

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	32A-71



Northampton
Address 25 Union St.

Present use residence

Present owner Father Henry L. Dorsch

Description: 1861-65

Source Reg. of Deeds

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

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric asphalt siding

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered sided Date mid 20th c.

Moved -- Date --

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

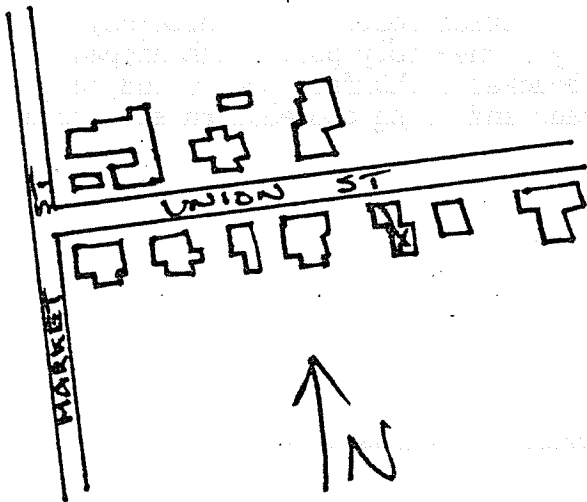
Approximate frontage 100'

Approximate distance of building from street 12'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

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Date April 1980



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Henry W. Loomis

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	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)

In 1861 Henry Loomis bought a small lot of land on the southern side of Union St. for \$500. This was part of the Naomi Wright homestead on Market St. which extended easterly from Market St. to the lane by the burying ground. Union St. had been laid out in the late 1820's along the northern boundary of this homestead and during the late 1830's Naomi Wright began selling small lots of land along the southern side of the street for residential development. This practice was continued by Mary Ann Thayer, her daughter.

Mr. Loomis went into bankruptcy and his property was sold to William Strickland, the clerk of the Courts in Northampton who later rose to become Judge of District Court. Mr. Strickland lived here until 1875 when Lemuel Blood purchased the property.

The house is two stories in height with flat roof, and wide overhanging eaves, supported by double brackets on a friezeboard. The three-bay facade has an entrance with transom, and is covered by a one-story porch with hipped roof, projecting cornice supported by double brackets, chamfered posts and patterned balustrade. The porch extends across the facade and along the eastern side to a two-story projection.

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

- 1860 County Map.
- 1873, 1884, 1895 Atlases.
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 371-P. 439, 241-287, 232-394, 199-140.