

FORM B - BUILDING

In Area no.	Form no.
	31B-150-A

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



1 Northampton

Address 15 and 15A Park Ave.

Use residence

Present use residence

Present owner William McCarthy

Description:

Date c. 1840

Source Reg. of Deeds

Architect Asahel S. Abell

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved from Trumbull Rd Date c. 1895

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage _____

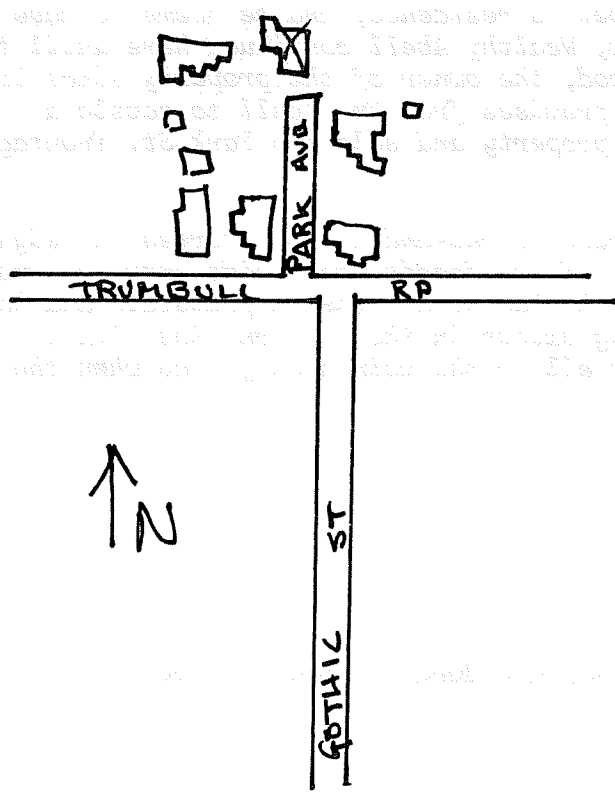
Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date May 1980

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



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Asahel S. Abell
 Original use residence
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| Aboriginal | _____ | Conservation | _____ | Recreation | _____ |
| Agricultural | _____ | Education | _____ | Religion | _____ |
| Architectural | <u>x</u> | 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)

In 1839 Asahel Abell bought 3/4 of an acre on Lyman's Lane (later Park St., now Trumbull Rd.) for \$400. Mr. Abell was listed as an architect on the deed, but in all directory listings is referred to as a carpenter. He and his brother Ansel Abell operated a combination saw and planing mill on lower Pleasant St. during the 1840's.

This house was built as Mr. Abell's residence, and he seems to have lived here until his death c. 1880. His widow, Wealthy Abell continued here until the early 1890's. After her death, Porter Underwood, the owner of the property since 1866 when Hampshire Superior Court had set off the premises from Mr. Abell to settle a claim, had the house moved to the rear of the property and sold the Park St. frontage as two building lots.

The original portion of the house is one-and-a-half stories in height with gable end to the street. The first floor of the facade has a side entrance and two full length windows. A one-story porch with chamfered posts on pedestals and balustrade extends across the facade. A large wing exists in the western side (15A). This is probably an enlargement of an original side ell to the main house, done when the house was moved.

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

- 1831 Town Map.
- 1854 and 1860 County Maps.
- 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases,
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 256-P. 72, 234-389, 86-22.
- Northampton Directory: 1860-61, 1868-69, 1873-74, 1885-86, 1895-96.