

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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City Northampton

Address 300 North Main Street

Name J F Warner House

Present use residence

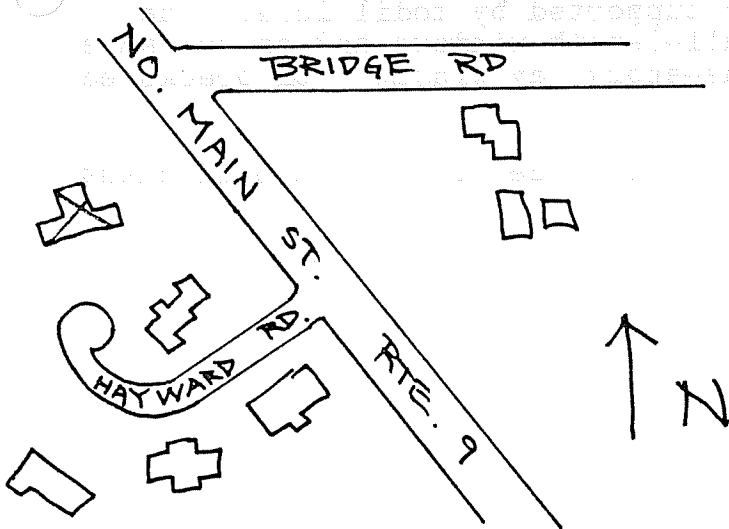
Present owner City of Northampton

Description:

Date 1868

Source Sheffield's History of Florence Bracketed

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



Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features ornate double brackets

on wide friezeboard, projecting shaped lintels & lugsills

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre X

Approximate frontage 2000'

Approximate distance of building from street

10'

6. Recorded by E. Loneragan

Organization NHC

Date January 1980

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____
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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) John F. Warner

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 | <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)

This large house was built for John F. Warner in 1868, and replaced the old homestead of his grandfather which had been built in 1778 and was the first permanent dwelling house erected in Florence. The Warner family had been so large that the Florence area went by the name of the "Warner School District" in the early 19th century.

The house is two-and-a-half stories in height with gable end to the street and an ell on the northern side. The house features large double brackets on a wide friezeboard, and two over two sash windows with slightly arched lintels supported by modillions. The first floor of the facade has two full-length windows and an entrance with sidelights, while there is a one-story bay window with bracketed cornice on the southern side.

Today the house serves as the residence for the superintendent of Look Park.

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

- 1831 Town Map.
- 1854 and 1860 County Map.
- 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
- History of Florence, ed. by Charles A. Sheffield, 1895, pp. 29-31.