

FORM B - BUILDING

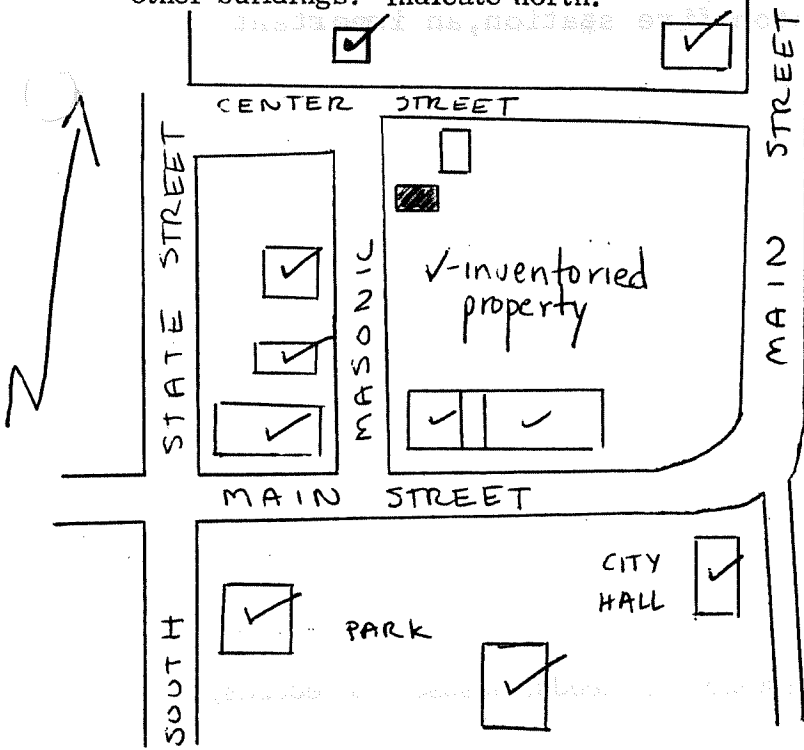
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no. <u>A</u>	Form no. <u>31D-126</u>
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Northampton
Address 79 Masonic Street
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Present use Christian Science Reading Room
Present owner First Church of Christian Scientists
Construction: c. 1870
Source visual evidence
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____
MHC Photo no. _____

Architect unknown
Exterior wall fabric wood
Outbuildings (describe) none
Other features 2 stories; flat roof w/ deep overhang; window moldings & pediments; prominent quoins
Altered brackets removed?? Date _____
Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:
Less than one acre x Over one acre _____
Approximate frontage 210 on Masonic St.
Approximate distance of building from street
10 feet

6. Recorded by C. Dubie
Organization Northampton Historical Commission
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7. Original owner (if known) unknown (not researched)

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates residence; Christian Science Reading Room

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| 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 type="checkbox"/> | | | | |

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

This two story wooden frame dwelling with prominent quoins and flat roof with deep overhang. . Windows carry flat cornices and are surrounded by an unusual wooden molding. A porch and later additions are also present. It is possible that brackets have been removed from the eaves.

The structure is located on Masonic Street to the rear of the downtown and dates from the general period of development of that area. It faces the Northampton fire station, an important inventoried city property.

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