

FORM B - BUILDING

Area

Form no.

24C-98

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

81 Massasoit St.

Name P. Murphy House

Original residence

Present residence

Type: Private individual
 Private organization

Public

Original owner

NOTATION:

cross streets and other buildings
or geographical features.
Indicate north.

Date c. 1885

Source visual evidence

Style

Architect

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates)

Moved

Date

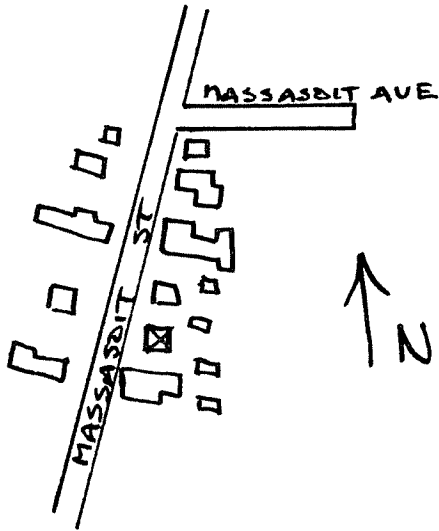
Approx. acreage one acre or less

Setting

Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date March 1980



(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

The house is 2½ stories in height with slate ridge roof and two interior chimneys. The three-bay facade has a central, 2½ story gabled projection which contains the main entrance. A one-story porch with hipped roof, turned posts with curved brackets forming arched openings and turned balustrade covers the facade, and there is a two-story bay window on the southern side of the house.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

In 1870 Peter Murphy, a mason, bought lot no. 26 from Henry Maynard's subdivision plan for Massasoit St. This plan had been filed the year previous. Mr. Murphy made this his homestead and his house is shown on the 1873 atlas. However, through visual analysis of the present house and building outline comparison on the 1873, 1884 and 1895 atlases, it would appear that this house was constructed in the late 1880's or early 1890's.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1860 County Map. 1873, 1884, 1895 and 1915 Atlases.
Registry of Deeds: Bk. 454-P. 217, 276-449.
Northampton Directoyr: 1873-74, 1885-86, 1895-96.