

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	23D-76

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Northampton

Address 121 Warner Street

J. Longden House

Present use residence

Present owner Mary Sweeney

Description: c. 1867

Source Registry of Deeds

Architect Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

5. Lot size:

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

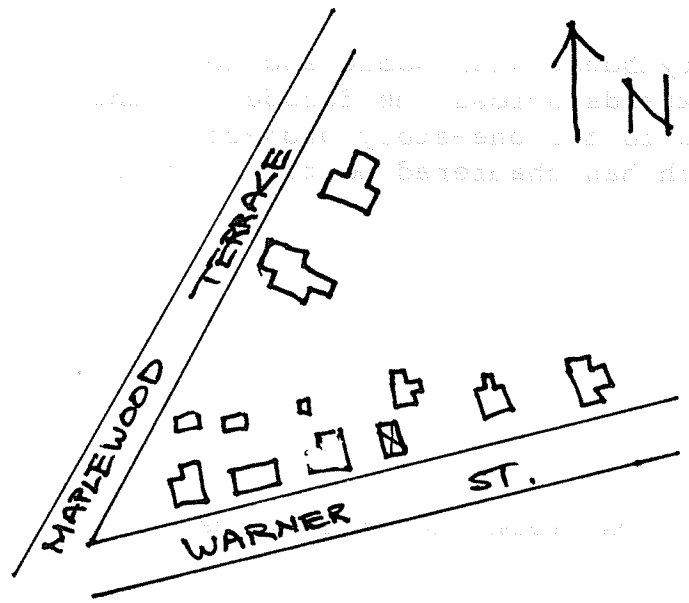
Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_

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

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) John Longden

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	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)

Warner St. was laid out during the mid 1860's on the southeastern slopes of Baker's Hill. It was meant to be a residential street for the employees at the cutlery mills in Bay State. In 1867, John Longden paid \$ 662.40 for half an acre "with buildings". The seller was Samuel L. Hinckley, a prominent Northampton industrialist who was active in both Florence and Bay State manufactories. This house may have been there at that time, but if not was built soon afterwards. Mr. Longden was employed by the Northampton Cutlery Co., and was listed as a fore man in the 1884-85 directory.

This is a very simple two story house with gable end to the street and a one story porch which extends across the facade, around the corner and along the eastern side to the one-story projection two-thirds of the way back. The porch has chamfered posts and fancy brackets.

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: 1884-85.