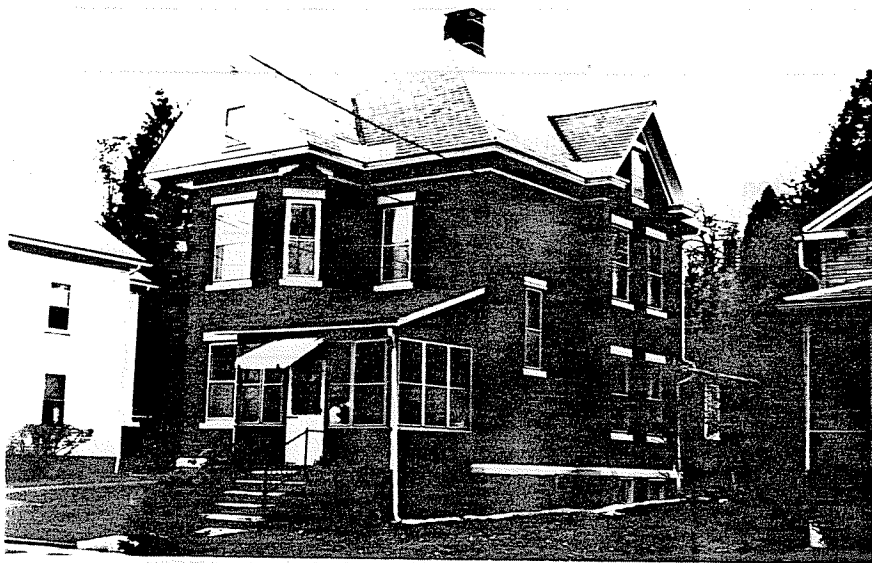


FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	24D-180



Location Northampton

Address 26 Aldrich St.

Name J. Powers House

Present use residence

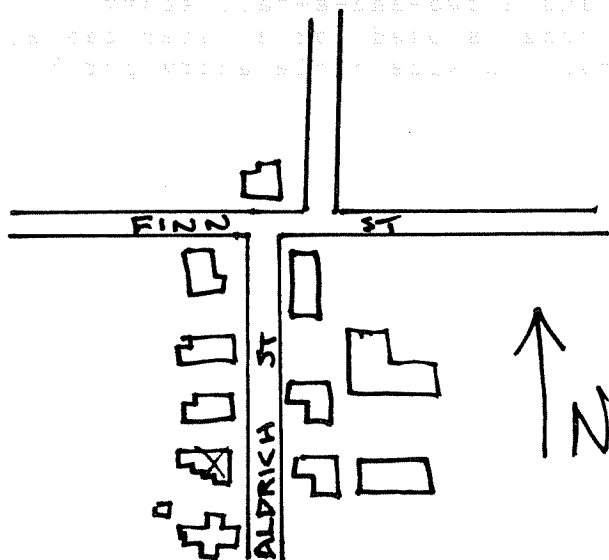
Present owner Agnes Wroblewski

Description: 1895-1900

Source Atlas and Directory

Designer Jeffrey Powers-mason

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



Architect Jeffrey Powers-mason

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered enclosed porch Date mid 20th c.

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 May 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Jeffrey Powers
residence
 Original use _____
 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	<u>x</u>				

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

In 1892 Avon C. Matthews, a prominent Northampton building contractor, filed a subdivision plan for Aldrich St. Two years later he sold lot no. 4 to Jeffrey Powers, a mason. Mr. Powers probably built this house himself and was listed as living here in the 1900 directory.

The house is two-and-a-half stories in height with slate hipped roof, a pedimented gable projecting from the south corner of the facade and capping a two-story, three-sided bay, and a two-and-a-half story gabled projection on the northern side. Stone is used for a water table, window sills and lintels and a string course. A side gable entry porch has been enclosed in later years.

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

1884, 1895 and 1915 Atlases.
 Registry of Deeds: Bk. 467-P. 6, 453-49.
 Northampton Directory: 1895-96, 1900.