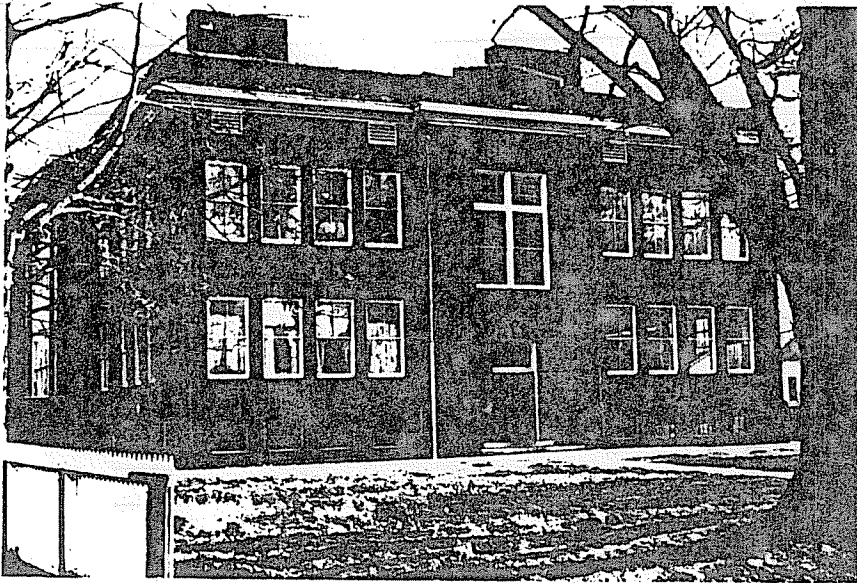


FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	31A-112



City Northampton

Address 56 Vernon St.

Name Vernon Street School

Present use school

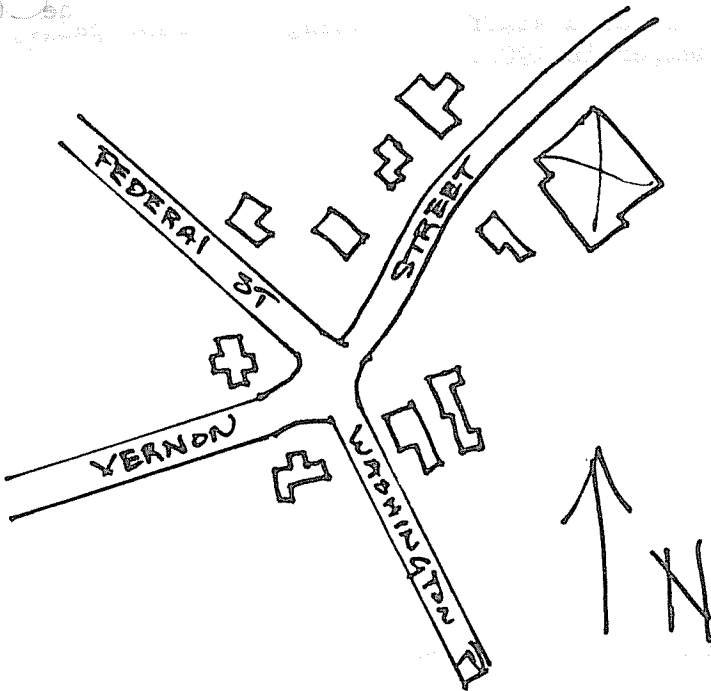
Present owner City of Northampton

Description:

1897-1900

Source Reg. of Deeds and Directory

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



Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered -- Date _____

Moved -- Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage _____

Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date May 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) City of Northampton

Original use school

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	<u>X</u>	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)

The City of Northampton acquired land for this school in 1897. The preceding thirty years had seen a enormous growth in this area, with the subdivision of large homesteads on the southern side of Elm St. These homesteads had relatively small frontage on Elm St., but extended back over 1/4 of a mile to the bluffs above the Mill River. Several streets, including Washington, Harrison and Kensington Avenues, were laid out, and built up with many fine residences.

The Vernon Street School had a staff consisting of: principal, seven teachers, kindergarten teacher and helper in 1900.

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

- 1895 and 1915 Atlases.
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 500-P. 215, 497-302.
- Northampton Directory: 1895-96, 1900.