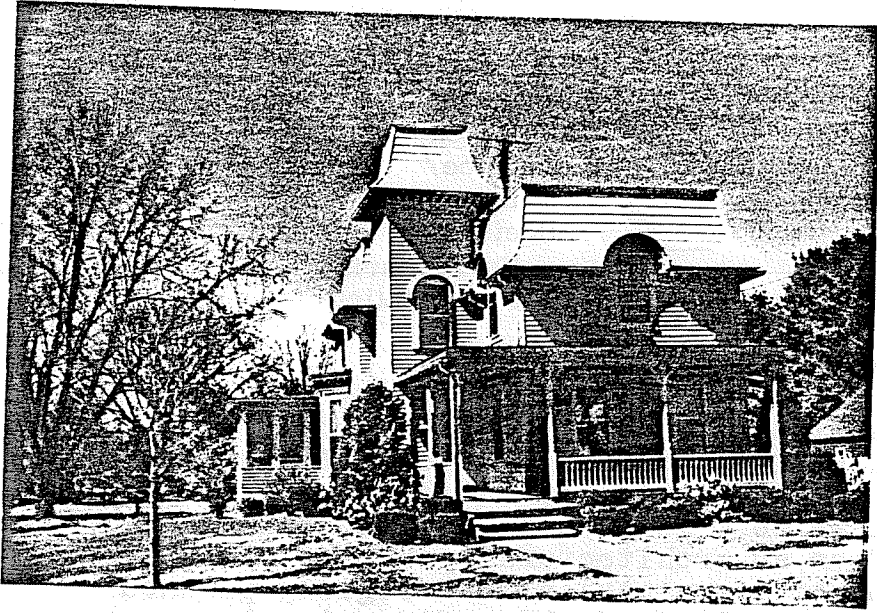


FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	17A-210



Florence (Northampton)

Address 116 North Maple Street

J. Van Slyke House

Present use Residence

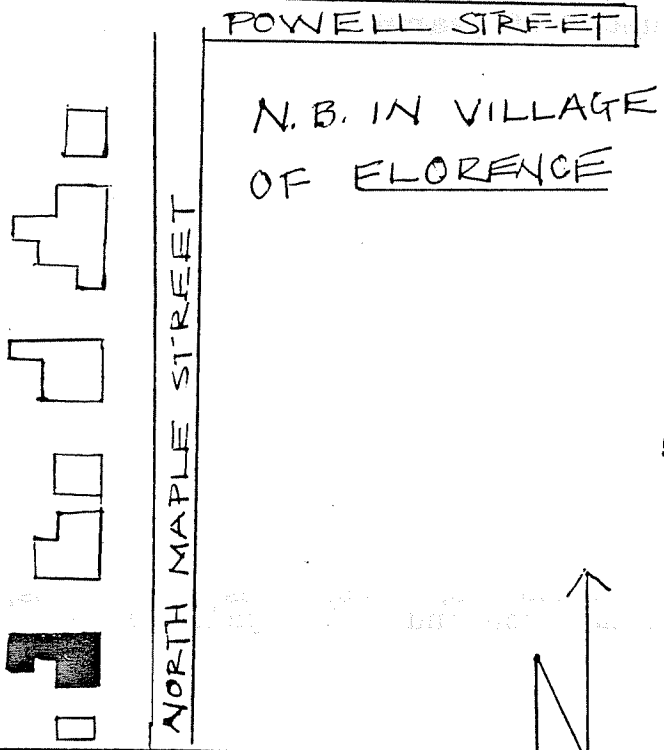
Present owner William P. Hurley

Description: Circa 1870

Source 1884 Atlas of Northampton

Second Empire

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



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USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_  
MHC Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Bracketed

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features Mansard roof, cupola, dentils under roof, front veranda

Altered no Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:  
Less than one acre x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximate frontage 125 feet  
Approximate distance of building from street 20 feet

6. Recorded by Lori Komaromi  
Organization Northampton Historical Commission  
Date March 10, 1976

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7. Original owner (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

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Original use \_\_\_\_\_ Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_ Residence \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

The J. Van Slyke House located on North Maple Street is a superb example of a Second Empire suburban edifice. Dressed in a salmon color, the house has a distinctly autochthonous or earthy character. The dental work is concise and thoroughly aesthetically pleasing. From an architectural perspective, it is important as it conforms to a symmetrical and rigidly planned medium. The emphasis on the complicated three-dimensional modelling, especially that of the mansard roof prepared the way for the subsequent Shingle Style in America.

Today General William P. Hurley resides here. He has occupied the dwelling for a number of years.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.) 1884 Atlas of Northampton and principalities