

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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In Area no. <u>A</u>	Form no. <u>31D-164</u>
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1. Northampton  
 Address 220 Main Street  
 Name Unitarian Church  
 Present use Public Worship  
 Present owner Unitarian Society  
 Description:  
1904  
 Source Daily Hampshire Gazette  
Greek Revival  
 Architect \_\_\_\_\_

in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

Exterior wall fabric Brick and Granite

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features brick with granite trim; white wooden Ionic columns; heavy dentilated cornice.

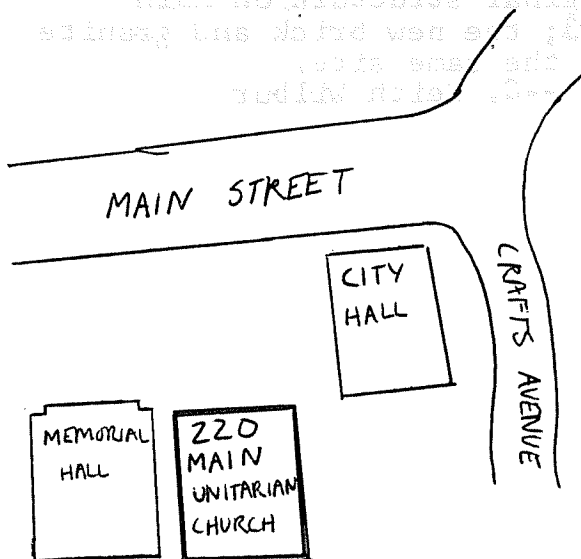
Altered no Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

5. Lot size:  
 One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage 70 feet

Approximate distance of building from street  
100 feet



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE  
 USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Recorded by C. Dubie  
 Organization Northampton Historical Commission  
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7. Original owner (if known) Unitarian Society

Original use Church

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates none

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input checked="" 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)

The Greek Revival Unitarian Church built in 1825 formalized the revolt against Calvinist Doctrine and affirmed the belief in man's power to do good works. The Free Congregational Society of Florence, a second major source of Unitarianism in Northampton, is now a part of the Unitarian Society in the center of Northampton. (The Free Congregational Society was for many years housed in Cosmian Hall, now demolished, designed in 1872 by E. C. Gardner.) The original structure on Main Street was destroyed by fire in 1903; the new brick and granite building is of similar style and on the same site.

--C. Keith Wilbur

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

Series in Hampshire Gazette, December 1, 1954;  
 "The Beginnings of Unitarianism in Northampton," a talk  
 by Allina Wilson, February 20, 1972.