

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	230-76



City Northampton

Address 25 Willow St.

Use residence

Owner Leo and Grace Hicks

Description: 1873-84

Source Atlases

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

other buildings. Indicate north.

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) large barn

Other features \_\_\_\_\_

Altered -- Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved -- Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

One acre or less  Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

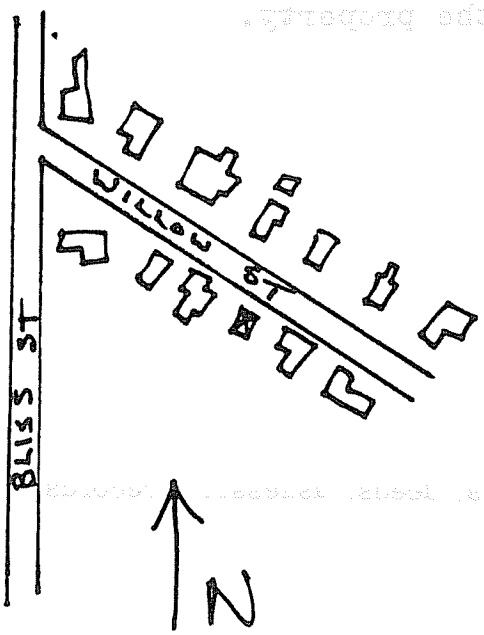
Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate distance of building from street \_\_\_\_\_

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

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)

Water St. (now Willow) was laid out between 1860 and 1873 and was developed residentially throughout the latter part of the 19th century. The Nonotuck Silk Co. owned most of the land and filed a subdivision plan with 53 lots. Most of the houses were built for workers at the various industries in Florence.

The first known owner of this house was Maurice Hoffernan, who was employed by the Nonotuck Silk Co. The house is two-and-a-half stories tall with gable end to the front and a gabled projection on the eastern side. A one-story porch extends across the three-bay facade and along the eastern side to the projection. It has a hipped roof, turned posts with ornate brackets and a balustrade. A large barn of "saltbox" shape is in the rear of the property.

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

1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.  
Northampton Directory: 1965, 1892-93.