

FORM B - BUILDING

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



Northampton

22 Aldrich St.

J.A. Powers House

residence

James and Mary Sullivan

1894-95

Reg. of Deeds and Atlas

James Powers-builder

clapboard

Altered -- Date

Moved -- Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre

Approximate frontage

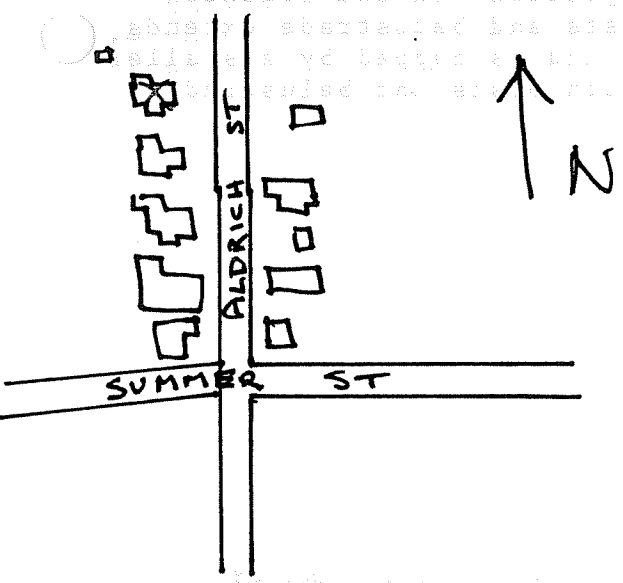
Approximate distance of building from street

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date May 1980

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



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) James A. and Ellen C. Powers

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 | <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. 3 to James Powers, a mason and builder. Mr. Powers probably built this house himself and was listed as living here in the 1895-96 directory.

The house is two-and-a-half stories in height with slate hipped roof, a two-and-a-half story gabled projection on the northern end of the facade, and a two-and-a-half story gabled projection on the southern side. A one-story, hipped roof porch with posts and balustrade extends across the facade to the northern projection, and is capped by a smaller hipped roof porch on the second floor, also with posts and balustrade.

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

1884 and 1895 Atlases.  
Registry of Deeds: Bk. 465-P. 144, 453-49.  
Northampton Directory: 1895-96.