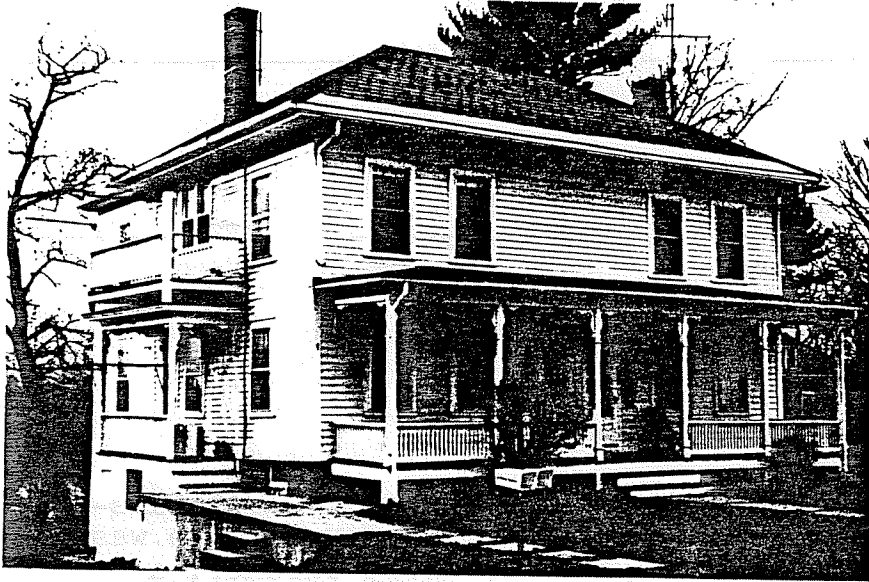


FORM B - BUILDING

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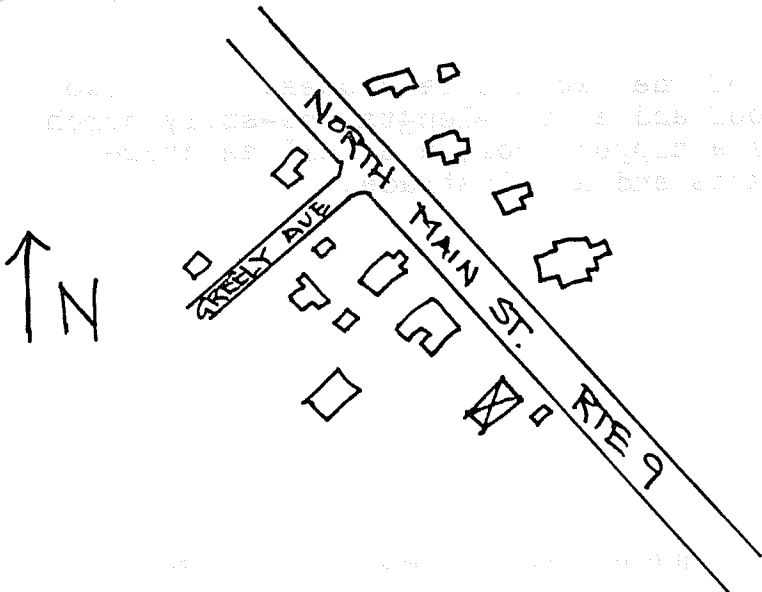
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City Northampton
Address 156-158 North Main St
County
Present use
Present owner Peter & Amelia Gazillo
Description:
Date 1864-1873
Source Registry of Deeds & Atlas
Reference
Architect

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

Exterior wall fabric clapboard
Outbuildings (describe)
Other features



Altered _____ Date _____
Moved - - - Date - - -

5. Lot size:

One acre or less X Over one acre _____
Approximate frontage 100'
Approximate distance of building from street 20'

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

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan
Organization NHC
Date January 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Bela Gardner

Original use double house

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| Aboriginal | _____ | Conservation | _____ | Recreation | _____ |
| Agricultural | _____ | Education | _____ | Religion | _____ |
| Architectural | _____ | 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)

North Main St. was originally known as the road to Williamsburg and was established during the 18th century. However, there was little residential development until the 1860's. Bela Gardner, a market gardener bought seven acres of land from Polly Bosworth for \$1000 in 1863 and 1864. This land fronted on North Main St. and extended westerly over the terrace drop-off into the meadows along the Mill River. During the next decade Mr. Gardner established his home-
stead on this land and had two virtually identical double houses built. Later, lots fronting on the street were sold for residential development.

This is the southernmost of the two double houses. It's two stories tall with hipped slate roof and a full-length one-story porch in the front. The porch also has a hipped roof, as well as chamfered posts with decorative brackets and a balustrade.

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

- 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 418-P. 139, 307-333, 223-323, 212-364.
- Northampton Directory: 1868-69, 1873-74, 1885-86.