

FORM B - BUILDING

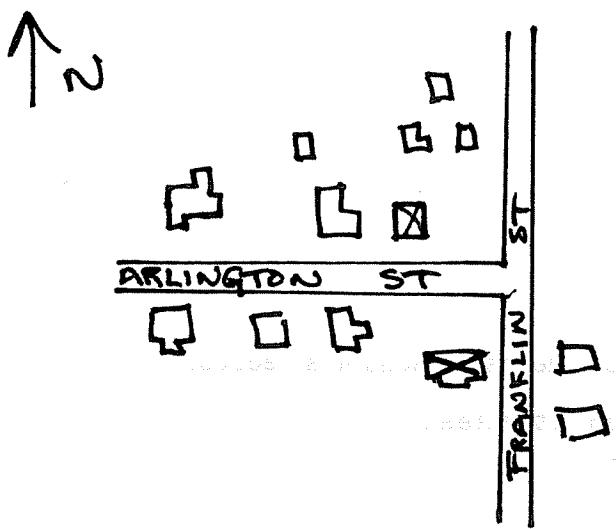
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	24C-142



Northampton
 Address 76 Franklin St.
 Name w. Pittsinger House
 Present use residence
 Present owner Robert and Mildred Wells
 Construction date 1870-73
 Source Reg. of Deeds and Atlas

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Architect _____
 Exterior wall fabric flush boarding
 Outbuildings (describe) _____
 Other features 6x6 windows, 5 bay facade with central entrance and cornice hood

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) William E. Pittsinger

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)

In 1870 William Pittsinger bought 1/3 of an acre on Wachusett St. (an early name for Franklin St, changed by 1873) for \$300. Mr. Pittsinger was a carpenter and probably built this house himself. It first appears on the 1873 atlas.

The house is two stories in height with flat roof and projecting eaves. It is covered with flush boarding and features a wide frieze under the eaves and cornerboards. The symmetrical five-bay facade has a central entrance with bracketed entablature, and windows with six over six sashes and projecting cornices.

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

1860 County Map. 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
Registry of Deeds: Bk. 428-P. 268, 275-399.
Northampton Directory: 1873-74, 1885-86.