

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	31A-31



Northampton

Address 25-27 Franklin St.

Use residence

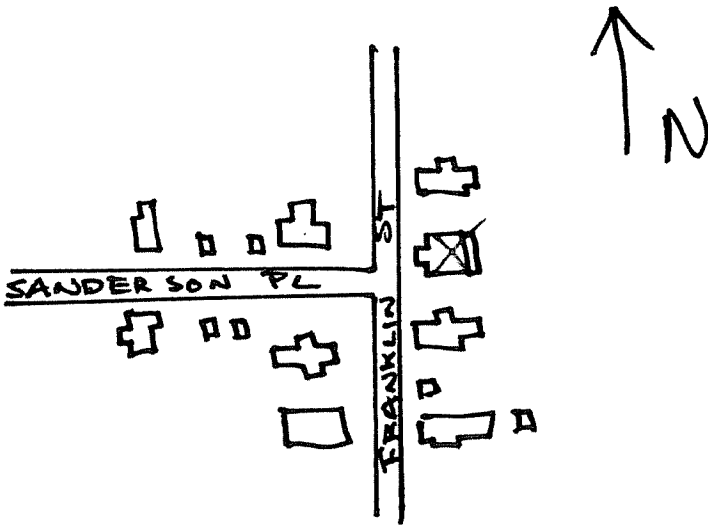
Present owner Thomas and Darlene

Occupation: Bankman

Construction 1885-95

Source Reg. of Deeds and Atlas

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



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 _____

Approximate distance of building from street

20'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

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)

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| 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 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 slate hipped roof. The symmetrical facade has a 2 1/2 story pedimented projection on either end with a double entrance and two story porch in between.

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. 395-P. 411.
Northampton Directory: 1895-96.*