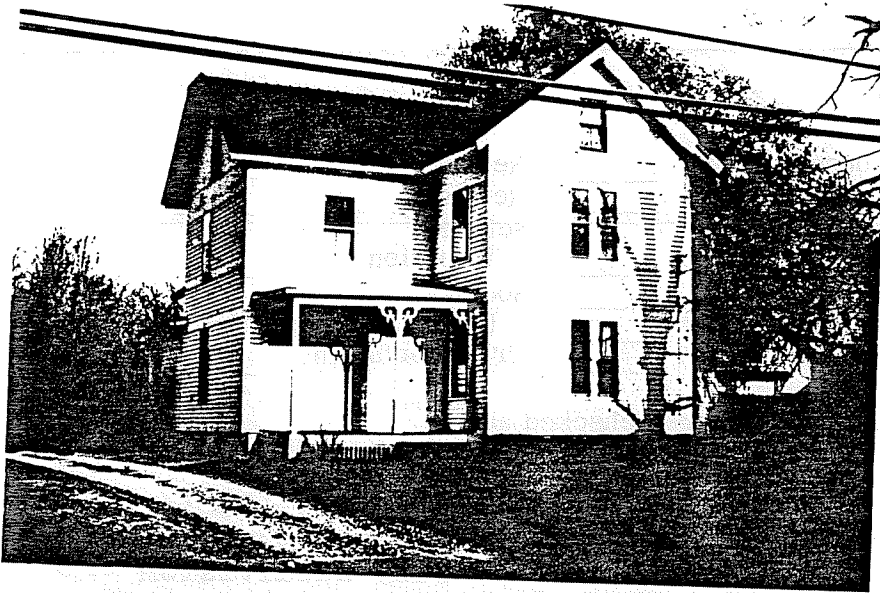


FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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Northampton

Address 171 North Main Street

Use residence

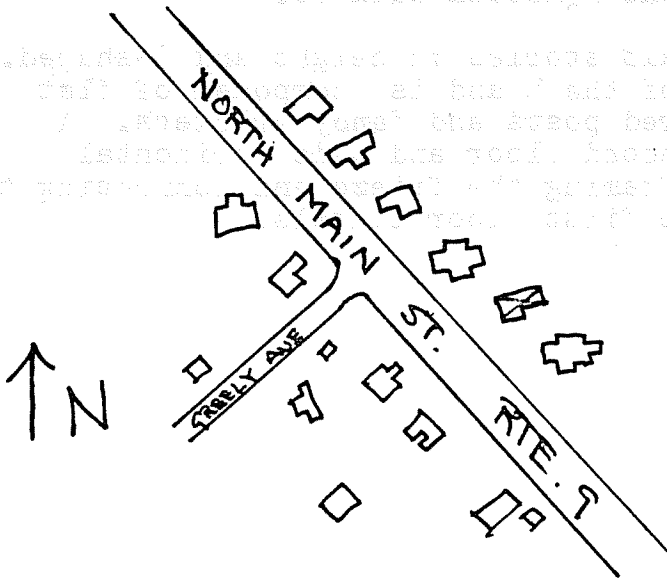
Present owner John & Wendy Morgan

Description: 1887-93

Source Registry of Deeds

Architect _____

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'

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date January 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

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 | _____ | 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)

This house appears to have been built in the late 1880's. Bennett Allen, a carpenter who lived next south of this house, acquired this lot (lot no. 1 on Charles Warren's 1869 subdivision plan for the "north side of Main St. "--now North Main St.) in 1885. Mr. Allen possibly built this house himself, and it's known to have been on this site by 1893 when the lot "with buildings" was sold to R. Lynn Porter, and employee of the N_onotuck Silk Co.

The house is two-and-a-half stories in height and L-shaped. A half porch occupies the crook of the L and is composed of flat roof, projecting cornice, chamfered posts and fancy brackets. A vertical board frieze caps the second floor and wide horizontal boards are used as belt courses framing the frieze and connecting the second floor window sills and the first floor lintels.

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

1877, 1884 + 1895 Atlases
 Registry of Deeds: Bk. 640-P. 132, 150-215, 212-215, 208-182 + 230-17
 Northampton Directory: 1890-91, + 1900