

FORM B - BUILDING

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In Area no.	Form no.
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and

1. Town Northampton

Address 11-15 Market St.

Name O'Donell's Block

Present use residential and
commercial

Present owner Mitchell and Mary
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3. Description:

Date 1884-95

Source Atlases

Style _____

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered -- Date _____

Moved -- Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

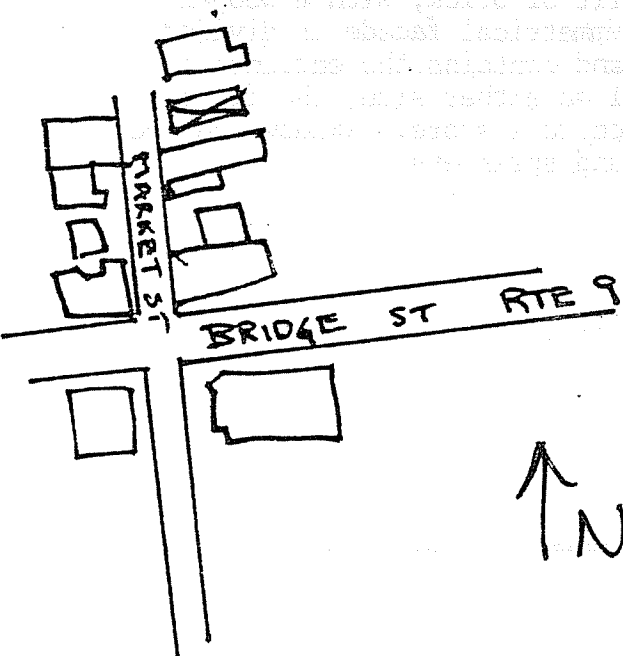
Approximate frontage _____

Approximate distance of building from street
8'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date April 1980



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) John B. O'Donnell

Original use residential and commercial

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)

This three story commercial and residential block was the first of its kind to be built on Market St. This was one of the oldest streets in Northampton and originally was entirely residential. The Connecticut River Railroad was opened from Springfield to Northampton in 1845, and within a few years was extended northerly into Vermont. This line was laid out about 100' westerly of Market St. and paralleled the street northerly. During the latter part of the 19th century a mini-warehousing district grew up along the western side of the street near Bridge St. and this promoted non-residential usage or mixed use on the eastern side of Market St.

The block is three stories in height, built of brick, with a wooden projecting cornice supported by large brackets. The symmetrical facade is divided into three bays. The central section is one bay wide and contains the entrance to the upper floors. This is flanked by a three-bay panel on either side, the first floor of which is composed of a show window and entrance to a store. Windows on the upper floors have arched lintels with stone keystones and springers.

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

1884 and 1895 Atlases.
Northampton Directory: 1922.