

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	11A-28



n Northampton

ress 17 Chestnut Avenue

re L. Field House

sent use residence

sent owner Hilda Wilson

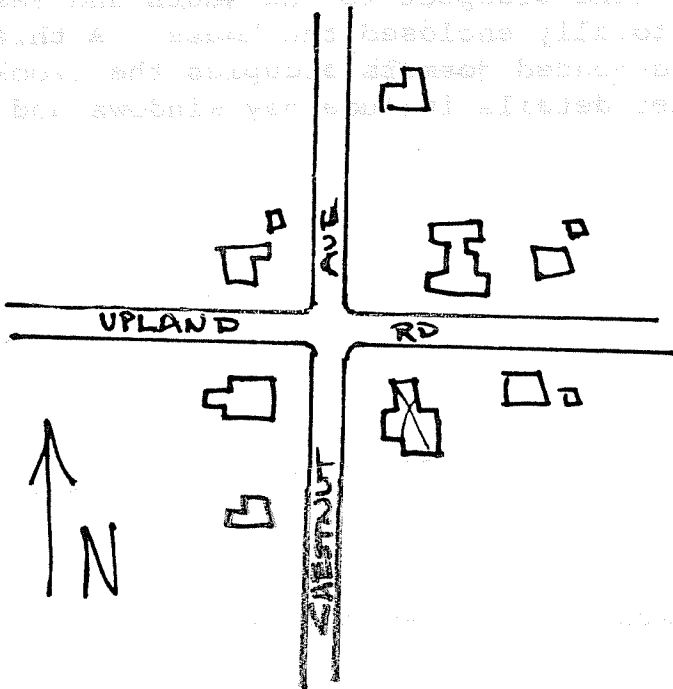
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e 1878-84

Source Reg. of Deeds & Atlas

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



chitect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features 3-story corner tower

Mansard roof & round-headed dormer

windows, 1-story bay window

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) Augusta & Lemuel Field

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>X</u>	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)

Lemuel and Augusta Field purchased a lot from the Nonotuck Silk Co. in 1878. This was lot 5 on the company's subdivision plan for the area north of Front St. on the hill overlooking Leeds village. L.B. Field was employed by the Nonotuck Silk Co., listed as a foreman in the 1885-86 Directory and as superintendent of the Wood Department in the 1895-96 Directory.

Originally, the house commanded a fine prospect to the south and east but tall firs and spruces have almost totally enclosed the house. A three story tower with Mansard roof and round-headed dormers occupies the crook of this 2½ story, L-shaped house. Other details include bay windows and a front porch with turned posts.

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

- 1873, 1884 & 1895 Atlases
- Registry of Deeds: Bk.758-P.416, 341-565
- Northampton Directory: 1885-86, 1895-96