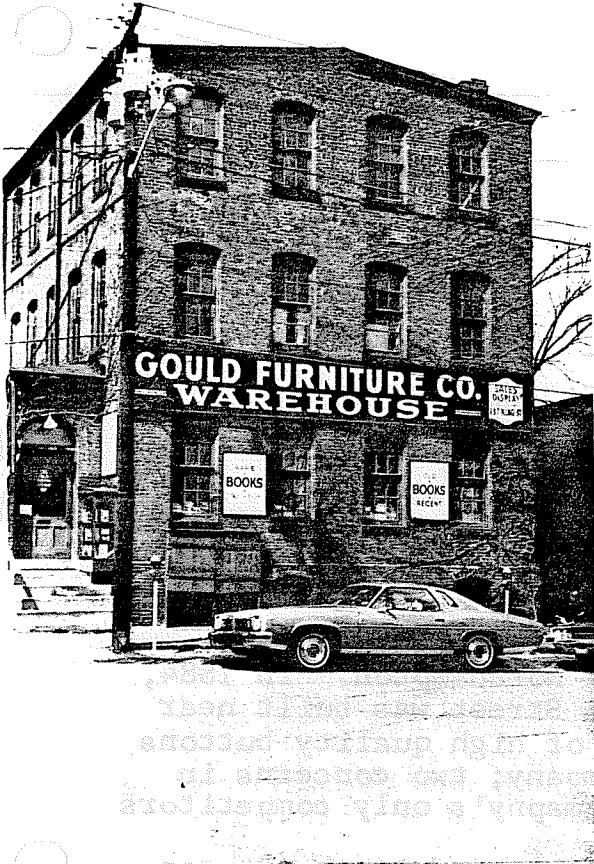


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1. Town Northampton

Address 32 Masonic Street

Name E. N. Foote Button Shop

Present use The Old Book Store

Present owner Morris Gould

3. Description:

Date c. 1880

Source Quarter-Centennial County Journal, 1887

Style Victorian Commercial

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features 3 story former factory building

Altered third story added Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

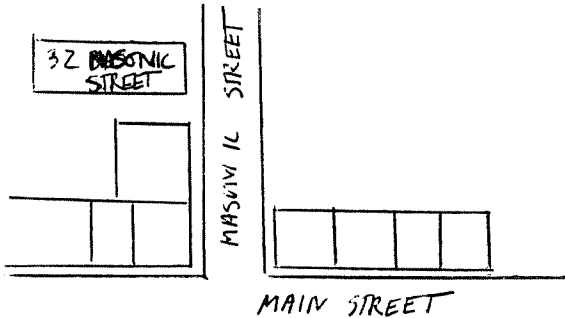
Approximate frontage 50 feet

Approximate distance of building from street 5 feet

6. Recorded by C. Dubie

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date April 15, 1975



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7. Original owner (if known) E. N. Foote

Original use Button Factory

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Bicycle factory

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

The Foote button concern began the manufacture of buttons in 1878 on Pleasant Street in Northampton. In 1884, the 30 x 118 foot building on Masonic Street was built near the town fire department. A variety of high quality buttons were produced by the Foote Button Company; two concerns in Providence, Rhode Island, were the company's only competitors in the 1880's.

The upper floors of the building were leased to the Boston Cash Register Company in 1891, when the button concern folded. A bicycle factory later took possession of the building.

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

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