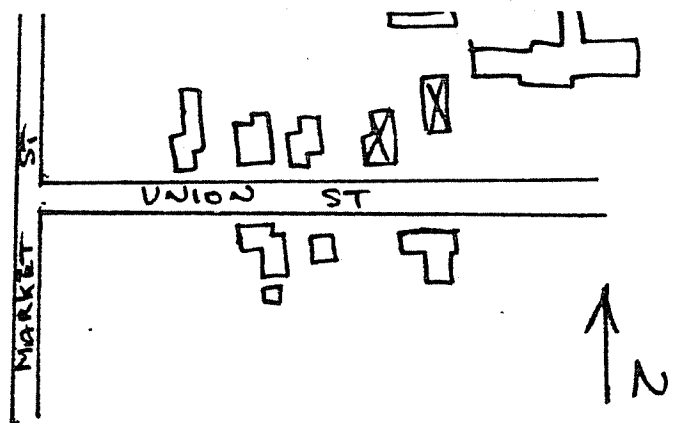
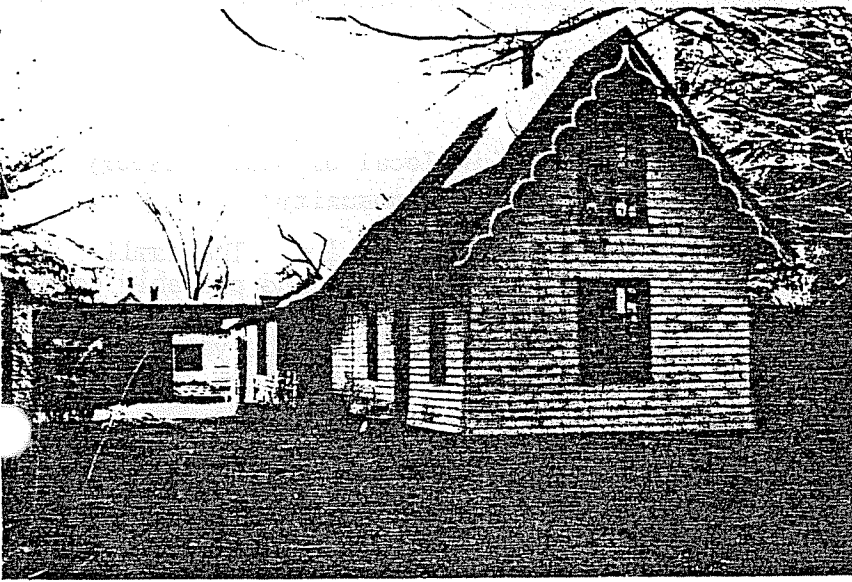
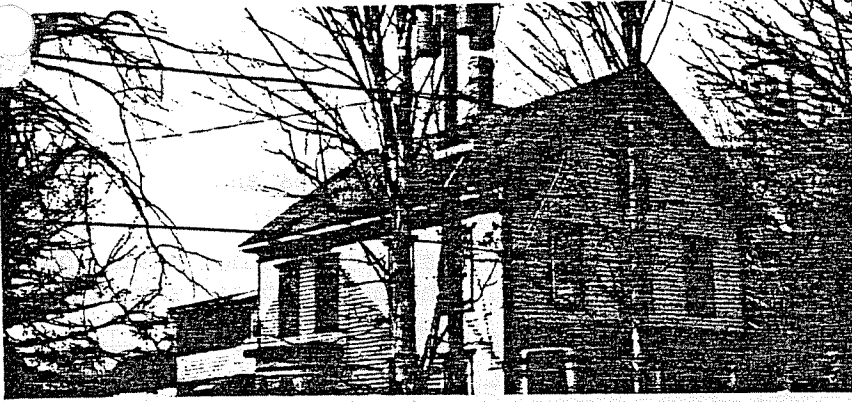


FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
	32A-57



Northampton

38 and 40 Union St.

Local Name E. Abbott Houses

Original residences

Present residences

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

Public

Original owner Elijah Abbott

DESCRIPTION:

c. 1830 and late 1850's

Source Maps and Reg. of Deeds

Structure ect

Roof or wall fabric

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage one acre or less

Setting _____

Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date April 1980

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

The cottage is one story in height with steeply-pitched gable end to the street. Decorative bargeboards adorn the gable. The other house is 2½ stories in height with gable end to the street and a "Gothic" framed window in the front gable. The three-bay facade is covered by a one-story porch with flat roof, chamfered posts and patterned balustrade. There is a one-story bay window with round-headed windows on the western side and the other windows on the house have two over two sashes and projecting cornices.

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

These two houses have always been on the same lot. The small Carpenter Gothic cottage would seem to be the earlier of the two and probably dates from shortly after 1828. In that year Elijah Abbott, a "painter", obtained sole title to this lot from his two partners in a large real estate purchase the year before. It was at this time that Union St. was laid out. Mr. Abbott maintained this lot as his homestead until his decease in the late 1860's. The 1854 map shows one house, probably the cottage, owned by E. Abbott, but the 1860 map shows two houses of Mr. Abbott on this lot. Thus the larger house was probably built during the latter part of the 1850's. In 1869 Charles O. Smith, a farmer, bought this land with both houses thereon. Mr. Smith used the more recent house for his own residence, and lived here well into the 20th century.

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