

FORM B - BUILDING

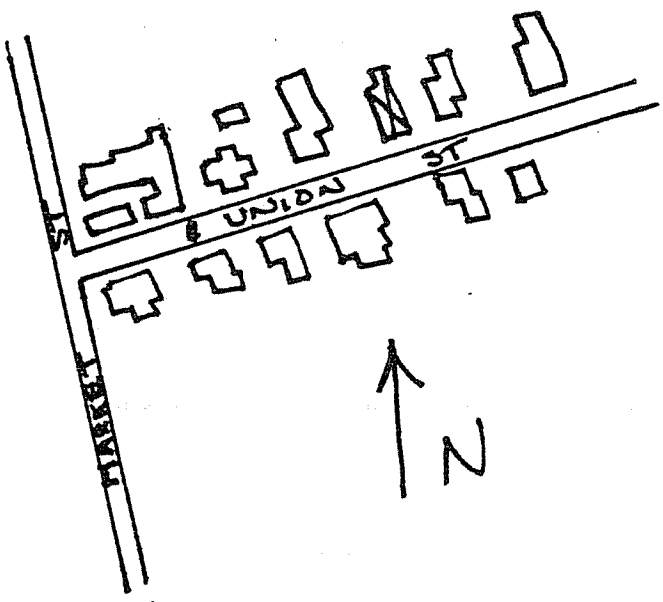
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
Staple to left side of form  
Photo number \_\_\_\_\_

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



1. Town Northampton  
Address 26 Union St.  
Name Shepard-Metcalf House  
Present use residence

Present owner Frances Spinelli

3. Description:  
Date 1828-1829  
Source Reg. of Deeds  
Style \_\_\_\_\_

Architect \_\_\_\_\_  
Exterior wall fabric clapboard  
Outbuildings (describe) --  
Other features \_\_\_\_\_

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

5. Lot size:  
One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximate frontage 50'  
Approximate distance of building from street 20'

6. Recorded by C. Dubie and E. Lonergan  
Organization NHC  
Date June 2, 1975 and April 1980

(over)

Elijah Abbott

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)

In 1827 Elijah Abbott, Abner Bugbee and Sylvester Newell purchased four parcels of land on Market St. "which ran from Market St. to the land by the burying ground". These gentlemen opened Union St. shortly thereafter and split up ownership of the lots on this street. In 1829, Mr. Abbott, a "painter", sold this lot with house to Thomas Watson Shepard, also a "painter", for \$1250. Mr. Shepard kept the property for only a few years, selling to John Metcalf in 1833. The house and land remained in the Metcalf family for the rest of the 19th century.

The house is one story in height with ridge roof and center chimney. The three-bay facade has a central entrance with decorative transom, pilasters and entablature. The transom's detailing is similar to contemporary houses at 38 Fruit St. and 218 Elm St., raising the possibility of a single craftsman.

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

- 1854 County Map.
- 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlas.
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 70-P. 260, 62-315, 58-499, 57-510.