

FORM B - BUILDING

In Area no.	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston



Northampton

Address 55-65 South St.

Name Mc Cormick Apartments

Use residence

Present owner Richard and John Shea

Description:

1915

Source Atlas and Directories

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features \_\_\_\_\_

Altered -- Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved -- Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

One acre or less \_\_\_\_\_ Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_

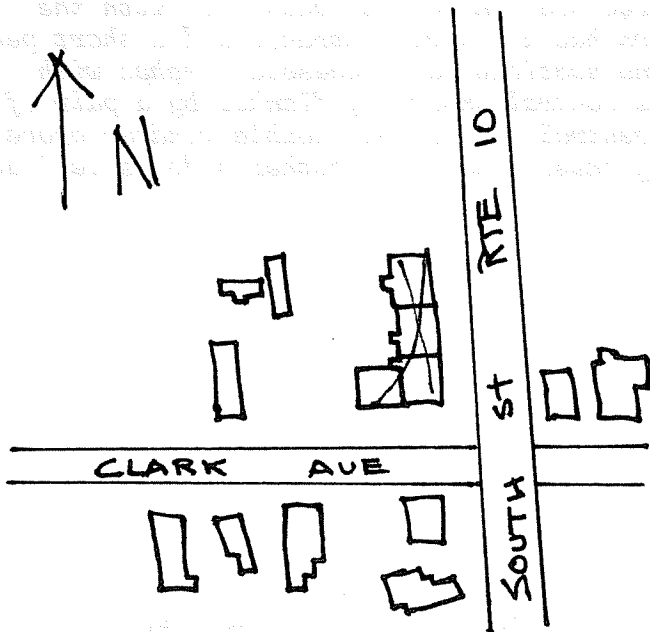
Approximate distance of building from street \_\_\_\_\_

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

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Date April 1980

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



(over)

7. 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)

*The first true apartment building appeared in Northampton in 1910. Four year later the McCormick Apartment Block was built at a cost of \$60,000. This was the largest such block ever built in the city, containing thirty apartments. The block presents a facade of four stories to New South St., but since the street is elevated the lower two floors of the southern end are hidden, and make the block six stories tall.*

*The building is divided into three section on New South St., with the central section slightly recessed. Each division has a central entrance and a short pentroof of red tile supported by large brackets. The end sections have recessed porches with wrought iron rails on the upper floors above the central entrance, flanked by a pair of double and triple windows on either side. The central section has double windows above its central entrance, with recessed porches flanking these windows on either side as well as a triple window on each side.*

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

*1895 and 1915 Atlases.  
Northampton Directory: 1915-1922.  
Springfield Daily Republican Dec. 28, 1914, p. 7.*