

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	11A-18

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City Northampton

Address 32 East Center Street

Telephone

Present use residence

Present owner Lyman & Linda Merriam

Description:

Date 1873-84

Source Atlases

File

Architect

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features 1 1/2 story side ell with porch-posts, stick brackets and balustrade

Altered  Date

Moved --- Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less  Over one acre

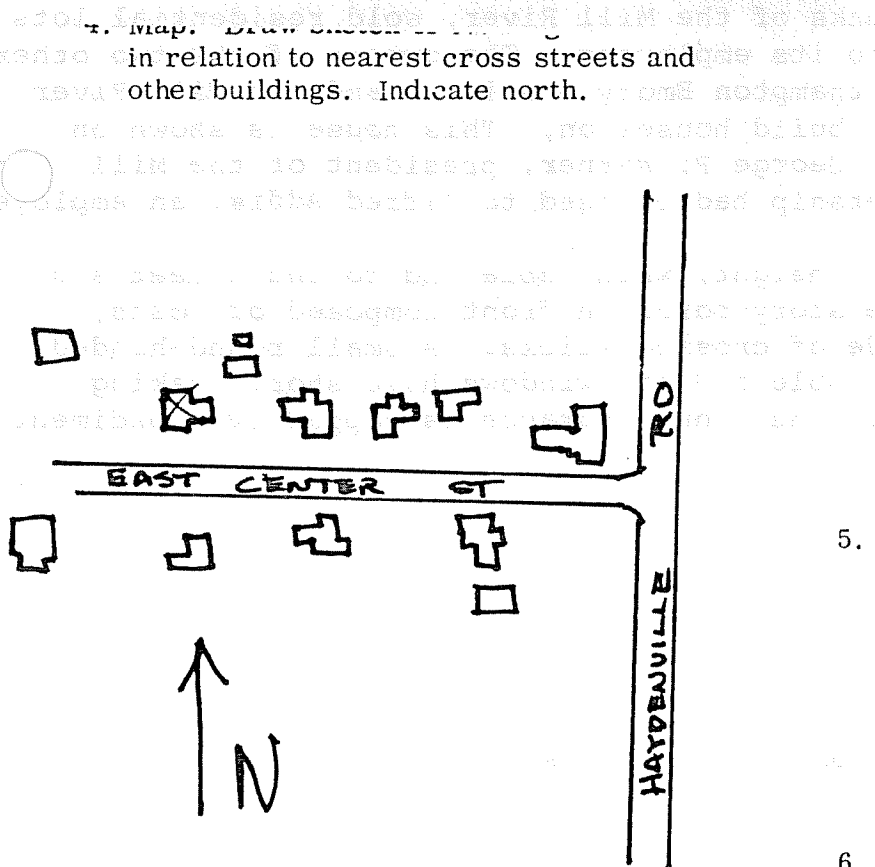
Approximate frontage

Approximate distance of building from street

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date March 1980



(over)

Original owner (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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|-----------------------|-------|----------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|
| Aboriginal            | _____ | Conservation               | _____ | Recreation              | _____ |
| Agricultural          | _____ | Education                  | _____ | Religion                | _____ |
| Architectural         | _____ | Exploration/<br>settlement | _____ | Science/<br>invention   | _____ |
| The Arts              | _____ | Industry                   | _____ | Social/<br>humanitarian | _____ |
| Commerce              | _____ | Military                   | _____ | Transportation          | _____ |
| Communication         | _____ | Political                  | _____ |                         |       |
| Community development | _____ |                            |       |                         |       |

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

This is one of the early houses built on East Center St. during the 70's or 80's. The street was part of the subdivision developed by Nonotuck Silk Co. in the 1870's. The company, which had a large factory in the village of Leeds on the banks of the Mill River, sold residential lots or built houses to be leased to its employees. The owners of the two other industries in the village, Northampton Emory Wheel Co. and the Mill River Button Co, also bought lots to build houses on. This house is shown on the 1884 Atlas as belonging to George P. Warner, president of the Mill River Button Co. By 1895 ownership had changed to Alfred Addis, an employee of the Nonotuck Silk Co.

The house is 2½ stories in height, with gable end to the street and a side ell. The ell has a one-story porch in front composed of posts, stick brackets and a balustrade of crossed-sticks. A small round-headed, louvered form is in the front gable and the windows have short, raking hoods supported by modillions. The front entrance is capped by a pediment and flanked by side lights.

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

1873, 1884 & 1895 Atlases