

FORM B - BUILDING

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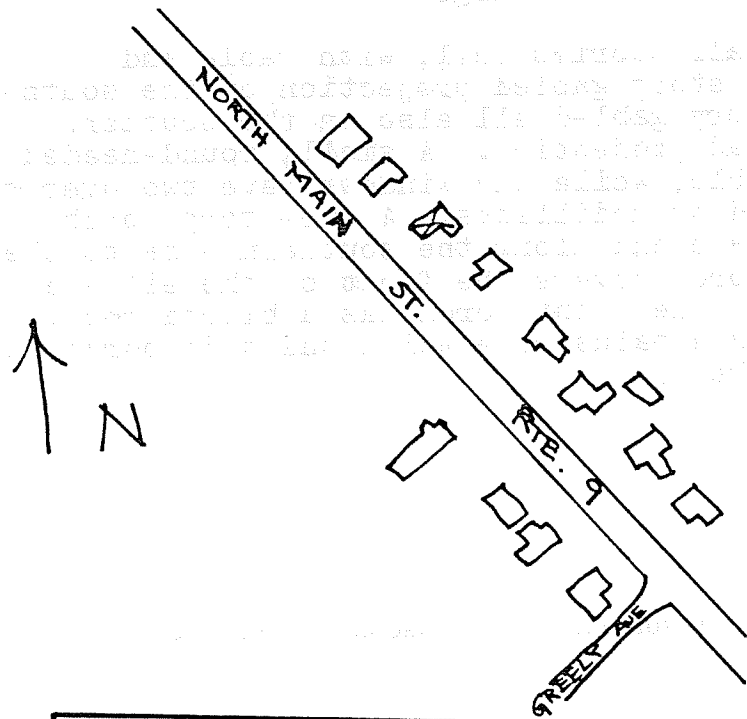
In Area no.	Form no.
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City Northampton
 Address 217 North Main Street
 Name L.H. Warner House
 Present use residence
 Present owner Leroy Hill
 Description:
 Year 1884
 Source Registry of Deeds
 Architect _____

in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Exterior wall fabric clapboard
 Outbuildings (describe) _____
 Other features L-shaped, wrap-around porch and side porch with posts and decorative brackets & side bay
 Altered --- Date ---
 Moved --- Date ---

5. Lot size:
 One acre or less Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 100'
 Approximate distance of building from street 20'

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
 USGS Quadrant _____
 MHC Photo no. _____

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan
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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Lutner H. 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)

In 1884 William Warner sold his son Luther the south end of his homestead on the north side of North Main St. in Florence "with the new house upon the same" for \$1800. Father and son were carpenters and probably built this house themselves. William Warner was probably the grandson of Joseph Warner, "the first man to erect a permanent dwelling house in Florence". His 300 acre property lay on both sides of North Main St. then known as the road to Williamsburg.

The house is two-and-a-half stories tall, with gable end to the street, and a two-and-a-half story gabled projection on the southern side and a two-and-a-half story gabled ell also on the southern side, stepped back from the gabled projection. A small, round-headed louvered form is in the front gable, while the windows have two over two sashes and raking hoods supported by modillions. A one-story porch extends across the three-bay facade and along the southern side to the projection. Another one-story porch covers the front of the ell and extends along its southern side. The front porch has a hipped roof, chamfered posts with brackets and a balustrade while the side porch has a spindle frieze, posts and brackets.

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

1872, 1884 & 1895 Atlases
 Registry of Deeds: Bk. 222-p. 500
 Northampton Directory: 1888-89
History of Florence, ed. by Charles A. Sheffield, 1895, pp. 29-31.