

FORM B - BUILDING

In Area no.	Form no.
	23A-274

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



n Northampton

ress 21 Middle St.

e W. Law House

resent use residence

resent owner _____

ription: _____

1860's

ource Map and Directory

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

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered -- Date _____

Moved -- Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

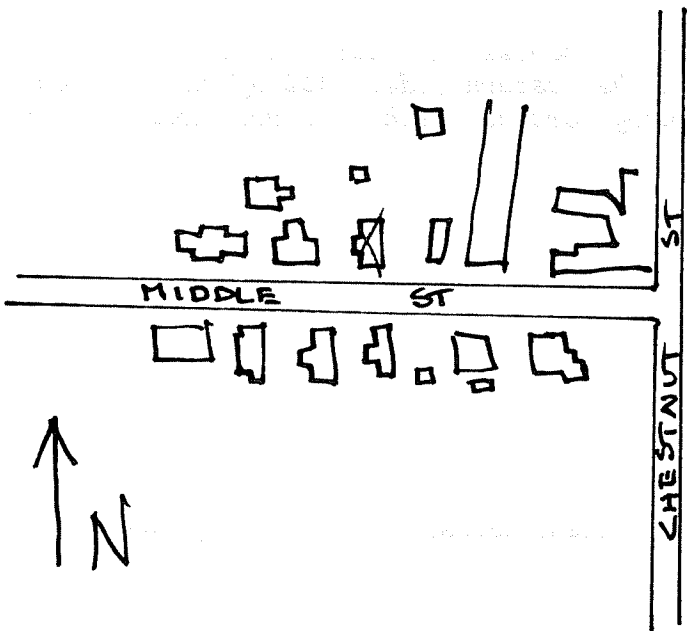
Approximate frontage _____

Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date June 1980



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) William Law

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

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

Middle St. formerly known as Center St., and originally called "Concrete House Street" was laid out in 1860. This was the year before the Florence Sewing Machine Co. was formed and located on Chestnut St. between Main St. and the newly laid-out street. The new street opened up land for residential development near this growing industrial site.

This house first appears on the 1873 atlas as the property of William Law, a machinist employed by the Sewing Machine Co. Mr. Law may have live here as early as the late 1860's, as he is listed in the 1868 directory as working for the Sewing Machine Co.

The house is two-and-a-half stories tall with gable end to the street and a two-story gabled projection on the western side. All of the windows have six over six sashes and there is an entry portico, with flat roof and chamfered posts.

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: 1868-69, 1873-74, 1885-86, 1895-96.