

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	16D-16

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1 Northampton

Address 195 North Main Street

Name C.W. Merry House

Present use residence

Present owner William & Marjorie Lyons

Description:

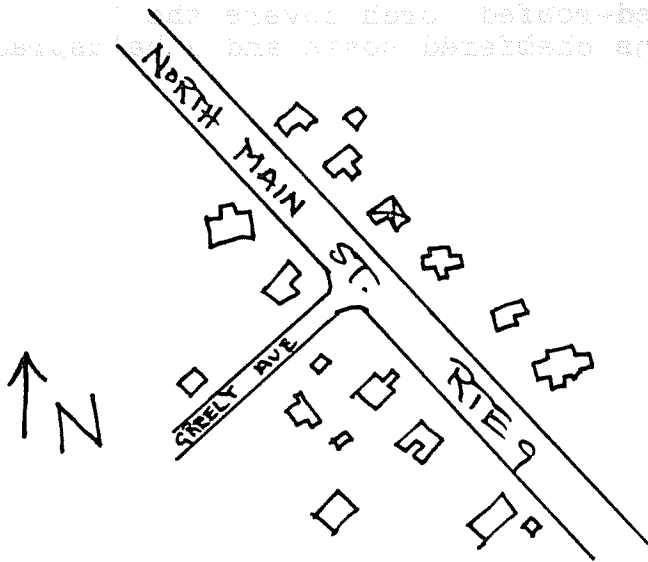
Date 1872-73

Source Reg. of Deeds & Atlas

Reference

Architect

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



Exterior wall fabric

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features L-shaped, full-length

first-floor, facade window &

sideporch with posts

Altered --- Date ---

Moved --- Date ---

5. Lot size:

One acre or less X Over one acre

Approximate frontage 65'

Approximate distance of building from street

20'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date January 1980

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Charles W. Merry

Original use residence

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)

In 1872 Charles Merry, a carpenter, acquired lot no. 3 on Charles Warren's subdivision plan for the north side of North Main St. in Florence for \$250. Mr. Merry probably constructed this house himself, and is listed as living here in the 1873 directory.

The house is two stories in height and L-shaped. Two full-length windows and a plain entrance occupy the first floor of the facade, while a one-story, shed-roofed porch covers the front of the side ell. This porch has chamfered posts and a balustrade.

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

1873, 1884 & 1895 Atlases
Registry of Deeds: Bk. 127-P. 221, 280-287, + 288-293
Northampton Directory: 1890-91, 1873-74.