

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	16D-8

59

1 Town Northampton



Address 186 North Main St

Name E. Mason House

Present use residence

Present owner Edward & Grace Ryan

Description:

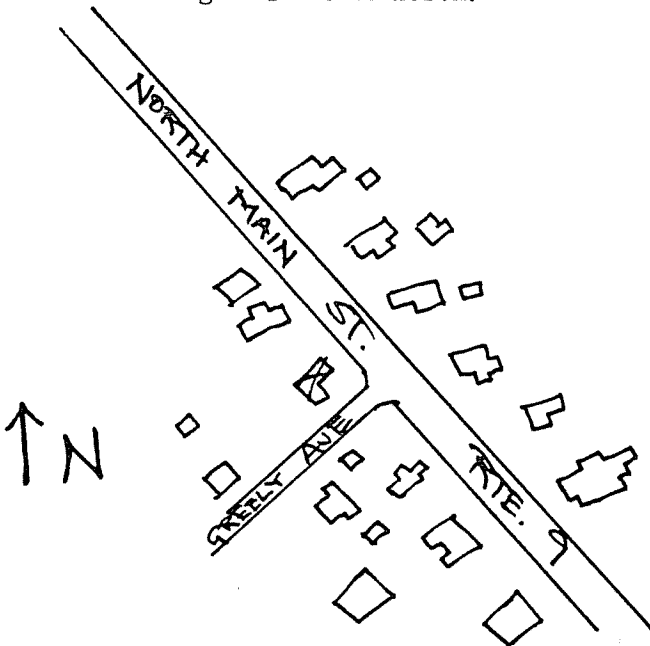
Period 1888-1889

Source Registry of Deeds & Director

Reference

Architect

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



Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) ---

Other features L-shaped with 1 story corner bay, 2 entrance porticos and

2 x 2 "Gothic" window in gable

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

Moved --- Date ---

5. Lot size:

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

Approximate frontage 65'

Approximate distance of building from street

20'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date January 1980

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USGS Quadrant _____
MHC Photo no. _____

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Edwin Mason

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/<br>settlement | _____ | Science/<br>invention | _____ |
| The Arts              | _____        | Industry                   | _____ | Social/               | _____ |
| Commerce              | _____        | Military                   | _____ | humanitarian          | _____ |
| Communication         | _____        | Political                  | _____ | Transportation        | _____ |
| Community development | _____        |                            |       |                       |       |

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

This large two-and-a-half story house was built in the late 1880's for Edwin Mason, a gardener. The house is L-shaped, with a small, one-story bay window in the crook of the L and a "Gothic" two over two sash window in the front gable. The front entrance has a pedimented portico with Tuscan columns while the side entrance has a pedimented porch with square posts.

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

- 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 425-P. 59, 298-237.
- Northampton Directory: 1888-89.