

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	31A-130

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Northampton

Address 51 Forbes Avenue

Present use residence

Present owner Sidonia Barrett

Description:

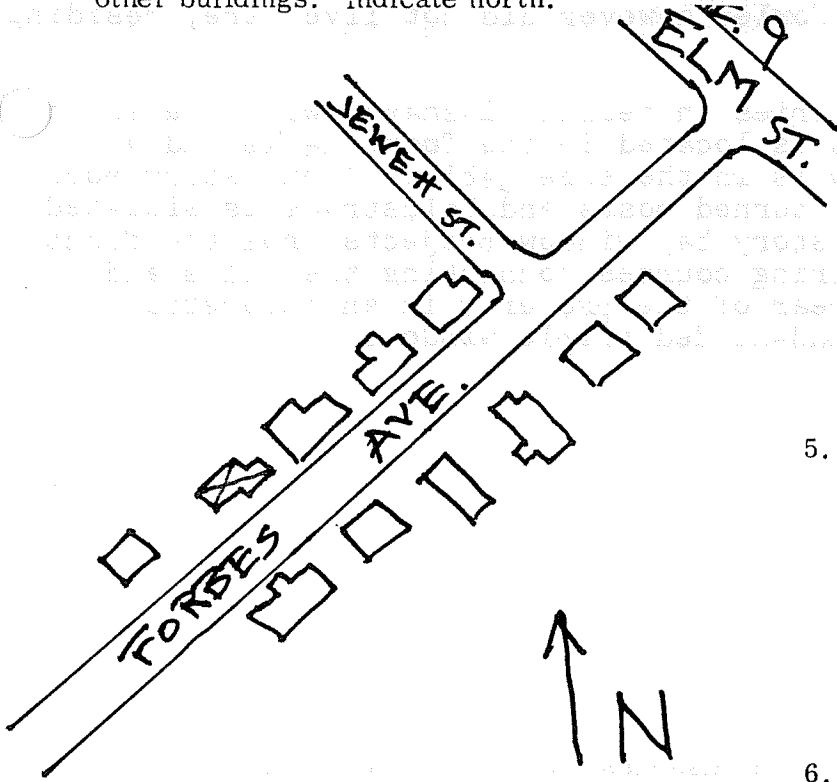
Year 1887-95

Source Reg. of Deeds & Atlas

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Other buildings. Indicate north.



Outbuildings (describe) small chicken house

Other features oculus in front gable  
"Gothic" window in side gable, front  
half porch with turned posts, spindle  
frieze and balustrade

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

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

5. Lot size:

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

Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate distance of building from street \_\_\_\_\_

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date March 1980

(over)

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. 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	<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)

Forbes Ave. was opened in 1887 by prominent local developers J.C. Hammond and J.A. Sullivan. Development was slow with only four houses being constructed by 1895. This was one of those four and is described as belonging to Joseph Fowler. Mr. Fowler however did not live here, residing instead on King St.

The house is 2½ stories in height, L-shaped with the short leg facing Forbes Ave. An oculus is located in the front gable and a "Gothic" two over two sash window is in the side gable. A one-story porch with hipped roof, spindle frieze, turned posts and balustrade is situated in the crook of the L, and a one-story bay window projects from the front leg. Wide boarding is used as string courses connecting the sills and lintels of the windows. In the rear of the property is an interesting, small chicken house, with two round-headed triple windows.

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

- 1884 & 1895 Atlases
- Registry of Deeds: Bk.427-P.541
- Northampton Directory: 1895-96, 1900, 1905, 1915 and 1918.