FORM B - BUILDING

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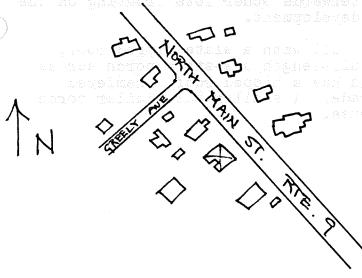


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in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



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Architect

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features

Altered _____ Date

Moved ____ Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _X Over one acre_____

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date January 1980

Approximate frontage 65'

Approximate distance of building from street

20 '

(over)

-7.	Original owner (if known)	Bela Gardner)
	Original use	double house		
	Subsequent uses (if any) and dates_			
8.	Themes (check as many as applicab	ole)		
	Aboriginal Agricultural Architectural The Arts	Conservation Education Exploration/ settlement	Recreation Religion Science/ invention	
	Commerce Communication Community development	Industry Military Political	Social/ humanitarian Transportation	
9.	Historical significance (include exp	lanation of themes check	ed above)	

This is one of two virtually identical double houses built next to each other on the west side of North Main St. during the 1860's. The street had existed since the 18th century as the road to Williamsburg, but wasn't developed residentially until the 1860's. Bela Gardner, a farmer, bought seven acres of land in 1863 and 1864, established his home on part of the land and had these two double houses built by 1873. Afterwards other lots fronting on the street were sold for residential development.

This house is two stories tall with a slate hipped roof, six over six sash windows and a full-length one-story porch across the front of the house. The porch has a hipped roof, chamfered posts with brackets and a balustrade. A smaller but similar porch is on the southern side of the house.

1860 County Map.

1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases,

Registry of Deeds: Bk. 518-P. 7, 340-10, 223-323, 212-364.

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