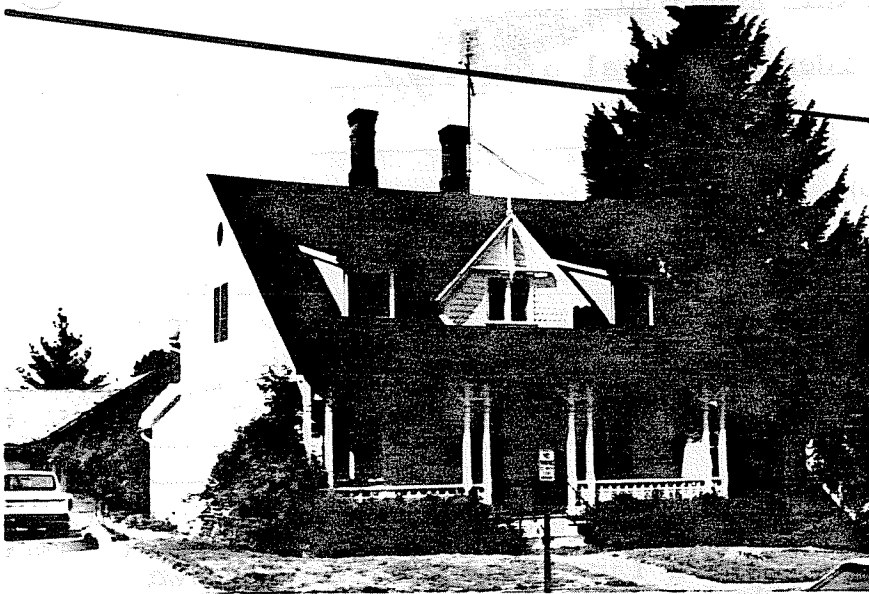


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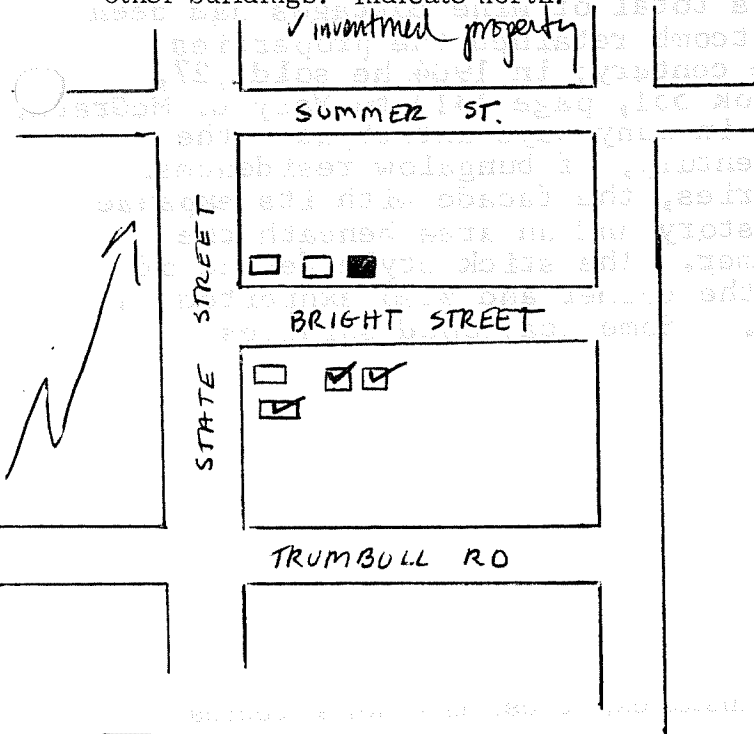
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In Area no.	Form no.
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Northampton
 Address 27 Bright Street
Cottage
 Present use Residence
 Present owner Gerald & Fern Langlais
 Description:
1881-1885
Daily Hampshire Gazette
 Source 1/23/1883; 5/15/83; 6/17/84

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



Stick Style
 Architect unknown
 Exterior wall fabric wooden shingles
 Outbuildings (describe) none
 Other features steep sloped roof with gabled dormer & shed dormers; rich porch balustrade; paired chimneys
 Altered no Date _____
 Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:
 One acre or less x Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 65 feet
 Approximate distance of building from street
30 feet

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

6. Recorded by C. Dible
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7. Original owner (if known) Parker Whitcomb

Original use Residence (rental property)

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	<u>x</u>	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>x</u>				

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

Parker R. Whitcomb purchased a large tract of land known as the Bright Estate from Dr. Blodgett about 1881. Whitcomb proceeded to erect a number of cottages on the property after having opened "Bright Street" through the center of the tract. By January 1883, Whitcomb had erected several cottages and planned to build others; in June, 1884, a total of nine cottages had been built along the new street. Whitcomb retained the properties until just after the turn of the century; in 1904 he sold #27, known as lot #5 in his plan (book 551, page 131) to Mary C. McGrat... The design of this cottage in many ways anticipates the design, in the early twentieth century, of bungalow residences. Although containing two full stories, the facade with its expanse of roof indicates a single full story and an area beneath the eaves enlarged by the central dormer. The stick style device of the framed gable is prominent in the dormer and also exhibited in the turned supports of the porch. Some scalloped shingles appear in the gable.

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

Daily Hampshire Gazette, January 23, 1883; May 15, 1883; June 17, 1884; December 8, 1885.
Registry of Deeds, Hampshire County, 551,131, 575.117.