

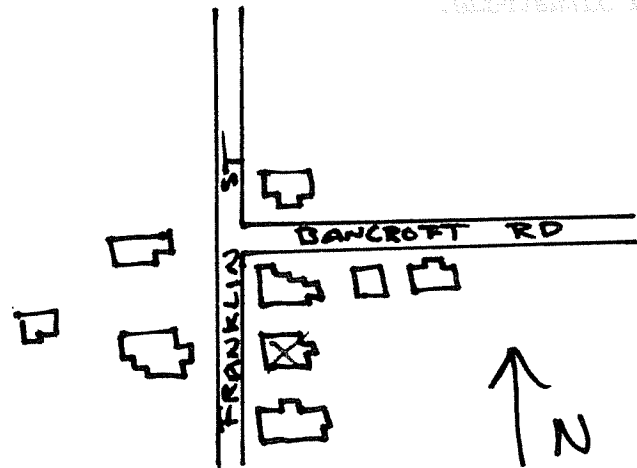
FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no. 31A-29
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1. Map. Draw sketch or diagram in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Northampton

Address 37-39 Franklin St.

Present use residence

Present owner George and Rena Zachary

Description:

1885-87

Source Reg. of Deeds

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric asbestos shakes

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered sided Date mid 20th c.

Moved -- Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 80'

Approximate distance of building from street

20'

6. Recorded by E. Lonegan

Organization NHC

Date March 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Avon and Henry Matthews

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	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)

In 1885 Avon and Henry Matthews, carpenters and builders, bought 1 and 3/4 acres of land on the eastern side of Franklin St., south of Bancroft Rd. for \$1700. The Matthews brothers sold several lots for residential development, and also built two double houses, of which this is one.

This house is two stories in height with ridge roof and two interior chimneys. The siding has covered the detailing of the main block, but there are still two wall gables with decorative trim on the facade, double brackets under the front eaves and a highly decorative front porch with hipped roof, projecting pedimented entrance, spindle frieze, chamfered posts and patterned balustrade.

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. 411-P. 327, 395-411.*