

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	31A-178

510

1. Town Northampton

Address 15 Washington Avenue

Name R. Garfield House

Present use residence

Present owner George & Jean Cohen

Description:

1870-73

Source Reg. of Deeds & Atlas

Architect

Exterior wall fabric

clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) carriage house with cupola

Other features round-headed window with

shutters in front gable and louvered oculus in side gable, wrap-around porch

Altered --- Date ---

Moved --- Date ---

5. Lot size:

One acre or less X Over one acre ---

Approximate frontage 75'

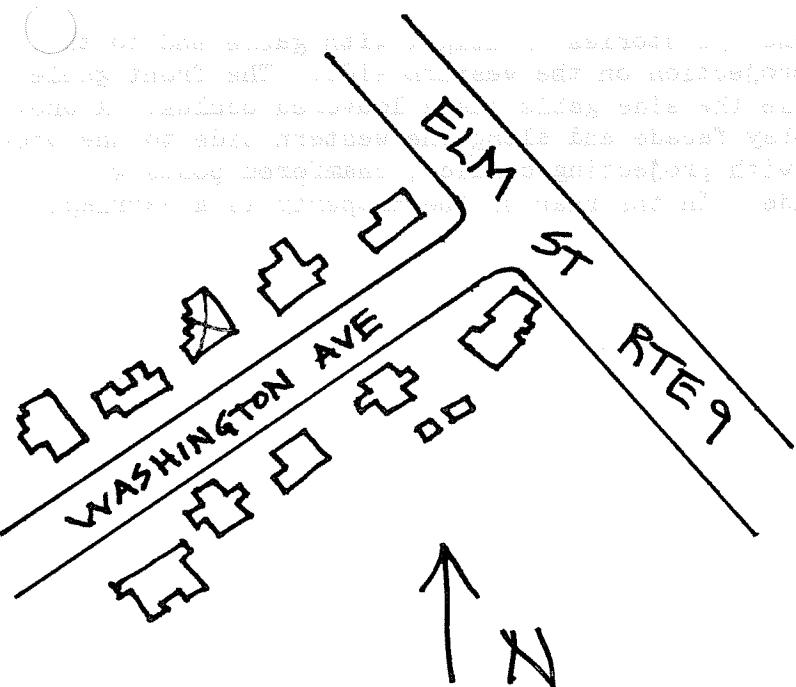
Approximate distance of building from street

15'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date March 1980



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Reuben J. Garfield

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	<u>X</u>				

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

In 1870 John Minor and James Searle filed a subdivision plan for Washington Ave. During the same year they sold lot no. 6 to Reuben Garfield for \$600. Mr. Garfield was a carpenter and probably built this house himself. The house first appears on the 1873 atlas and is listed as the residence of R.J. Garfield.

The house is 2 and 1/2 stories in height with gable end to the street and a 2 and 1/2 story gabled projection on the western side. The front gable has a round-headed louvered form, while the side gable has a louvered oculus. A one-story porch extends across the three-bay facade and along the western side to the projection. It's composed of flat roof with projecting cornice, chamfered posts with ornate brackets and a turned balustrade. In the rear of the property is a carriage house with slate roof and cupola.

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

1860 County Map 1873, 1884 & 1895 Atlases
 Registry of Deeds: Bk.339-P.257, 276-55, 272-241, 272-149 & 272-13
 Northampton Directory: 1873-74