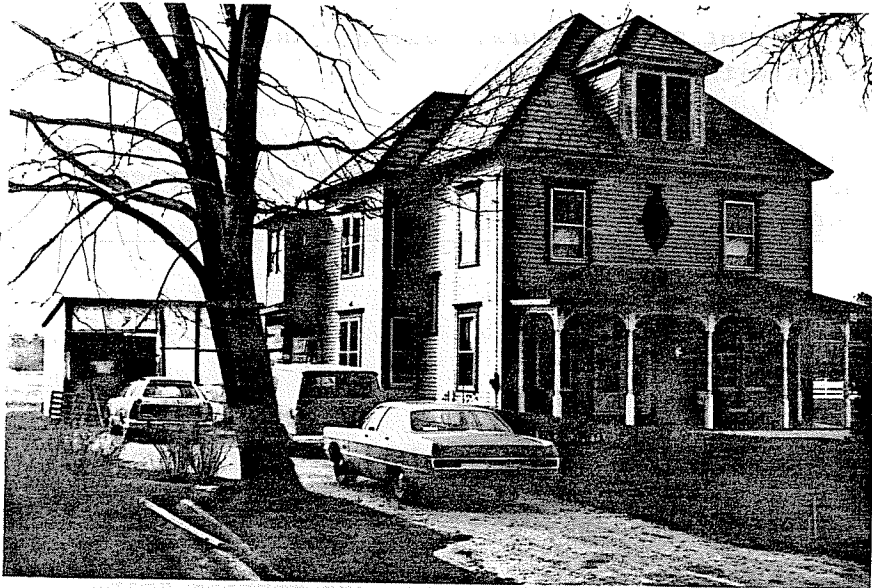


FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

s 67 Riverbank Rd.

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iginal residence

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hip: Private individual
 Private organization

Public

original owner

PTION:

Date early 20th c.

Source Atlas and visual evidence

Style

Architect

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings

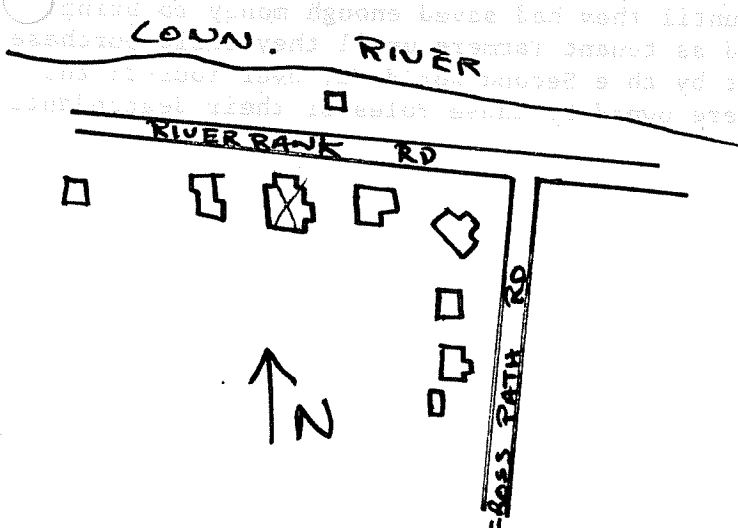
Major alterations (with dates)

Moved Date

Approx. acreage

Setting

cross streets and other buildings
 or geographical features.
 Indicate north.



Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date June 1980

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

This house is 2 stories in height with slate hipped roof, and a hipped dormer with double window on the front slope. A one-story porch with hipped roof, and turned posts with brakcets covers the facade.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

Riverbank Rd. was origianlly known as Meadow St. and ran through the meadows connecting Bridge St. to the Hockanum Ferry Rd. The meadows were extensively farmed but were not used for homsteading during most of the 19th century. Around the turn of the century the land on the south side of the section of Meadow St. that paralleled the Connecticut River was sibdivided for residential lots. According to the 1922 directory most of the houses that were built were occupied by Polish farmers. The Poles first came to this area in any numbers in the 1890's; these were mostly male, and worked as contract laborers on the farms until they had saved enough money to bring over their women and children. They remained as tenant farmers until they could purchase the land, and; as a group, did so well, " that by th e Second World War over four-fifths of the farms in the township of Northampton were owned by these Poles or their descendants."

Several houses on Riverbank Road moved there from Bridge St when Rt 91 was put through

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