

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
	24C-99

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

83 Massasoit St.

Local Name

Original residence

Present residence

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

Public

Original owner Peter Murphy

Construction:

c. 1892

Source Reg. of Deeds and At;as

Style

Architect

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings

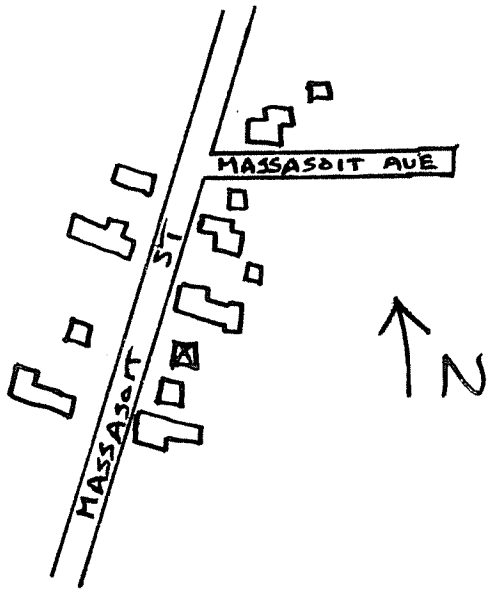
Major alterations (with dates)

Moved --- Date

Approx. acreage one acre or less

Setting

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



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Organization NHC

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

The house is two stories high with hipped roof and has a two story bay window capped by a pediment on the northern end of the facade, and a 2½ story pedimented projection on the southern side. There is a half porch in the facade, with hipped roof, turned posts with decorative brackets, and an ornately-patterned balustrade.

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

In 1872 Peter Murphy, a mason, purchased half of lot no. 28 from Harry Maynard's subdivision plan for Massasoit St. However, this deed wasn't filed until 1892, and this was probably the time when the house was built. Mr. Murphy seems to have built this house for rental, as he lived next door at no. 81 Massasoit and retained title to this house after it was built. Mr. Murphy also owned several other houses at this end of Massasoit St.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1860 County Map.
1873, 1884, 1895 Atlases.
Registry of Deeds: Bk. 454-P. 217, 276-449, 264-271.