

FORM B - BUILDING

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



Northampton

Address 57 Norwood Ave.

Present use residence

Present owner Herbert and Beatrice  
Purseglove

Description:

c. 1890

Source Atlas and Directory

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

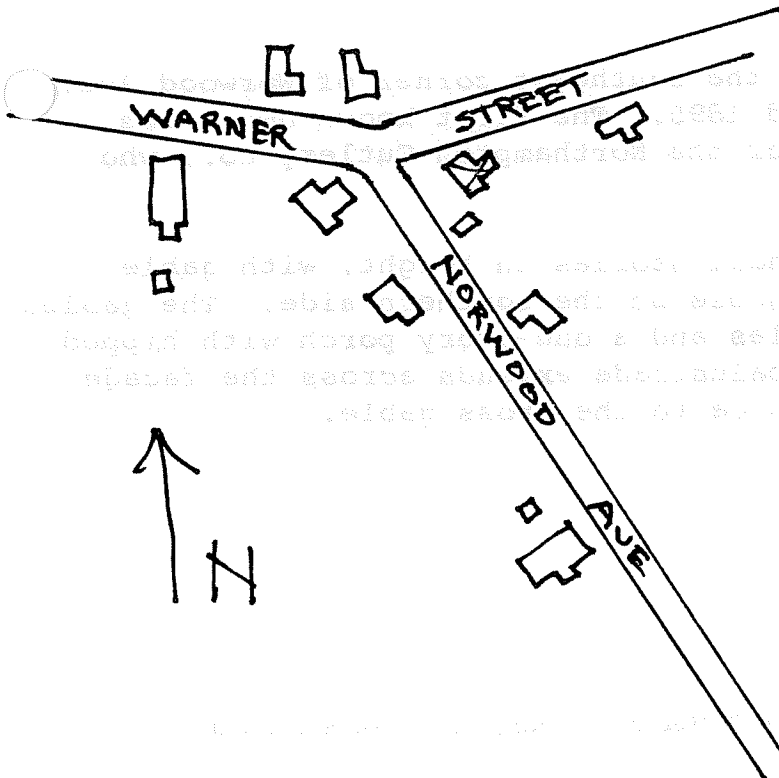
Approximate distance of building from street

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

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7. Map. Draw sketch 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/<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. The first, in 1872, was from Main St. (now Riverside Drive) northerly to a "proposed street" (a paper extension of the present Wood Ave.). The second section, in 1883, was from the proposed street northerly to Warner St.

This house was built at the southeast corner of Norwood Ave. and Warner St. between 1884 and 1895. The first known owner was Willis Blakesley, an employee of the Northampton Cutlery Co., who was first listed here in 1892.

The house is one and a half stories in height, with gable end to the street and a cross gable on the southern side. The gables are clad with fish-scale shingles and a one-story porch with hipped roof, square posts and simple balustrade 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, 1892-93.