

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	22D 156

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Northampton

150 Maplewood Terrace

R. O'Brien House

present use _____

present owner _____

description: 1869-73

source Reg. of Deeds and Atlas

architect _____

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

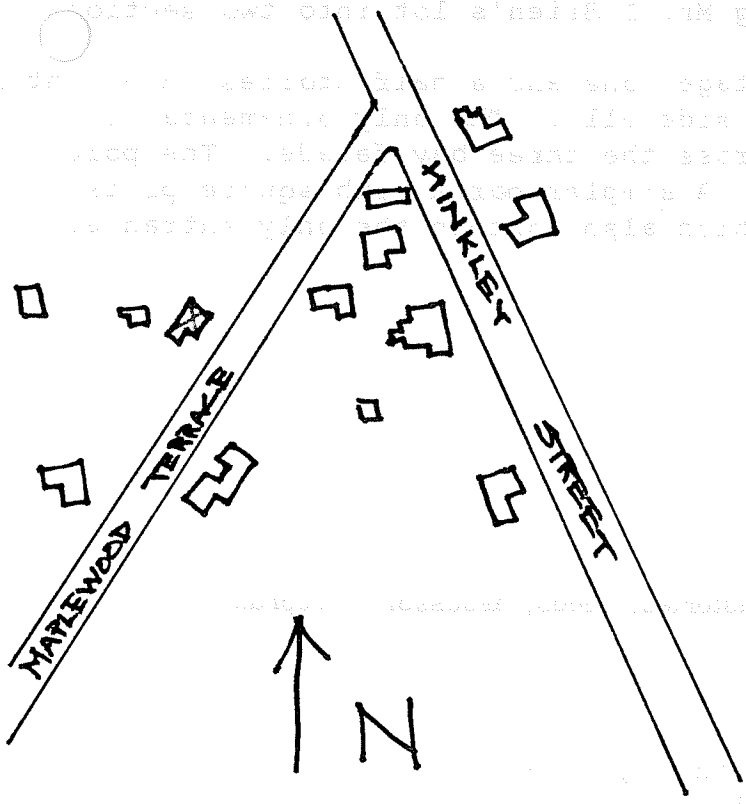
Exterior wall fabric clapboard

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 April 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Richard O'Brien

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)

Richard O'Brien, a mason, bought a little more than an acre of land on the eastern slopes of Baker's Hill, fronting on Hinckley St., for 293.75 in 1869. The sale was made subject to a right of way 33 feet wide "in continuation of road already located south of the premises". This was Maple St. (noe Maplewood Terrace), and Mr. O'Brien built his house west of the proposed road. By 1872 Maple St. had been cut through to Hinckley St., dividing Mr. O'Brien's lot into two sections.

This is a simple, compact cottage, one and a half stories in height with gable roof to the side, and two side ells. The only ornamentation is on a one story porch that extends across the three bay facade. The porch has turned posts and fancy brackets. A simpler porch with square posts covers the closer of the two ells, which also contain the only entrance.

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

1860 County Map.

1872, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.

Northampton Directory: 1872 74, 1882 through 1895.

Registry of Deeds: Bk 279 P271, 208 171.