

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	24C-133



1 Northampton

Address 8 Western Ave.

Use residence

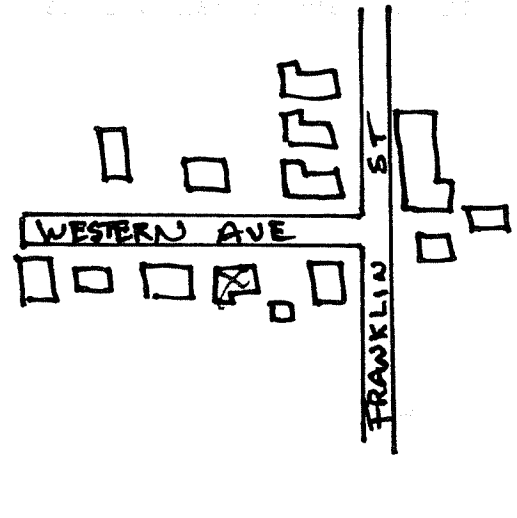
Present owner Edward Jones

Description:
1884-95

Source Atlases

Architect _____

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location 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 x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage _____

Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date March 1980

(over)

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	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Western Ave. was opened off of Franklin St. between 1884 and 1895, through the land of Henry Maynard. Mr. Maynard had been prominent in developing this area, opening Massasoit St. in 1869, and having over a dozen houses built on Franklin St. for lease as tenements in the 1880's and 1890's.

The southern side of Western Ave. was developed by Avon Matthews, who with his brother Henry, ran a very successful contracting, masonry and carpentry business in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The 1895 atlas shows all four of the present houses, and they were owned by Avon Matthews, who would have leased them for tenements.

This two story house had two tenements and features decorative shingle work in the gables, and a porch with patterned balustrade.

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

1884 and 1895 Atlases.
Northampton Directory: 1895-96.