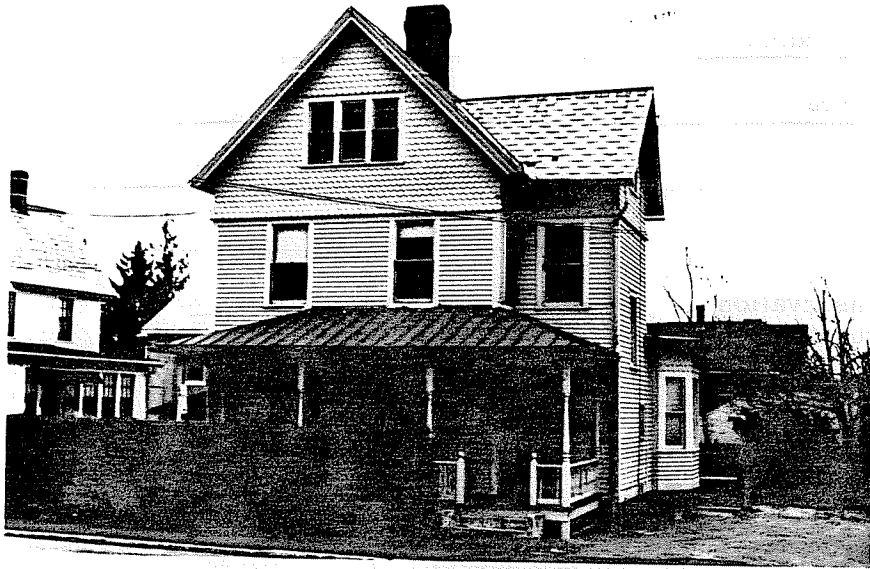


FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	31B-185

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1 Northampton

Address 103 State St.

Name G. Harris House

Present use residence

Present owner Robert Golling et al.

Description:

1884-1895

Source Atlases and visual evidence

3 _____

Architect _____

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 _____

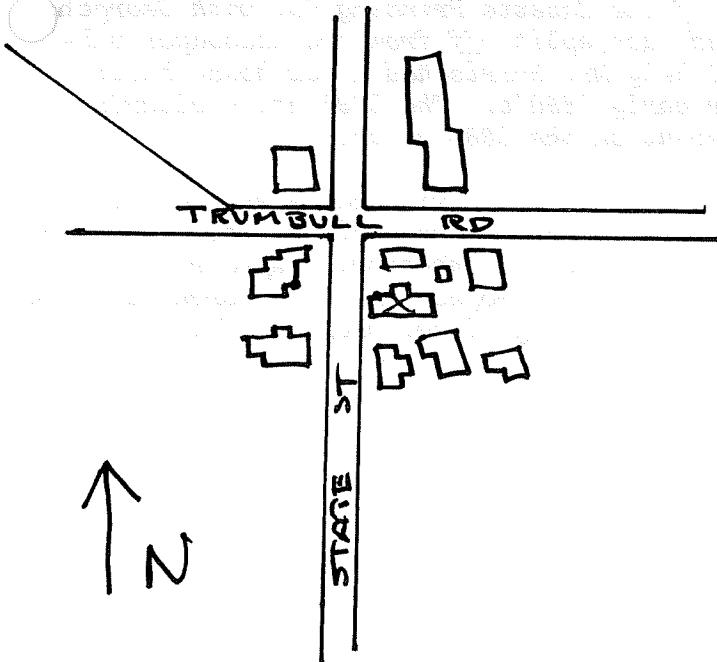
Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date May 1980

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



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) George L. Harris

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 | _____ | | | | |

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The 1873 atlas shows a house on this site, owned by George Harris, a printer in the Gazette office. Mr. Harris continued to be listed at this address into the early 20th century, but it doesn't seem as if the present house is the original one. By 1885 Mr. Harris had become a co-owner of the Gazette Printing Co. with George S. Gere. This company did job printing, and had been split off from the newspaper publishing company, the Hampshire Gazette. Most likely Mr. Harris had a new house built for himself at some point in the late 1880's or early 1890's. The 1895 atlas clearly shows this house, but the outline appears different on the 1884 atlas.

The house is two-and-a-half stories in height with gable end to the street and a two-and-a-half story galbed projection on the southern side. Above the second floor lintels the house is clad with decorative shingles. A one-story hipped roof porch extends across the facade and on the southern side to the projection. The porch has turned posts and a balustrade of turned spindles. A one-story bay window projects from the southern side.

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

1860 County Map.
 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
 Northampton Directory: 1873-74, 1885-86, 1895-96.