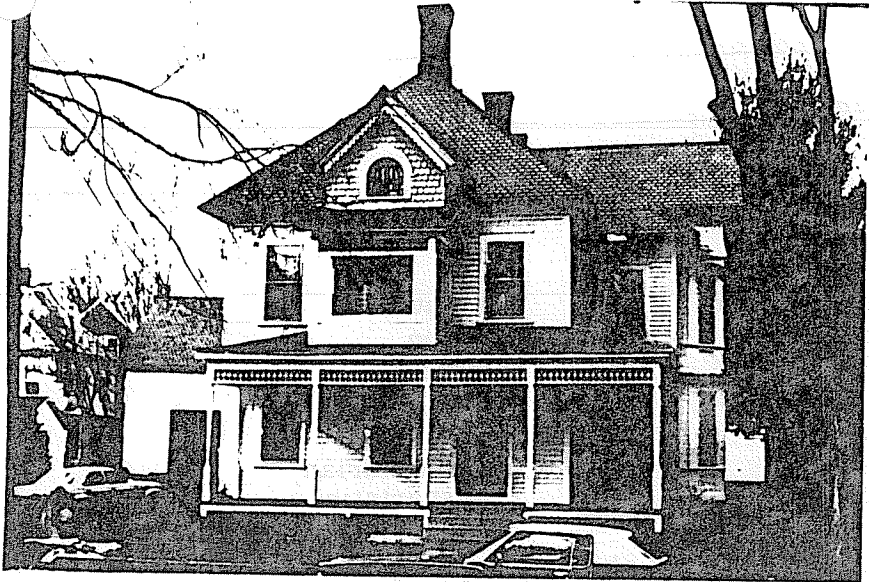


FORM B - BUILDING

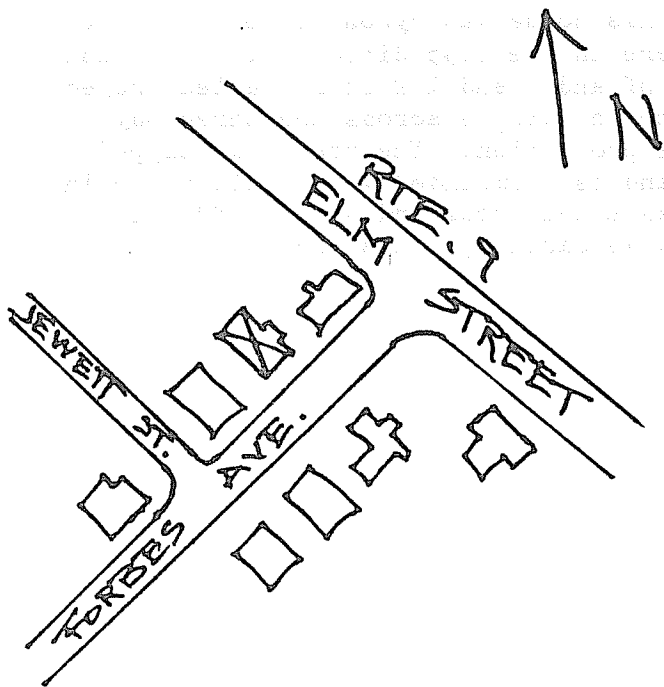
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no. <u>499</u>
	31A-122



City Northampton
 Address 15 Forbes Avenue
 Name _____
 Present use residence
 Present owner Walter & Cynthia Bielanski
 Description: _____
 Date 1884-1895
 Source Atlases
 File _____

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) carriage house
 Other features _____

 Altered --- Date _____
 Moved --- Date _____

5. Lot size:
 One acre or less X Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage _____
 Approximate distance of building from street
15'
 6. Recorded by E. Lonergan
 Organization NHC
 Date March 1980

(over)

Original owner (if known) _____

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	<u>x</u>	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

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

Forbes Ave. was opened in 1887 by the prominent local developers J.C. Hammond and J.A. Sullivan. Development was slow, and by 1895 there were only four houses constructed. The other eleven lots were built upon in the early 20th century. In the 1920's the street was continued through to Washington Place, effectively doubling the length of the street.

The first known owner of this house was Byron Towne, co-owner of a Main St. grocery, who was listed here in the 1895 directory. The house is two stories tall with slate hipped roof and 2 and 1/2 story gabled projection on the eastern side. A one-story porch extends across the three-bay facade and along the eastern side to the projection. The porch has hipped roof, spindle frieze and turned posts, and is surmounted by a small porch in the center of the facade. This porch has a shed roof and spindle frieze. A projecting wall gable with decorative bargeboards caps this porch.

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

- 1884 & 1895 Atlases
- Northampton Directory: 1895-96
- Registry of Deeds: EK. 427-P. 541.