

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

59 West St.

Occupant Name

Original residence

Present residence

Ownership: Private individual
Private organization

Public

Original owner

Construction:

Date mid 19th c.

Date

Source maps and visual evidence

Style

Architect

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings

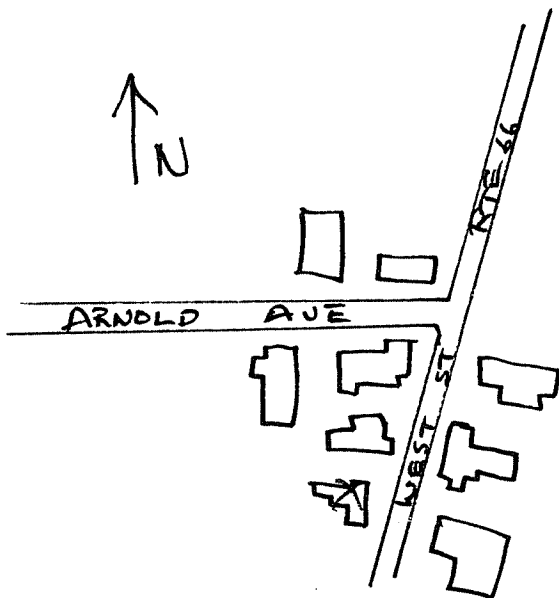
Major alterations (with dates)

Moved --- Date

Approx. acreage one acre or less

Setting

Location ---
cross streets and other buildings
or geographical features.
Indicate north.



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Organization NHC

Date June 1980

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

The house is 2 1/2 stories in height with steeply-pitched pediment to the street. The tympanum is covered with clapboard and features a stylized "Palladian" window. The three-bay facade is covered by a one-story trellice-like porch, which extends shortly along both sides. This is almost entirely covered with Wisteria. On the southern side of the house is a two-story bay window.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

West St. was an early Colonial highway in Northampton, leading across the Mill River and out to "Murrayfield" (now Chester and Huntington) on the Westfield River. The 1831 map shows three homesteads and the street between Green St. and the Mill River.

This house was built in the mid 19th century, with the first known occupants being J.D. Lawrence and Franklin Lawrence, who are both listed here in the 1868-69 directory.

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