

FORM B - BUILDING

In Area no.	Form no.
	30A-52

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



1 Northampton

Address 61 Liberty St.

Name Towhill House

Present use residence

Present owner Samuel and Alison Stonefield

Description:

Year c, 1895

Source Atlas and Directories

Reference

Architect

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features

Altered -- Date

Moved -- Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre

Approximate frontage

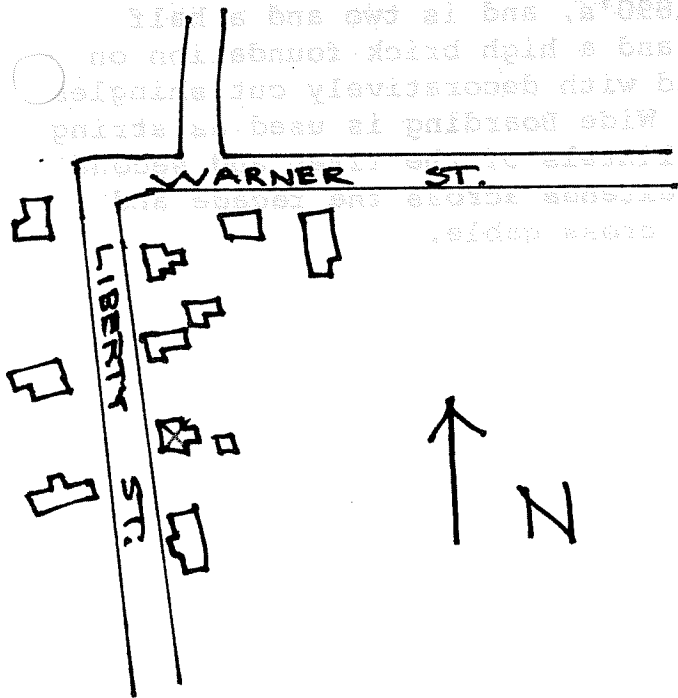
Approximate distance of building from street

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date April 1980

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



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Patrick and Annie Towhill

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)

This house was built on lot #23 of the Bay State Hardware Co.'s subdivision plan. Patrick Towhill, and employee of the Northampton Cutlery Co. (sucessor to the Bay State Hardware Co.), is shown as owning lots #19, 21, and 23 on the 1884 atlas. The house was probably built during the early 1890's, and is two and a half stories in height with a cross gable and a high brick foundation on the southern side. The gables are clad with decoratively cut shingles and also have "Gothic" sash windows. Wide Boarding is used as string courses connecting the sills and the lintels of the first and second floor windows, and a one-story porch extends across the facade and wraps around the southern side to the cross gable.

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

- 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
- Northampton Directory: 1885-86, 1895-86.
- Registry of Deeds: Bk 240- P 190.