

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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In Area no.	Form no.
	25C-150



1 Northampton

Address 21-23 Orchard St.

Use residence

Present owner Henry Blisza

Description: 1897-1915

Source Req. of Deeds and Atlas

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered --- Date _____

Moved -- Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage _____

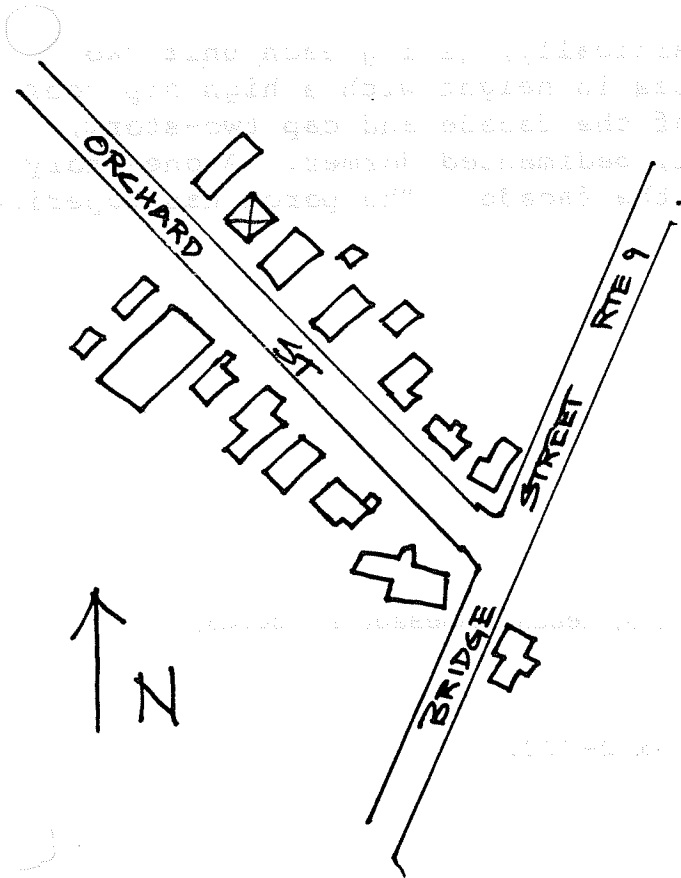
Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date May 1980

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



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

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/
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)

A subdivision plan for Orchard St. was filed in 1897. At that time there were three homesteads on the north side of Bridge St. between the cemetery and Grant Ave. These homesteads extended northerly almost to North St. Orchard St. and Elizabeth St. (1908) were laid out through these homesteads. Both streets were predominantly developed with tw-family houses.

This double house is split vertically, giving each unit two and a half floors. The house is two stories in height with a high hip roof. Projecting wall gables are at either end of the facade and cap two-story, three-sided bays. There is also a central, pedimented dormer. A one-story porch with gabled entrance extends across the facade. The porch has tapering posts on pedestals and a balustrade.

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

1895 and 1915 Atlases
 Registry of Deeds: Bk. 503-P. 130 and 131, 632-270.