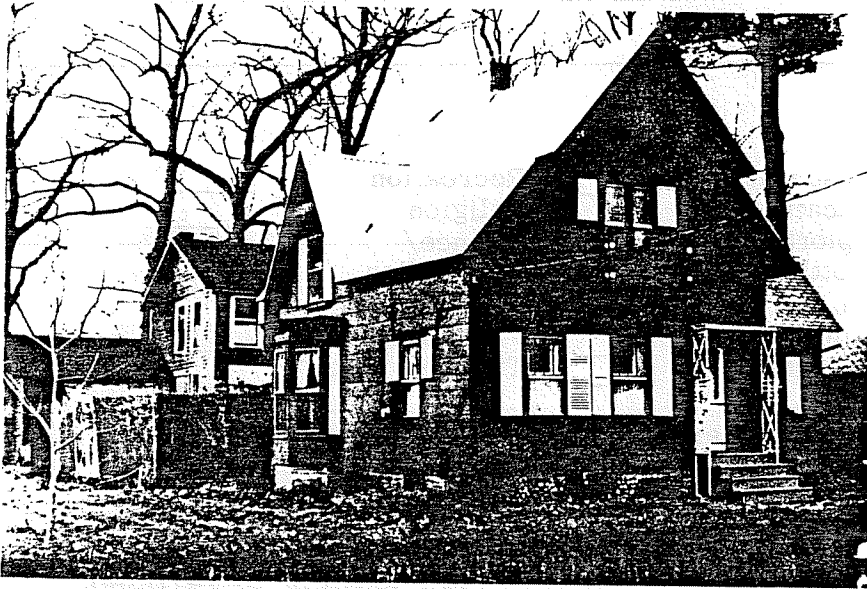


FORM B - BUILDING

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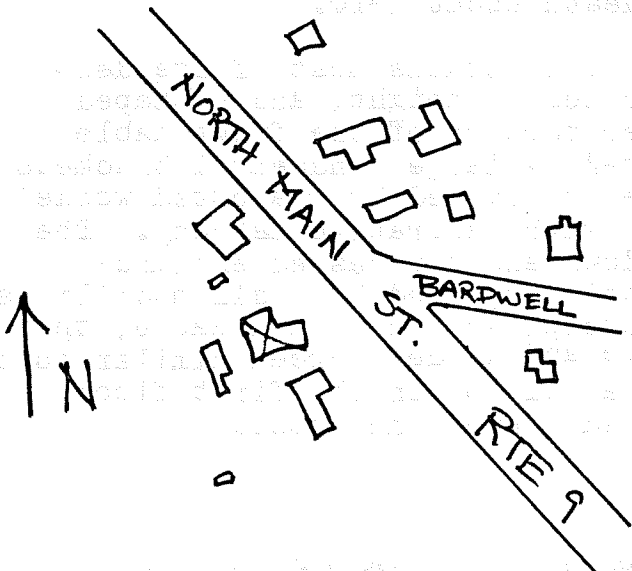
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City Northampton
Address 130 North Main St
Name E. C. Davis House
Present use _____
Present owner William & Margaret Mathers
Description: _____
Date 1865-1873
Source Registry of Deeds & Atlas
Date _____

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



Architect _____
Exterior wall fabric asbestos shakes
Outbuildings (describe) _____
Other features _____

Altered sided Date mid 20th C
Moved - - - Date - - -

5. Lot size:
One acre or less X Over one acre _____
Approximate frontage 125'
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) Emory C. and Isabel G. Davis

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	<u>x</u>				

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

In 1865 Isabel and Emory Davis bought half an acre of land fronting on North Main St. in Florence for \$140. The street was the old "road to Williamsburg" of the 18th century, but wasn't developed residentially until the mid 1860's. Mr. Davis worked for the Florence Sewing Machine Co., but soon went into business for himself as a surveyor and civil engineer. He became the city engineer, and formed a partnership with his son Eugene, who was also a surveyor and civil engineer. They were located in downtown Northampton and maintained the business until the elder Davis's death about 1910.

The house has been sided but still retains most of its decorative trim. It's one-and-a-half stories in height, and L-shaped with steeply-pitched gables. The upper portion of the front gable projects from the house and is supported by large ornamental brackets. The area above the gable's collar tie is covered by a slotted wooden screen. Below this is a double window with decorative balcony. The first floor of the facade has two windows and a recessed entrance, all of which have slightly arched lintel supported by small modillions. The southern side of the house has a steeply-pitched wall gable, the upper portion of which has a collar tie and wooden screen similar to that in the front gable, while there is a bay window on the first floor. A large, two-story outbuilding is situated behind the house.

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

1860 County Map
 Registry of Deeds: Bk. 299-P. 163, 231-398.
 Northampton Directory: 1868-69, 1875-76, 1885-86, 1905 and 1915.