

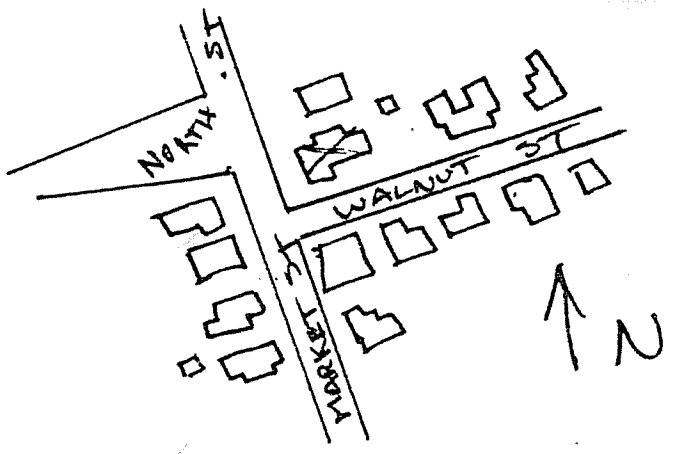
FORM B - BUILDING

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| Area | Form no. 32A-3 |
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



cross streets and other buildings
 or geographical features.
 Indicate north.



Northampton

109 Market St.

Original Name W.C. Prentiss house

Original residence

Present residence

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

Public

Original owner

Construction:

1850's

Date

Source Reg. of Deeds and Maps

Style Bracketed

Architect

Exterior wall fabric asbestos shakes

Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates)

enclosed porch and sided- mid 20th

Moved --- Date

Approx. acreage one acre or less

Setting

Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date April 1980

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

This Italianate house has been quite modernized during the mid 20th century, but still retains its basic form and characteristic motif- wide eaves supported by double brackets on a frieze with interspersed ventilating grilles of a decorative nature.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

The house seems to have been built for William Prentiss, a "painter and glazier". Mr. Prentiss began in business in 1820, and had worked with his son William F. for many years. They were reported to be "the principal sign painters in the county". Mr. Prentiss bought this lot of land, which was lot no. 2 on Josiah Whitney's 1854 subdivision plan for a portion of Market/North Sts. and a new street to be called Walnut St., for the sum of \$200 in 1857. However the 1854 map of Northampton shows a house on this site owned by Mr. Prentiss, confusing the title chain. However, stylistically this house wouldn't date much earlier than this map.

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