

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	31B-214



Northampton

Address 63 Gothic St.

Name Henry Brown House

Present use residence

Present owner Alice Flynn

Description: 1866-68

Source Reg. of Deeds

Architect W.F. Pratt (?)

in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features L-shaped, round-headed window in front gable, cornice window-

heads, flat roof portico with cham-  
fered posts.

Altered -- Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved -- Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

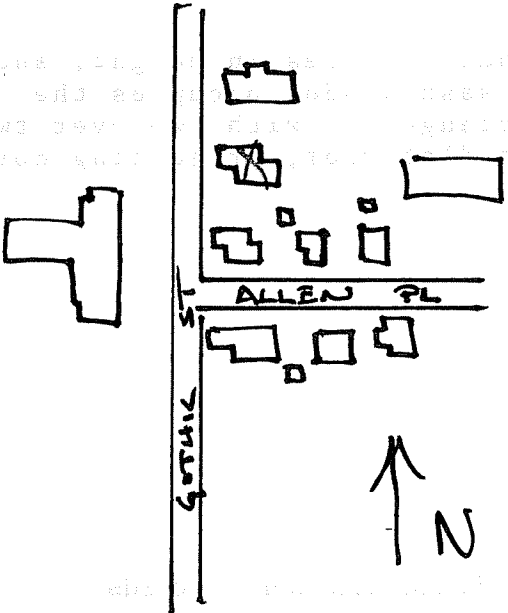
Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate distance of building from street \_\_\_\_\_

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Henry A. Brown

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	_____				

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

In 1865 Henry Brown acquired a lot of land on Gothic St. for \$900. The Gazette, in 1886, stated that "Capt. Henry A. Brown, our wide awake painter, is about to erect a \$4000 house on Gothic St....Mr. Pratt furnishes the plan." Mr. Pratt is William F. Pratt, Northampton's most prominent and prolific architect of the mid 19th century. However Mr. Brown sold this property to John Draper for \$1600 and a \$500 Mortgage in 1867, so it is somewhat questionable if the planned Pratt house was ever erected.

The house is L-shaped, two-and-a-half stories in height, and has a slate roof. A round-headed, two over two sash window occupies the front gable, while all other windows are rectangular, with two over two sashes, and molded cornices. A portico with flat roof, projecting cornice and chamfered posts covers the entrance.

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

1860 County Map.

1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.

Registry of Deeds: Bk. 343-P. 547 and 477, 312-181, 287-135, 257-117,  
244-144, 230-155.

Hampshire Gazette: Oct. 30, 1866.