

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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In Area no.	Form no.
	31B-148



1 Northampton

Address 125 State St.

Name D.B. Whitcomb House

Present use offices

Present owner The American National

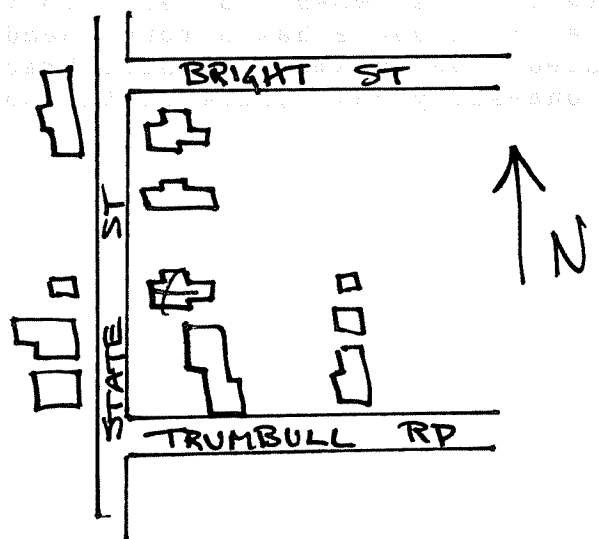
Description: Red Cross

Period 1881-84

Source Reg. of Deeds and Atlas

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

4. Map. Draw sketch of building 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date May 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) David B. Whitcomb

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

In 1881 David Whitcomb bought this 1/4 acre lot for \$600. Mr. Whitcomb was a painter and had a company with his brother Waldo on Gothic St. Their father owned the large house just south of this house on the corner of Park St. (now Trumbull Rd.), and another member of the family, probably a brother, Parker Whitcomb, developed Bright St. with cottages.

This house first appears on the 1884 atlas and is two-and-a-half stories tall with gable end to the street and a two-and-a-half story gabled projection on the northern side. The front gable has a round-headed two over two sash window within. A pedimented hood on small, ornate brackets shelters the front entrance and there is a one-story bay window on the southern side of the house.

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. 367-P.83.
- Northampton Directory: 1885-86, 1895-96.