

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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Northampton

Address 53 Center Street

House

Present use office building

Present owner Myer Sharpe, David Morse,
Robert Ostberg

Description:

c. 1868

Source Registry of Deeds

Bracketed

Architect unknown

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

Exterior wall fabric wood

Outbuildings (describe) small cement garage

Other features roof with deep bracketed

overhang; bay windows, sides; bold

cornices on windows

Altered numerous additions,
sides & rear Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 30 feet

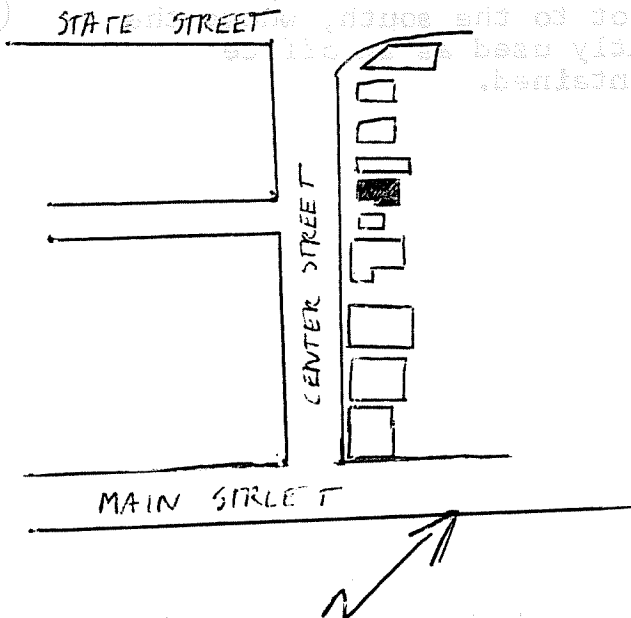
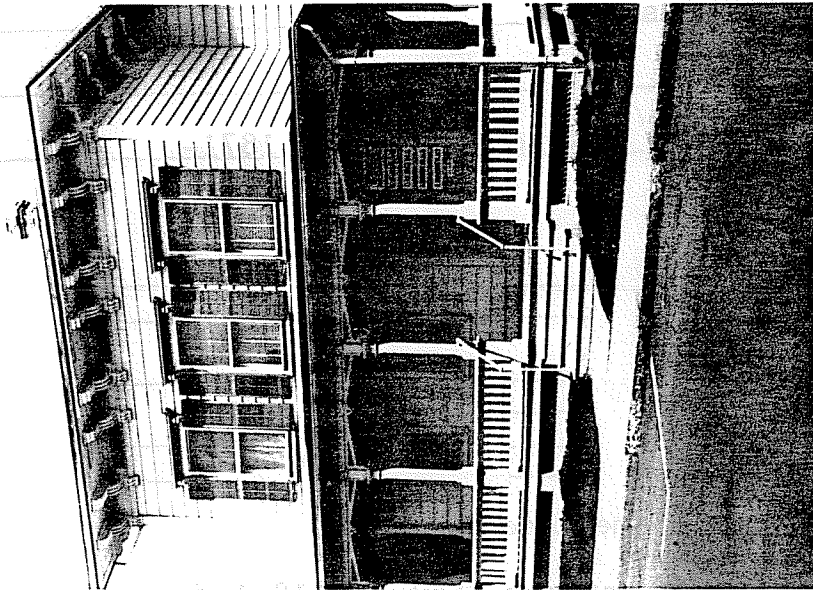
Approximate distance of building from street

10 feet

6. Recorded by C. Dubie

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7. Original owner (if known) S. G. Dickinson

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates parsonage, Methodist Church, 1871-

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

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

This bracketed house was built between 1867 and 1871 for S. G. Dickinson, a local merchant. Dickinson built a block of stores, still standing, on upper Main Street in 1869. Wm. F. Pratt was the architect of the commercial block and may have been responsible for this house on Center Street as well.

The Methodist Church acquired the property in 1871 and used the house as the church parsonage for a number of years. (The Methodist Church was located on the lot to the south, where the Elks Hall currently stands.) Presently used as an office building, the house has been well maintained.

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

Hampshire County Registry of Deeds: 1692.195, 1445.66, 1178.47, 1087.327, 998.231, 973.96, 819.90, 379.429, 323,121, 284.121, 243.307 (plan), 243.307.
Beer's 1873 Atlas, Walkers 1884 Atlas.