

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	11C-40

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1. Town Northampton

Address 71 Florence Street

Name J. Tunnicliff House

Present use residence

Present owner Sharon Lashway

Description:

Year 1867-73

Source Reg. of Deeds & Atlas

File Bracketed

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) ---

Other features large double brackets,

wrap-around porch with posts and fancy brackets, oculus, side bay and porch

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

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

5. Lot size:

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

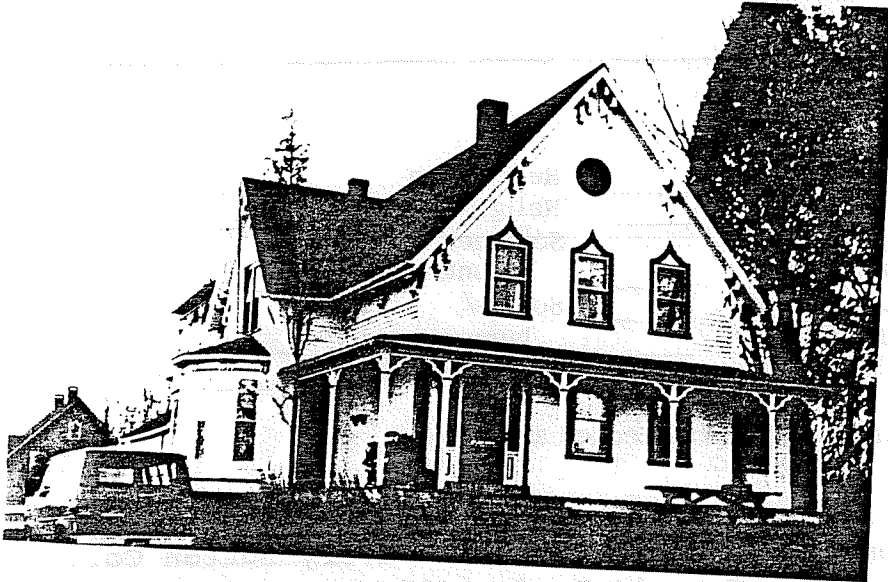
Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_

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

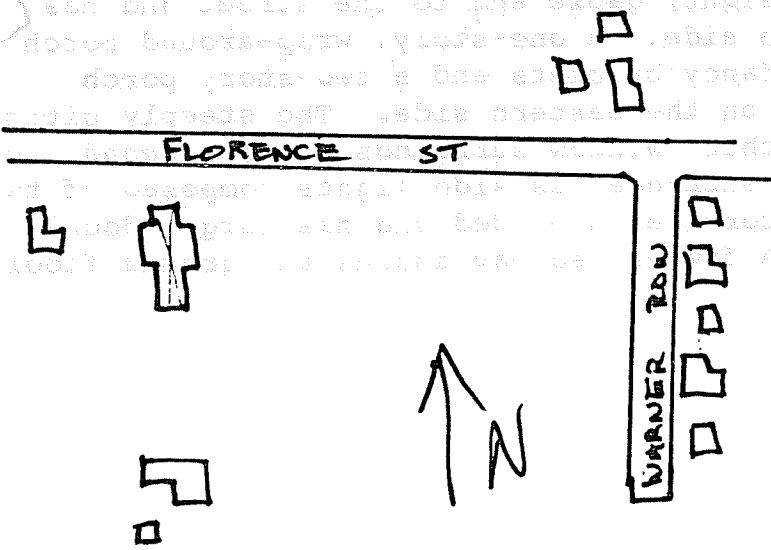
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in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



(over)

7 Original owner (if known) John Tunnicliff

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)

John Tunnicliff bought 3-1/3 acres on the south side of Florence St. in 1867. Mr. Tunnicliff was employed at the Critchlow Ivory Button Co., later known as the Mill River Button Co., in Leeds village. Before 1873 the present house was constructed, and after John's death, it was lived in by William Tunnicliff, a machinist employed first at the Critchlow Co., and later at Northampton Emory Wheel Co.

The house is 2½ stories in height, gable end to the street and has a gabled projection on the eastern side. A one-story, wrap-around porch is composed of slender posts and fancy brackets and a two-story porch of the same posts and brackets is on the eastern side. The steeply pitched front gable has an oculus and "Gothic" window surrounds on the second floor windows. The elliptically arched entrance has side lights composed of two lights and recessed panels. The cornice is molded and has large, double brackets on a wide friezeboard. A five-sided bay adorns the ground floor of the two-story side projection.

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. 243-P.400
- Northampton Directory: 1868-69, 1885-86 & 1895-96