

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	17A-211

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1 Northampton

Address 1?? North Maple Street

City

Present use residence

Present owner Richard & Kathleen Wentz

Description:

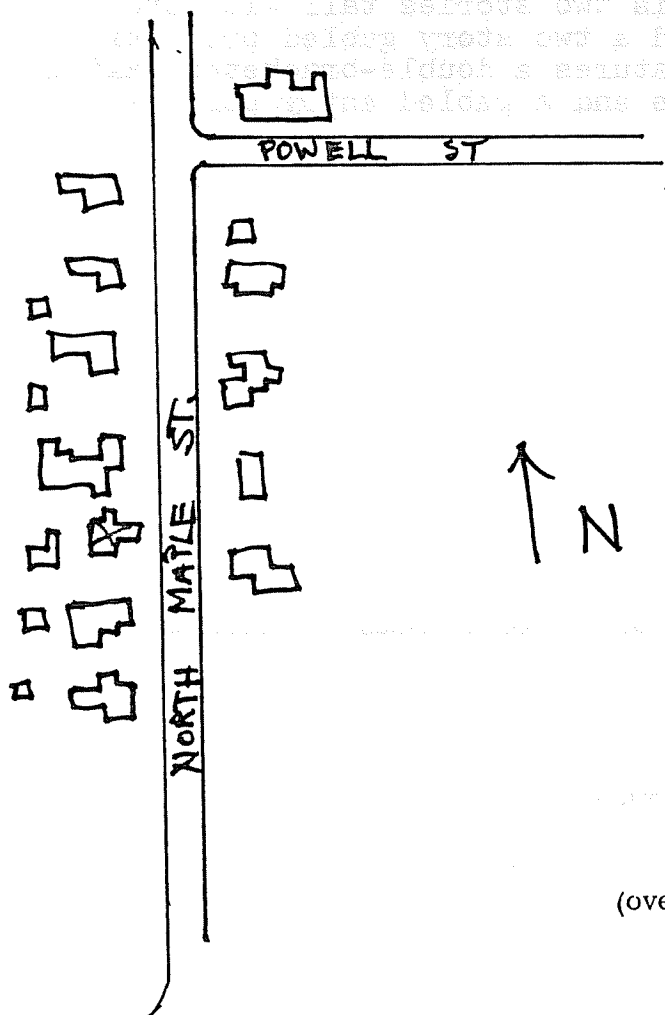
Year 1867-72

Source Reg. of Deeds & Atlas

Reference

Architect

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



Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features

Altered 2 1/2 story side addition Date 1872-1884

Moved --- Date ---

5. Lot size:

One acre or less  Over one acre

Approximate frontage

Approximate distance of building from street

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date January 1980

(over)

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

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)

This is one of the early houses built on North Main St. In 1867 G.F. Miller filed a subdivision plan for the northern half of the street. This coincided with the opening of the Williamsburg Railroad, which passed through Florence and had a freight house and depot on the southern end of North Maple St. near Main St.

The house first appears on the 1873 atlas, and is the property of a Mrs. Wealthy Darrow. It is two stories tall with steeply-pitched gable end to the street, and a two story gabled projection on the southern side. The house features a double-bracketed raking cornice and oculusin the front gable and a gabled entry porch with turned posts.

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

- 1873, 1884 & 1895 Atlases
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 246-P. 151
- Northampton Directory: 1875-76, 1892-93.