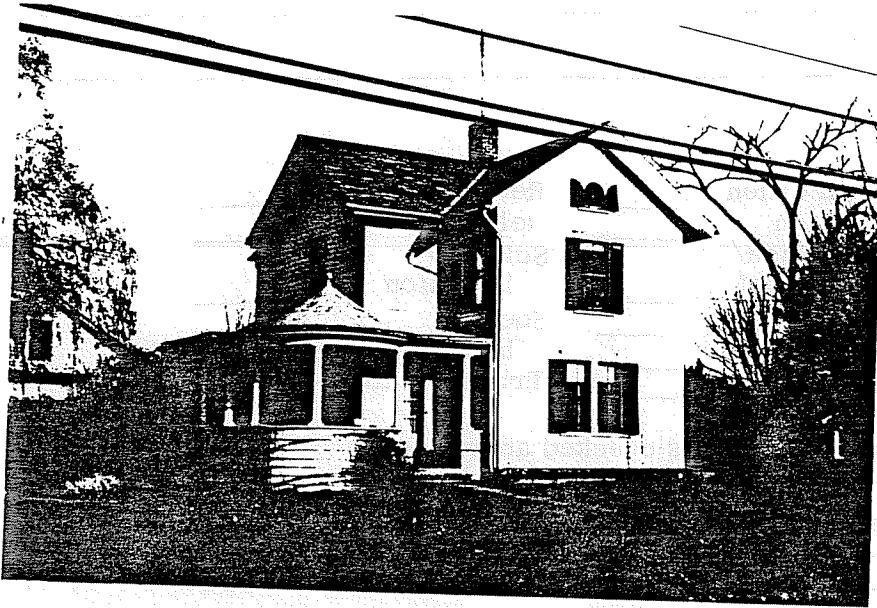


FORM B - BUILDING

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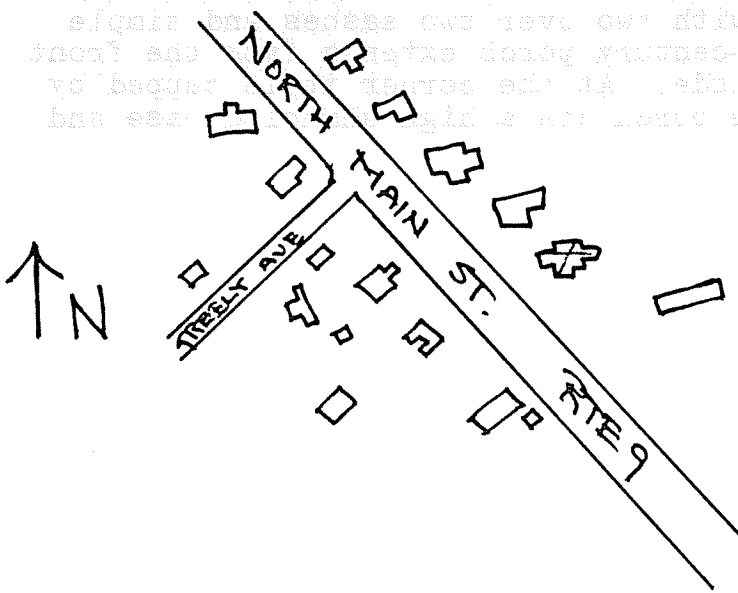
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City Northampton
 Address 165 North Main Street
 Name B. Allen House
 Present use residence
 Present owner William Sheridan
 Description:
 Date 1870-7?
 Source Reg. of Deeds and Atlas
 Architect _____

4. Map. Draw sketch of building 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 25'

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
 USGS Quadrant _____
 MHC Photo no. _____

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan
 Organization NHC
 Date January 1980

(over)

Original owner (if known) Bennett Allen

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 1871 Bennett Allen, a carpenter, bought about a half acre of land on the eastern side of North Main St. in Florence for \$100. Mr. Allen probably built this house himself, and it first appears on the 1873 atlas.

The house is two-and-a-half stories in height and L-shaped. The front gable has a small round-headed window within, while the other windows are rectangular, with two over two sashes and simple molded cornices. A turn-of-the-century porch extends from the front projection around the northern side. At the corner it is capped by a domical roof with finial. The porch has a high shingled base and Tuscan columns.

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

1873, 1884 + 1885 Atlases
Registry of Deeds: 28, 285-2, 157, 215-177 + 210-211
Northampton Directory 1873-80