

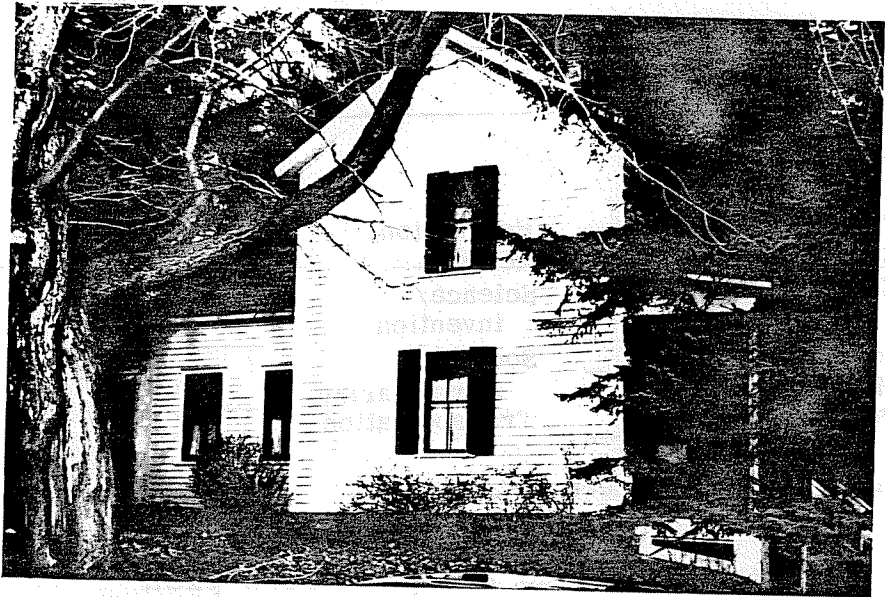
FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	30A- 47

1 Town Northampton



Address 45 Lexington Ave.

Name W. Frawley House

Use residence

Present owner Sarah Egan

Description:

c. 1867

Source Registry of Deeds

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features \_\_\_\_\_

Altered -- Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved -- Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

One acre or less \_\_\_\_\_ Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

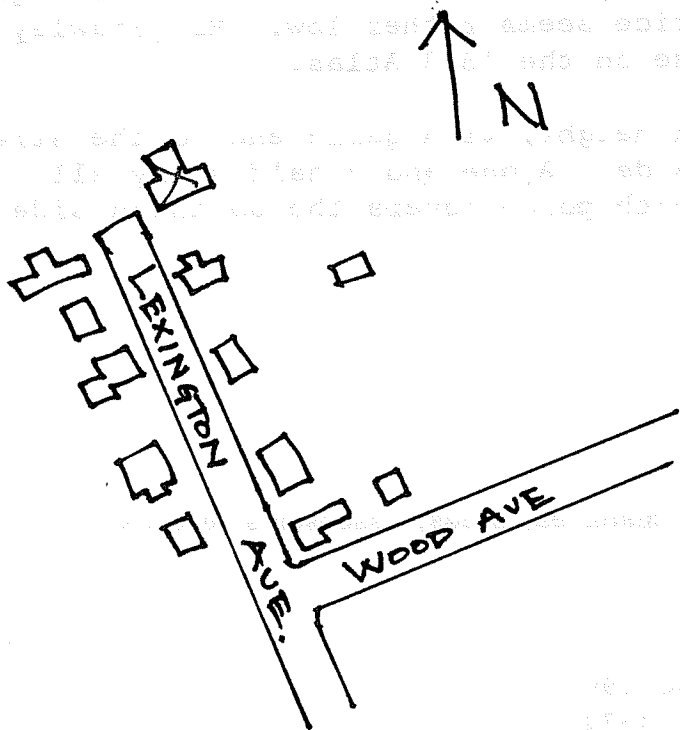
Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate distance of building from street \_\_\_\_\_

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date April 1980



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Bay State Hardware Co. (?)

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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)

In 1867 the Bay State Hardware Co. filed a subdivision plan for Main St. (now Riverside Dr.), High St. (now Lexington Ave.) and Maple St. (now Liberty St.). The plan was for residential lots, and would enable the cutlery workers to live nearby and have their own lot of land. In many cases, the houses were originally owned by the company and sold to the workers after a number of years.

William Frawley, a grinder at the Bay State Hardware Co., bought lots #26 and #28 "with buildings" for \$800 in 1867. This might mean the present house, but the price seems rather low. Mr. Frawley is shown as the owner of this house on the 1873 Atlas.

The house is two stories in height, with gable end to the street and the entrance on the southern side. A one and a half story ell extends to the rear and a full-length porch covers the southern side.

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

- 1860 County Map.
- 1873, 1884, and 1895 Atlases.
- Registry of Deeds: Bk 241-P322, 240-190.
- Northampton Directory: 1868-69, 1873-74.