

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	31A-291



Northampton

Address 22-24 Washington Pl.

Present use residence

Present owner Raymond and Ailyn C. Dargis

Description: 1884-1895

Source Atlases

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric shingle

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features \_\_\_\_\_

Altered — Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved — Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

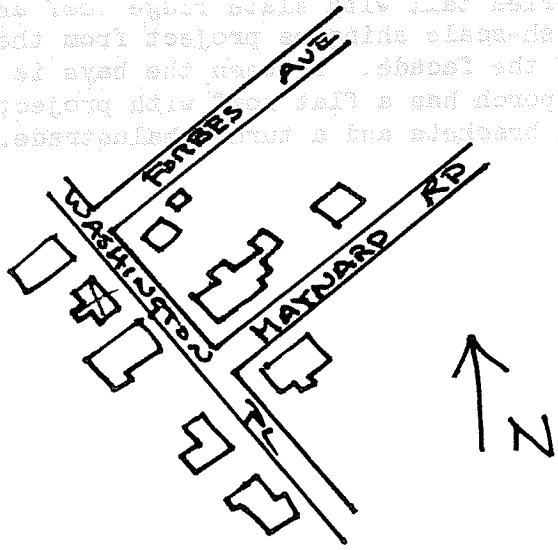
Approximate distance of building from street \_\_\_\_\_

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization MHC

Date March 1980

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



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Thomas J. O'Neill  
 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)

Washington Place was laid out in 1870 as part of J.C. Ward's Paradise Lot development. Development was slow and by 1895 there were only four houses constructed. This double house was one of them, being owned by T.J. O'Neill. Mr. O'Neill was a carpenter and builder and lived at 32 Washington Place on the corner of Vernon St. He probably built this to be leased as two tenements.

The house is 2 and 1/2 stories tall with slate ridge roof and two interior chimneys. Gabled dormers with fish-scale shingles project from the roof and cap two-story bay windows at either end of the facade. Between the bays is a double central entrance and front porch. The porch has a flat roof with projecting cornice, spindle frieze, turned posts with fan brackets and a turned balustrade. Atop the porch is a second floor balcony.

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

1884 and 1895 Atlases.  
 Northampton Directory: 1895-96.