

FORM B - BUILDING

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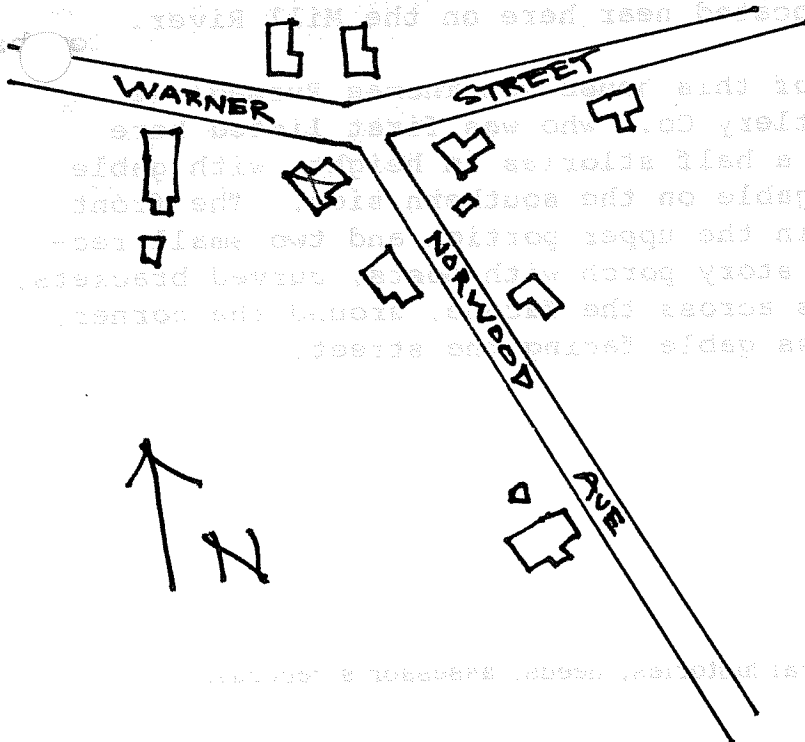
In Area no.	Form no.
	30B-2

Northampton



Address 60 Norwood Ave.  
 Name T. Purseglove House  
 Present use residence  
 Present owner Richard and Fern Denno  
 Description: c. 1885  
 Source Atlas and Directory  
 Architect \_\_\_\_\_

4. Map. Draw sketch of building 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 x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate distance of building from street \_\_\_\_\_

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan  
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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Thomas Purseglove (2)

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/<br>settlement | _____ | Science/<br>invention   | _____ |
| The Arts              | _____    | Industry                   | _____ | Social/<br>humanitarian | _____ |
| Commerce              | _____    | Military                   | _____ | Transportation          | _____ |
| Communication         | _____    | Political                  | _____ |                         |       |
| Community development | <u>X</u> |                            |       |                         |       |

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

Norwood Ave. was laid out in two sections from Main St. (now Riverside Drive) to Walnut St., the first being in 1872 and the second in 1883. The northern end of the street was elevated approximately fifty feet above the southern end and provided fine vistas south to the Mount Tom Range. The area was predominantly inhabited by employees of the two cutlery companies located near here on the Mill River.

The first known owner of this house was Thomas Purseglove, a cutler with the Northampton Cutlery Co., who was first listed here in 1885. The house is two and a half stories in height, with gable end to the street and a cross gable on the southern side. The front gable has fish-scale shingles in the upper portion and two small rectangular windows below. A one story porch with posts, curved brackets, and a simple balustrade extends across the facade, around the corner, and across the side of the cross gable facing the street.

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

- 1884 and 1895 Atlases
- Northampton Directory: 1885-86, 1890-91.