

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	32A-66



Northampton

Address 59 Union St.

Name E.C. Parsons House

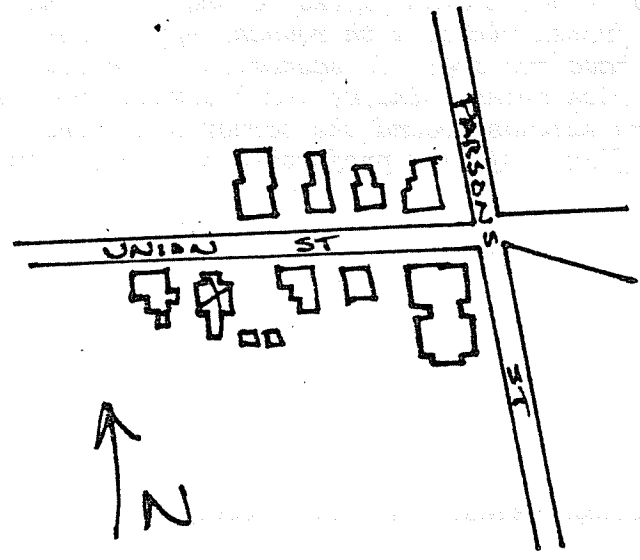
Present use residence

Present owner Alice Fine

Description: 1874

Source Parsons Houses in Northampton

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



Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered -- Date _____

Moved from Bridge St. Date 1920's

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage _____

Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date April 1980

(over)

Elijah Chauncey Parsons

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	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This Italianate-decorated house was originally built on Pine St. (now known as Parsons St.) opposite the Bridge St. park. The house was built for Elijah Chauncey Parsons in 1874 at the time of his marriage. The family of Mr. Parsons had originally owned a homestead on Market St., which extended along Bridge St. to Pine St. Upon this homestead at least three houses were built during the 17th and 18th centuries.

During the early 20th century this house was moved to its present site so an extension could be added to the Bridge St. school. The house remained in the Parsons family until about twenty years ago.

The house is 2½ stories in height and T-shaped with gables to the front and both sides, and a gabled ell in the rear. A "Gothic" framed window with rounded upper sash is in the front gable. The windows on the house have two over two sashes and cornices. On the first floor of the facade is a bay window with arched windows and bracketed projecting cornice. The entrance is covered by a porch which extends around the corner and along the eastern side to the projection. The porch has a flat roof with projecting cornice, chamfered posts and a patterned balustrade.

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

*1873, 1884, 1895 and 1915 Atlases.
Parsons Houses in Northampton, p. 5.*