

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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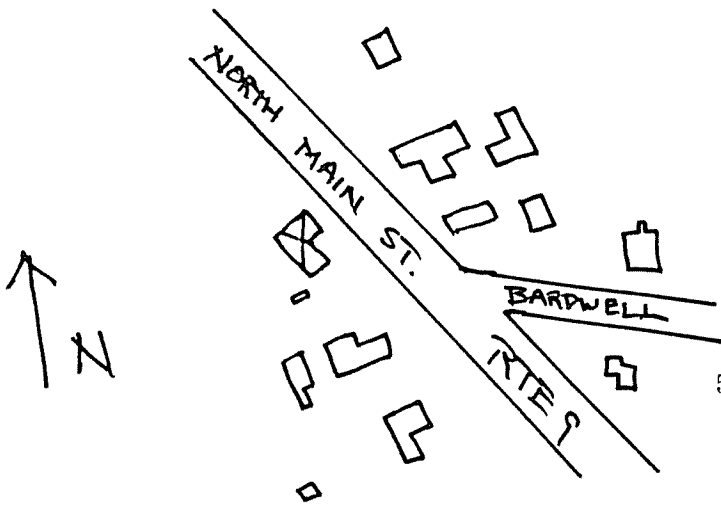
In Area no.	Form no.
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Town Northampton
 Address 140 North Main St
 Name N. Ruiter House
 Present use residence
 Present owner Helen & Edward Driscoll
 Description:
 Date 1906-1915
 Source Reg. of Deeds and Directory
 Title
 Architect

4. Map. Draw sketch 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 220'
 Approximate distance of building from street 10'

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

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan
 Organization NHC
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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Nelson and Eleanor Ruiter

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	_____				

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

This house was built early in the 20th century for Nelson and Eleanor Ruiter. Mr. Ruiter was employed by the Norwood Engineering Co. on North Maple St. in Florence. The house is two stories tall and L-shaped, with the short leg facing the street. A one-story porch extends across most of the facade and along the southern side of the house. This is composed of hipped roof, projecting cornice, Tuscan columns and a balustrade.

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

1895 and 1915 Atlases.
 Registry of Deeds: Bk. 758-P. 440, 704-218, 610-330.
 Northampton Directory: 1907, 1915, 1922.