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FORM B - BUILDING

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



Northampton

Address 291 Riverside Drive

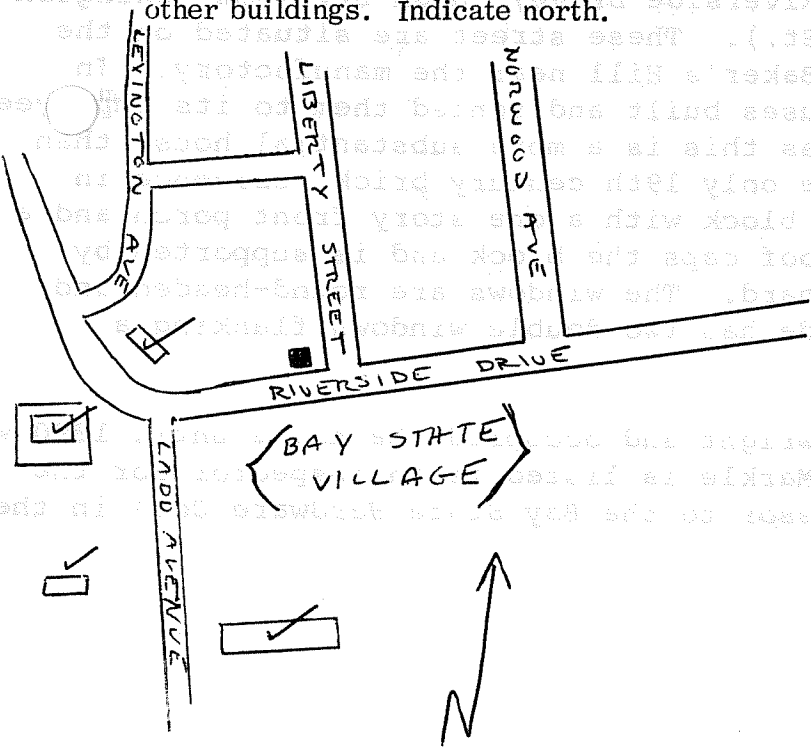
Present use Residence

Present owner Ignacy Czarniecki

Description:

1860  
general style;  
visual evidence

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



Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features 2 stories; brick with stone trim; flat roof; 2 interior chimneys; later porch

Altered porch added Date ?

Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

Less than one acre x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage 95 feet

Approximate distance of building from street 30 feet

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Recorded by C. Dubie

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date December 1, 1975

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✓ inventoried property

7. Original owner (if known) William R. Holiday

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	<u>x</u>				

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

William Holiday bought a half an acre lot from the Bay State Hardware Co. in 1867. This was lot three on Bay State Hardware Co.'s 1867 plan for the development of Main St. (now Riverside Drive), High St. (now Lexington Ave.), and Maple St. (now Liberty St.). These street are situated on the lower slope of the south side of Baker's Hill near the manufactory. In many instances the Company had houses built and rented them to its employees. This probably didn't happen here as this is a more substantial house than the others in the area. It is the only 19th century brick residence in Bay State and is a two story cubic block with a one story front porch and a one story rear addition. A flat roof caps the block and is supported by double brackets on a wide friezeboard. The windows are round-headed and two over two. The three bay facade has two double windows flanking a central window.

William Holiday was a millwright and occupied the house until 1890 when he sold it to Christian Markle. Markle is listed as an inspector for the Northampton Cutlery Co. (the successor to the Bay State Hardware Co.) in the local directory.

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

- 1873, 1884, and 1895 Atlases.
- Registry of Deeds: Bk 432- P. 84, 241-53.
- Northampton Directory: 1873-74, 1890-91.