

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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In Area no.	Form no.
	31B-149



City Northampton

Address 31 Trumbull Road

Name D. H. Whitcomb House

Present use Residence/ Funeral Home

Present owner Kenneth Pease

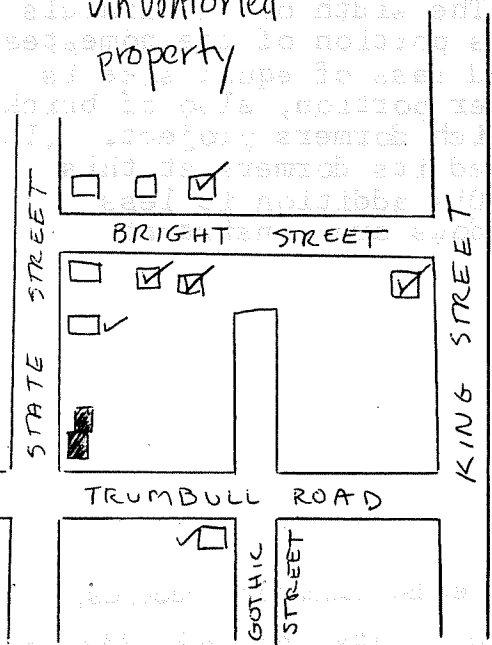
Description: 1840, 1880

Source visual evidence

Style Greek Revival/Mansard

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

✓ inventoried property



Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric stuccoed brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features earlier portion- 5 bays, ridge roof, end chimneys
later portion- 5 bays, mansard with dormers; interior chimneys.

Altered porte-cochere Date

Moved no Date

5. Lot size:
Less than one acre x Over one acre

Approximate frontage 150 feet

Approximate distance of building from street 25 feet

6. Recorded by C. Dubie

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date March 29, 1976

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7. Original owner (if known) D. H. Whitcomb
 Original use Residence
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Funeral Home

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

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

The Whitcomb family owned this parcel of land and land near it throughout the nineteenth century. David B. Whitcomb purchased, for \$300, a tract of land running from King Street to the Hampshire and Hampden Canal, in November of 1829. The canal ran along what is now State Street. In the second half of the century, members of the Whitcomb family held title to the "one acre with buildings" on Park Street.

The homestead includes two structures dating from the nineteenth century. Located closest to the intersection of State Street and Trumbull Road is a two story brick structure with ridge roof, stone window lintels and paired end chimneys. The width of the lintels and entranceway details indicate that this portion of the homestead dates from the 1830's or 1840's. A second mass of equal size is joined to the earlier structure. The later portion, also of brick, is capped by a stiff mansard roof from which dormers project. (It is likely that the earlier portion acquired its dormers at this period as well.) Fenestration in the 1880's addition is less regular but the size and shape of the windows are consistent throughout.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.) Registry of Deeds, Hampshire County, 61.462, 232.164.