

FORM B - BUILDING

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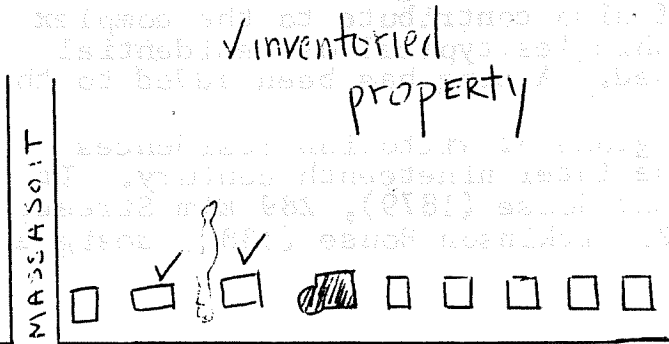
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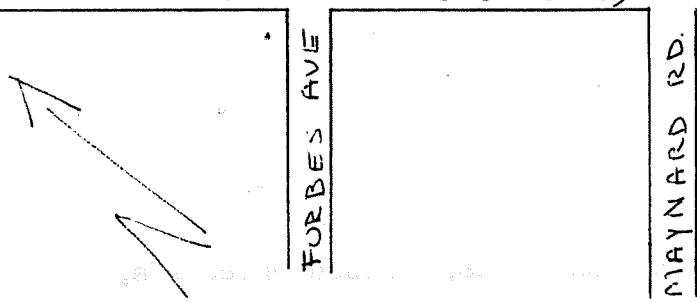


1. Northampton  
 2. 275 Elm Street  
 3. Mather House  
 4. Residence  
 5. Charles & Kathryn Stark  
 6. 1882  
 7. Daily Hampshire Gazette  
 8. 8/29/1882  
 9. Queen Anne

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 asymmetrical massing; stepped gable; bays; decorative chimneys; fishscale shingling  
 Altered additions Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_



5. Lot size:  
 Less than one acre \_\_\_\_\_ Over one acre x  
 Approximate frontage 130 feet  
 Approximate distance of building from street  
50 feet

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE  
 USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Recorded by C. Dubie  
 Organization Northampton Historical Commission  
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7. Original owner (if known) John L. Mather  
 Original use residence  
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates residence/offices

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| Aboriginal            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Conservation               | <input type="checkbox"/> | Recreation              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Agricultural          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Education                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Architectural         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Exploration/<br>settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> | Science/<br>invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The Arts              | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Industry                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/<br>Humanitarian | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Commerce              | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Military                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Communication         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Political                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |                         |                          |
| Community development | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                            |                          |                         |                          |

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

This large and well built brick residence was erected in 1882 for John L. Mather, a local mason and contractor. Mather had various commissions to build foundations for public buildings and in 1880, did the stonework on the Williston mansion on Round Hill.

Mather's own residence was a three story brick and stone structure of Queen Anne styling, with prominent gables and chimneys. The central gable is strongly English in character. The changing planes of the roof also contribute to the complex silhouette. Wooden fishscale shingles typical of residential work in this period are also used. A wing has been added to the rear.

The structure is one of a group of Victorian residences built on upper Elm Street in the later nineteenth century. It relates to both the W. T. Clement House (1879), 289 Elm Street, with mansard roof, and the G. P. Dickinson House (1880) designed by E. C. Gardner.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)  
 Hampshire Gazette, 8/29/1882