

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	30B-23



Northampton

Address 12 Hinckley St.

Name J.P. Seidell House

Present use residence

Present owner Butler and Marion Gilman

Description:

1884-1886

Source Atlas and Directory

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features bay window, decorative shingles, turned porch posts with

fan-like brackets and balusters connected by cut-out pattern

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage _____

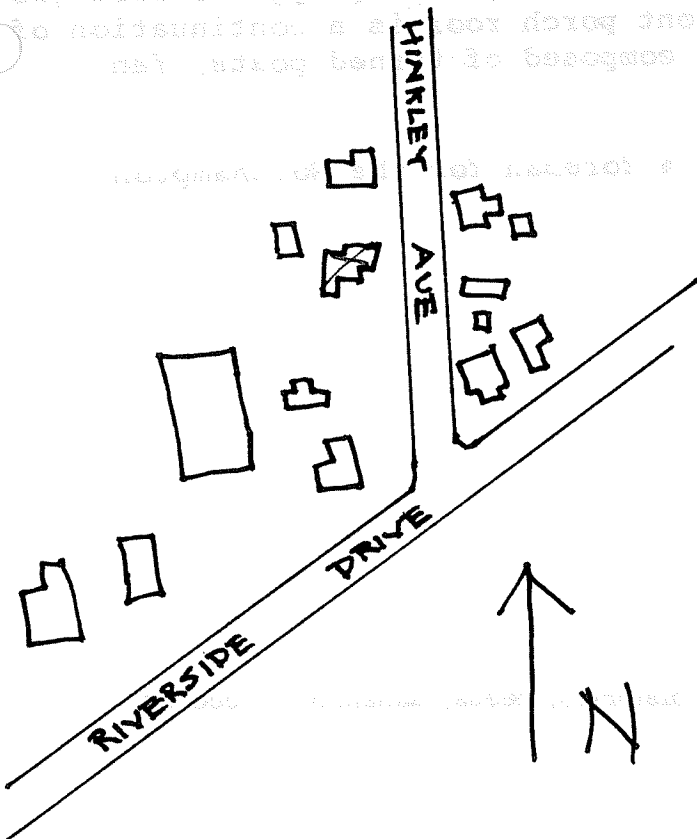
Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

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



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) John P. Seidell

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 | <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 compact, L-shaped house illustrates a good number of local, late nineteenth century decorative techniques. Saw-tooth shingles are used in the front gable and side of the porch gable while wide boards are used at the base and heads of the first and second floor windows as a type of string course. A three-sided bay with polygonal roof projects from the front gable. The front porch roof is a continuation of the main roof and shelters a half porch composed of turned posts, fan brackets and cut-out balustrade.

Mr. Seidell was employed as a foreman for the Northampton Cutlery Co.

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

- 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
- Northampton Directory: 1886-87.