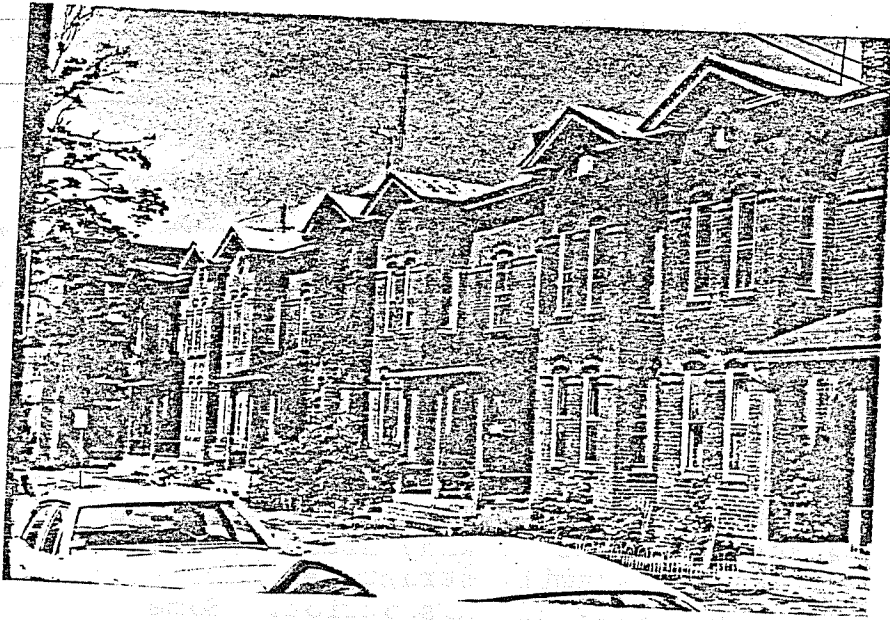


FORM B - BUILDING

In Area no.	Form no.
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Northampton

is 822 Graves Avenue

Apartments

nt use Apartments

nt owner Robert Korytoski

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1886

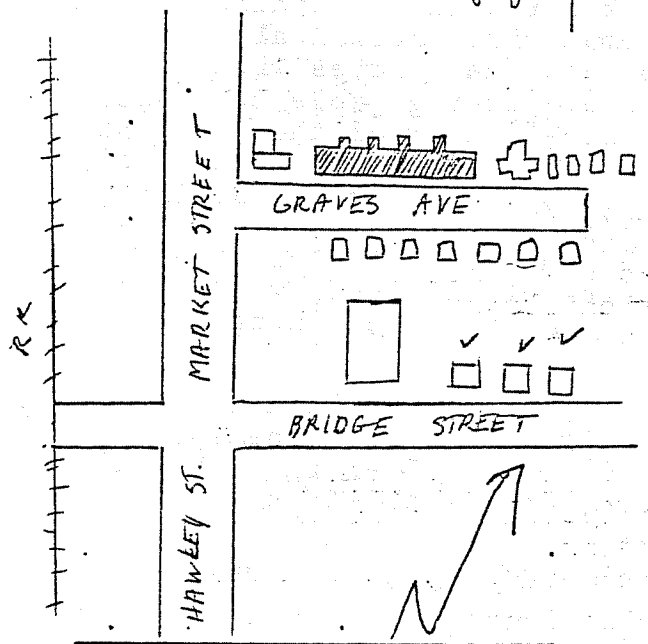
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ource 399.12, 431.218

Victorian Commercial

itect unknown

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

✓ improved property



Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features 8 units 2 1/2 stories each;  
circular window in gable; inexpensive  
polychrome stringcourses & window  
arches

Altered no Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage 180 feet

Approximate distance of building from street  
10 feet

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_

MHC Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Recorded by C. Dubie

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Date June 2, 1975

7. Original owner (if known) S. R. Cooley

Original use Residential/Apartments

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Apartments

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)

This modest brick block on Graves Avenue was constructed between 1886 and 1890 to accomdate the growing urban population in Northampton. A number of multi-family structures were built close to the center of the city at this period. Some were built by private individuals, while others like the Foote Button Company Block on Lyman Road were erected for a specific group of factory workers.

The increased use of brick as a residential building material is here reflected. A polychromatic effect is achieved through the use of a dark brick in the window area and in stringcourses which emphasize horizontal continuity in the facade and indicate the stories within. Small round windows appear in the projecting gable sections.

Dr. S. R. Cooley was the original owner of the tenement. Cooley purchased the tract of land "designated as lots 1,3,5, on a plan of land in Book 389, page 470" in January of 1886, and had erected the block on the easterly two-thirds of the lot by 1890, at which time he sold the westerly third to Avon and Henry Matthews. (The "brick block owned by said Silas R. Cooley" is mentioned as a point of reckoning the property lines.)

The block was in fact built in 1886. The Gazette, February 16, 1886, noted; in an article entitled "Modern Tenements" that Silas R. Cooley was in the process of erecting a brick block on Graves Avenue. The description identifies the building as the structure in question.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.) Registry of Deeds, Hampshire County, 399.12, 431.218. Atlas of Northampton, 1884 (Walker's), Atlas of Northampton, 1895.

Dating of building: Daily Hampshire Gazette, February 16, 1886, article: "Modern Tenements"