

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
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1 Northampton

Address 173 North St.

Name G. Norton House

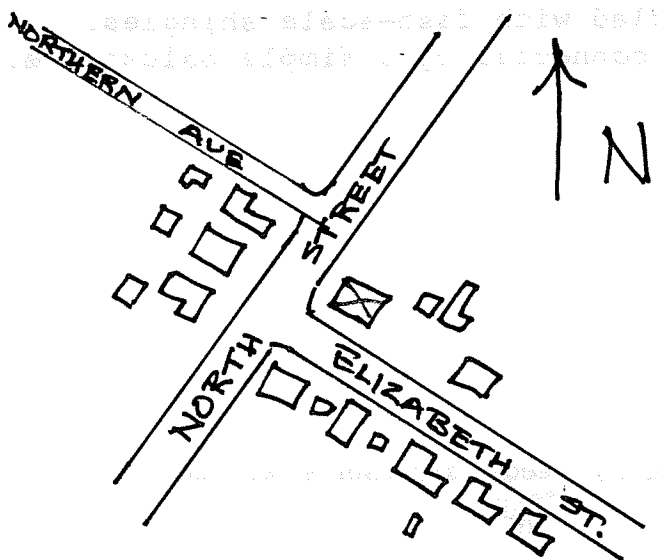
Present use Funeral Home

Present owner Frank and Sophie

Description: Czelusniak
1900-05

Source Directories

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



Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered side addition 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) George Norton

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	_____				

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

In 1897 Orchard St. was laid out by the three owners of property along its length from Bridge St. to North St., S.A. Clark, J.S. Graves and H.R. Hinckley. This corner lot was soon after bought by George Norton, a conductor for the B&A Railroad. Mr. Norton was living here by 1905.

The house is two stories in height with a high hip roof. A large hipped dormer with two sash windows takes up much of the front plane of the roof. The western side has a projecting, pedimented wall dormer capping a two story bay. A one story porch with gabled entrance extends across the facade. The gable is clad with fish-scale shingles. The porch has Tuscan columns on pedestals connected by a simple balustrade.

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

1895 and 1915 Atlases.
Northampton Directory: 1900, 1905, 1915, 1922.