

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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In Area no.	Form no.
	24D-92



Northampton

Address 82 North Street

Owner Kingsbury Box Company

Present use Construction Company

Present owner D A Sullivan & Son,
Builders

Description:

1885-1890

Source Picturesque Hampshire

Italianate late Victorian industrial

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features 3 stories; corner tower;
ridge roof on body of building;
loading dock.

Altered additions yes Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:

Less than one acre x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 130 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

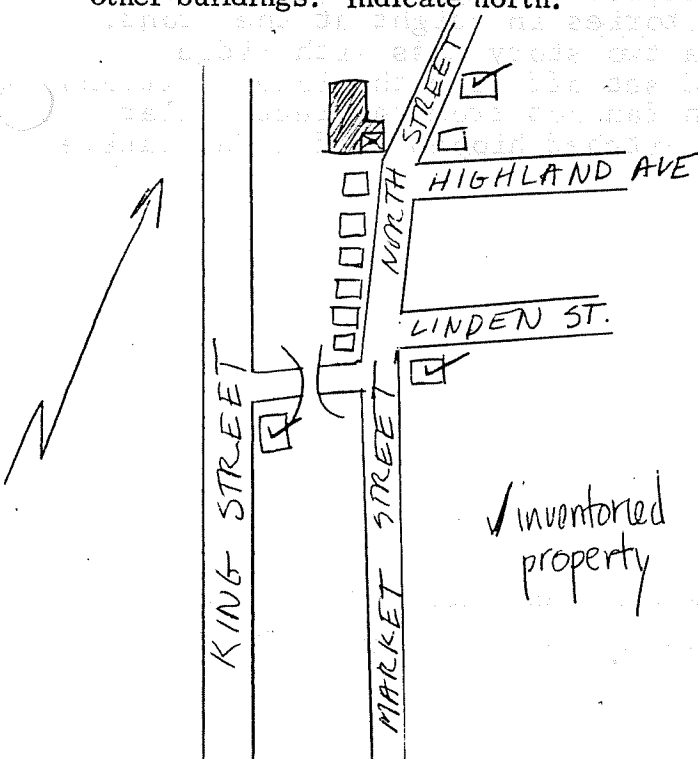
25 feet

6. Recorded by C. Dubie

Organization Northampton Historical

Date March 30, 1976

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



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7. Original owner (if known) A. Kingsbury Company

Original use factory

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates factory, construction company

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	<u>x</u>	Social/ Humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

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

A. Kingsbury and son, box manufacturers, were the first industrial concern to occupy this attractive factory structure on North Street. Kingsbury had begun the manufacture of boxes in South Coventry Connecticut in 1868 and in the 1870's supplied the Belding Brothers Silk Company with its manufactures. In 1879 the box company relocated in Northampton, first in the Union Block, corner of Main and Pleasant Streets, and later on North Street. By this time the company produced both wooden and paper boxes. Kingsbury also invented a glueing machine which greatly reduced the amount of time required in the fabrication of paper boxes.

The factory structure is three stories in height at the front. To the rear of the tower is located a two story mass with ridge roof. The tower itself is wooden and set off from the lower portions of the building by brick ridges which fan out from the rectangular mass of the facade. Atop a steeply pitched hipped roof a decorative finial remains.

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

Picturesque Hampshire, 1890. (Forbes Library)