

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	17C-10



City Northampton  
 Address 96 North Maple Street  
 Name E. Root House  
 Present use residence  
 Present owner Barry Goldstein & Susan Stubbins  
 Description: 1884-1895  
 Source theses  
 Architect \_\_\_\_\_

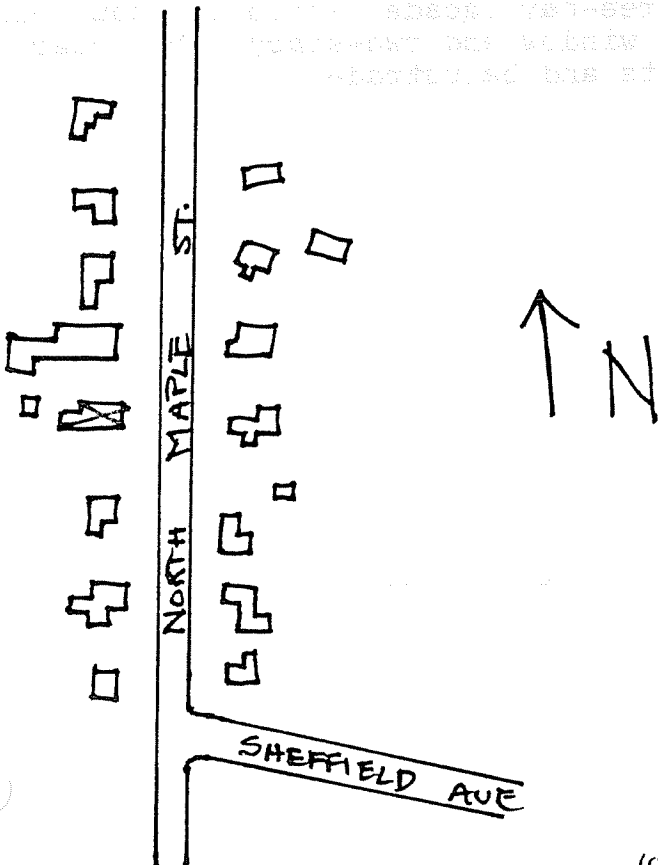
4. Map. Draw sketch of building in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

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

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

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

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan  
 Organization NHC  
 Date January 1980



(over)

7 Original owner (if known) Erastus P. Root

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 1883 Erastus Root bought 1/4 of an acre on North Maple St. for \$300. The house doesn't appear on the 1884 atlas, but was probably built soon thereafter. The 1888 directory lists Mr. Root at this address and describes him as a carriage maker, with a shop on North Maple St. near the railroad.

The house is two-and-a-half stories tall with wall gable to the street. A one-story porch with hipped roof, turned posts and ornate brackets extends across the three-bay facade, while the southern side of the house has a one-story bay window and two-story porch near the rear of the house with turned posts and balustrade.

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

1884 & 1885 Atlases  
 Registry of Deeds: Bk. 174-P. 171  
 Northampton Directory: 1888-89