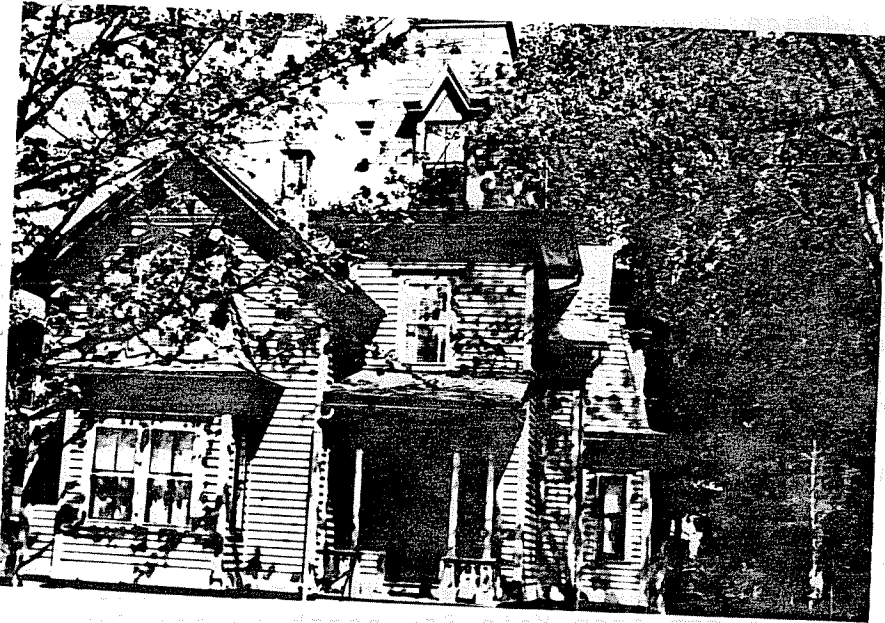


FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	24D-168



Town Northampton

Address 203 State Street

Use Residence

Present owner John Rogalewski

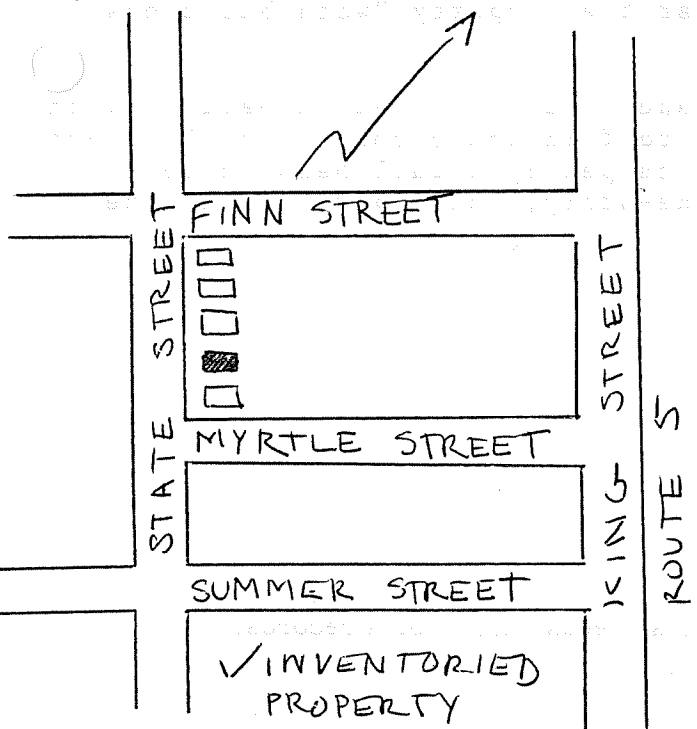
Description: c. 1875

Source visual evidence

Style Mansard

Architect unknown

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



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USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

Exterior wall fabric wood

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features tower with mansard; gables with conical hoods; irregular massing; bays and gables.

Altered additions Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:

Less than one acre x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 90 feet

Approximate distance of building from street 20 feet

6. Recorded by C. Dible

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date March 30, 1976

(over)

JUN 30 1976

7. Original owner (if known) Nicholas Ryan

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	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)

State St. follows the route of the New Haven-Northampton Canal. The canal was closed in 1847, and portions paved over in the next two decades, so that by 1873 the street ran from Main St. north to the New Haven-Northampton Railroad. In 1885 and 1886 Ebenezer Edwards, a farmer living at the corner of Spring (now Finn) and State Sts., sold two small lots to Chester White. Mr. White was a local carpenter, and probably constructed this house during 1886. In November of that year the property "with buildings" was sold to Nicholas Ryan, a laborer.

The house is L-shaped, one-and-a-half stories in height, with a two-story tower capped by a tall Mansard roof in the crook of the L. Each of the gables of the L has a one-story bay capped by a tall Mansard roof. The Mansards all have gabled dormers. A one-story, entry porch is at the base of the tower.

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

1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
Registry of Deeds: Bk. 418-P. 197, 405-110 and 475, 398-423.
Northampton Directory: 1885-86, 1895-96.