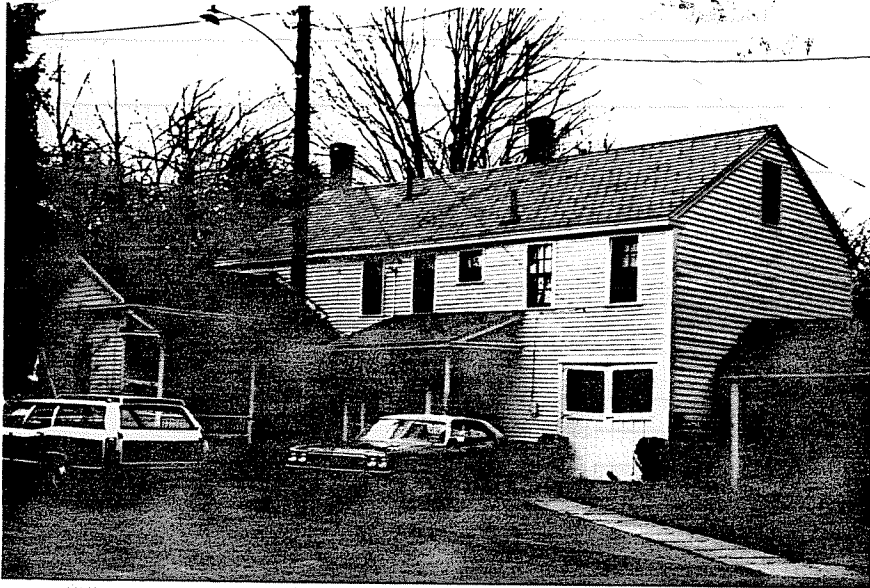


FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
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1 Northampton

Address 23 Park Ave.

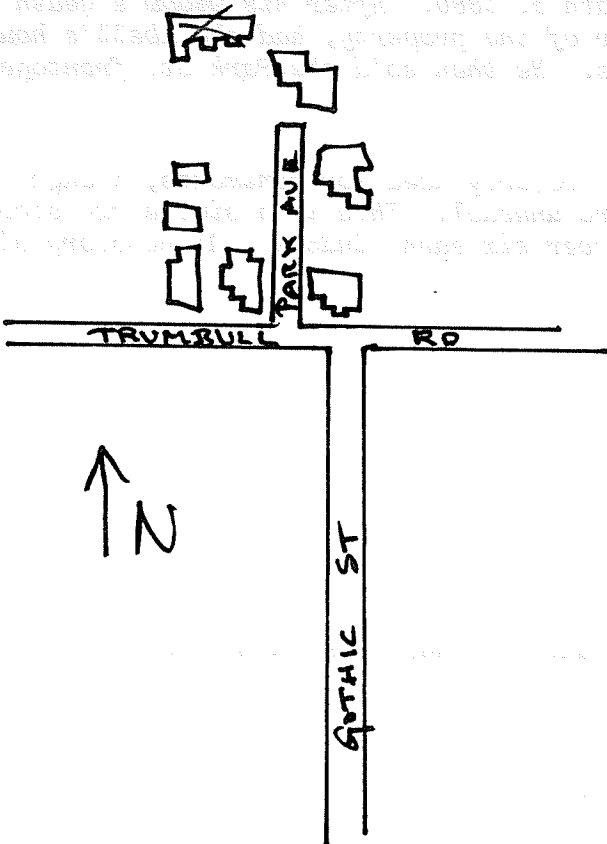
Use residence

Present owner William McCarthy

Description: 1854-60

Source Maps

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



Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features \_\_\_\_\_

Altered \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Asahel S. Abell

Original use \_\_\_\_\_

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

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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)

*Asahel S. Abell, a local carpenter, acquired 3/4 of an acre on Lyman's Lane (later Park St., now Trumbull Rd.) in 1839, and constructed his residence (now 15 Park Ave.) soon thereafter. The 1854 map shows his residence fronting on Park St., but no building in the rear. The 1860 map shows a structure behind his residence, and the 1873 atlas gives the building outline, which corresponds to this house. Mr. Abell lost title to his property in an 1866 County Supreme Court action, but continued residing in his house until his death c. 1880. After his widow's death in the early 1890's. Porter Underwood, the owner of the property, had the Abell's house moved to the rear of the lot, east of this house. He then sold the Park St. frontage for two building lots.*

*The original rear structure was probably used for tenements, though the garage doors on the eastern end of the facade are unusual. This is a simple two story frame structure, with slate gable roof and six over six sash windows. A one-story ell projects from the western end of the facade.*

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

*1854 and 1860 County Maps.  
1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases  
Registry of Deeds: Bk. 256-P. 72, 234-389, 86-22.*