was laid out in 1836 and for a short while was the center of Florence, which had developed within a bend of the Mill River, and took advantage of the available water power for manufacturing. After the dissolution of the "Community" in 1846 two industrial companies, the Nonotuck Silk Co. and the Bensonville Mfg. Co., carried on in the area. The Bensonville Co. became the Greenville Co. in 1850 and they owned all of the residential property which was located on the north side of Nonotuck St.*

*The house has a one-and-a-half story, 5-bay block with one-story ells on the eastern and western sides. Corbelling is used in the side gables and the facade is decorated with a cornice, dentils and frieze. The central entrance has a transom.*

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

- 1831 Town Map.
- 1854 and 1860 County Maps.
- 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
- History of Florence, ed. by Charles Sheffield, 1895.