

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	31A-30

461



Northampton

Address 31 Franklin St.

Name E. Schmitter House

Use residence

Present owner Elizabeth Schmitter

Description:

1886-95

Source Reg. of Deeds and Atlas

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features \_\_\_\_\_

Altered -- Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved -- Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage 80'

Approximate distance of building from street

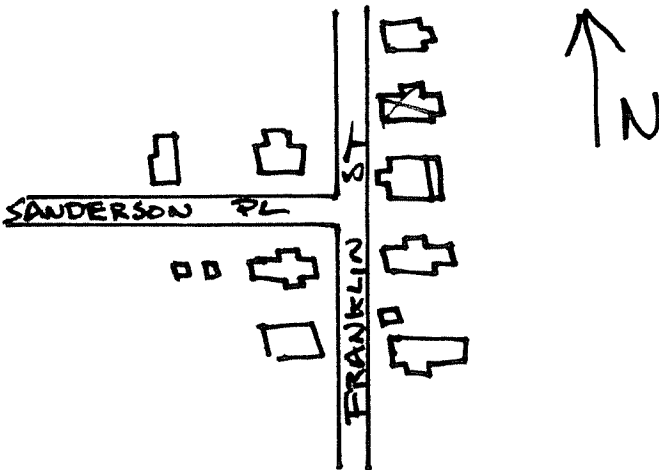
15'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

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



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Ernst and Henrietta Schmitter  
 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	_____				

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

*In 1886 Ernst and Henrietta Schmitter bought this lot of land for \$550. Mr. Schmitter was employed by the Belding Bros. and Co., silk manufacturers on Hawley St., and made this his homestead.*

*This 2½ story house features fish-scaleshingles in the front gable, and the gable is trimmed with King posts and pendant, and arched bargeboards. The three-bay facade is covered by a one-story porch with hipped roof, projecting pedimented entrance, turned posts with small brackets and a 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. 402-P. 31.  
 Northampton Directory: 1895-96.*