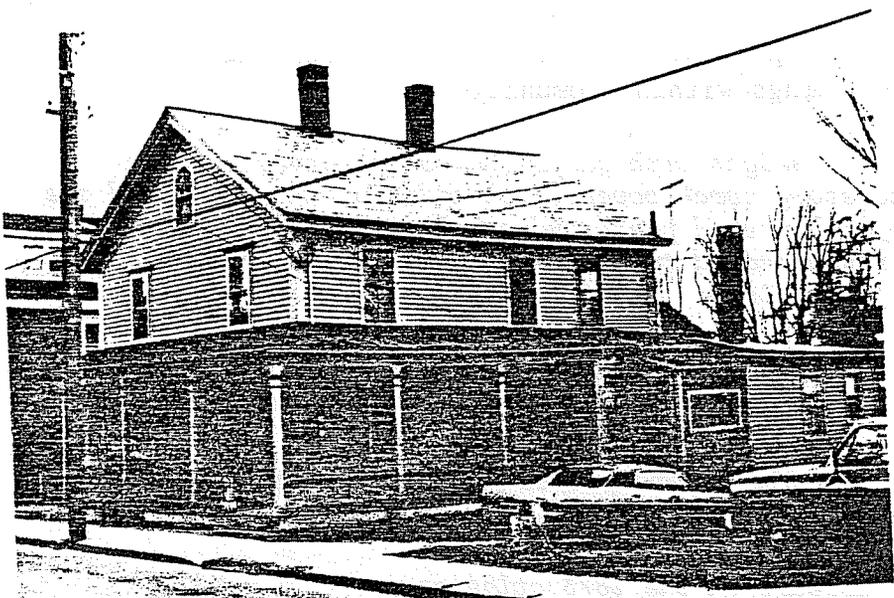


FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
	32A-110

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

60-62 Market St.

 ic Name _____
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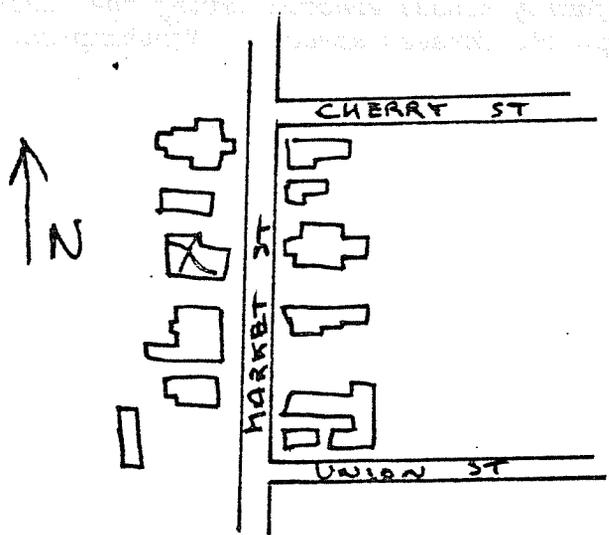
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 ip: Private individual
 Private organization _____

 Public _____

 iginal owner _____

location in relation to nearest
 cross streets and other buildings
 or geographical features.
Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:
 Date 1860-73
 Source Map and Atlas

 Style _____
 Architect _____
 Exterior wall fabric clapboard
 Outbuildings _____

 Major alterations (with dates) _____

 Moved --- Date _____
 Approx. acreage one acre or less
 Setting _____

Recorded by E. Lonergan
 Organization NHC
 Date June 1980

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

This house is 2½ stories in height with gable end to the street and an entrance on either side. A one-story porch covers both sides of the house and the facade. This has a hipped roof, chamfered posts and a balustrade. The two-bay street end of the house has a round-headed two over two sash window in the gable and two French windows on the first floor.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

This double house first appears on the 1873 atlas as property of "P. Williston". Market St. is one of the oldest street in Northampton and originally was lined with Colonial homesteads although most of them were located on the eastern side of the street, as a brook flowed near the western side. However the 1831 map does show eight houses on the western side of the street. Then, in the mid 1840's the main north-south railroad in the Connecticut Valley was located here, 100' to the west. This had an impact on the type of housing that was built in the area, particularly on the west side of the street, backing up to the tracks. There were a lot of tenements and multiple family houses erected during the second half of the 19th century, making this perhaps the densest street in Northampton.

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