

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	16D-17

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City Northampton

Address 177 North Main Street

Name T. Smith House

Present use residence

Present owner Jim & Olive Crosland

Description:

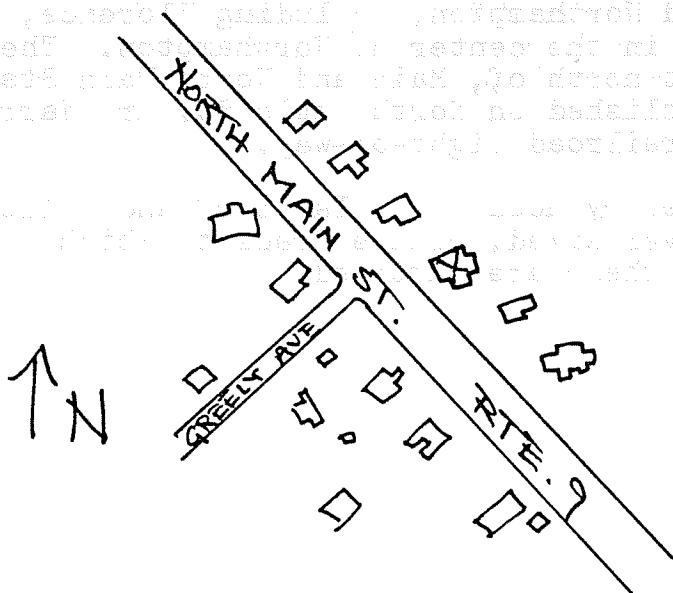
Year 1870-73

Source Reg. of Deeds & Atlas

Reference

Architect

Map 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 65'

Approximate distance of building from street

20'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date January 1980

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USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_  
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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Thomas P. Smith

Original use residence

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

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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 1870 Thomas Smith, a painter, acquired lot no. 2 of Charles Warren's subdivision plan for the north side of North Main St in Florence. North Main St. had long existed as the "road to Williamsburg", but hadn't been developed residentially until the 1860's. Mr. Warren had purchased much of the land along the northern side of the street early in the 1860's and sold lots for homesteads through out the next two decades. In 1867 the Williamsburg division of the New Haven and Northampton Railroad was completed. This connected the mill villages of Williamsburg and Northampton, including Florence, to the main north-south railroad in the center of Northampton. The railroad ran parallel to, and just north of, Main and North Main Sts. in Florence, and a depot was established on North Maple St. Mr. Warren's homestead lots backed up to the railroad right-of-way.

The house features an entry hood with flat roof and molded cornice, which is supported by over-sized, ornate brackets which curve down to the stoop. The sides of these are latticed.

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

1871, 1884 - 1895 Atlases  
 Registry of Deeds: Bk. 100-P. 159, 113-115, 139-14, 175-119 + 252-266  
 Northampton Directory: 1889-90