

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	17C-34



City Northampton

Address 101 North Maple Street

Telephone

Present use residence

Present owner Catherine & Michael Squires

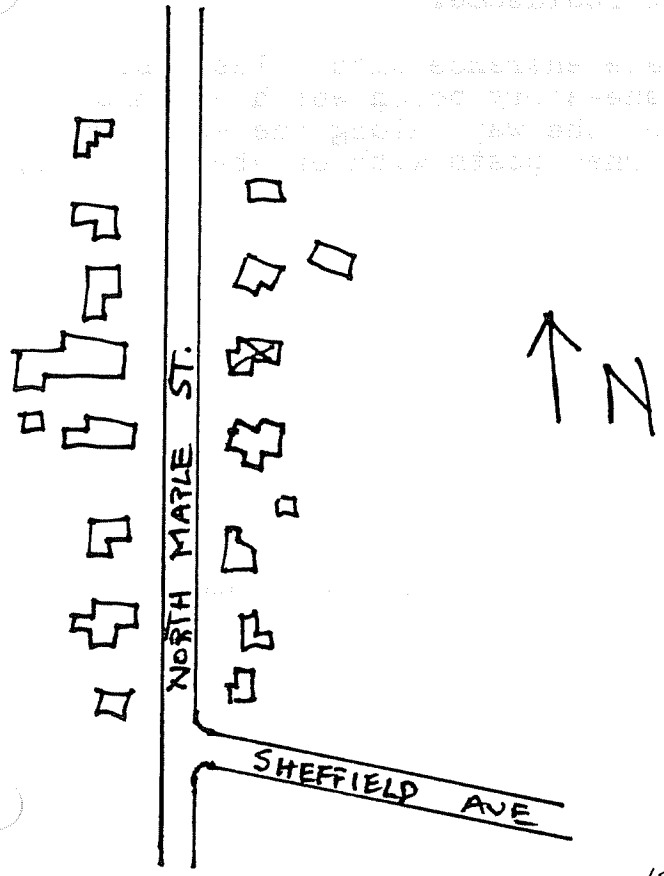
Description:

Year 1857-7?

Source Reg. of Deeds and Atlas

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



Architect

Exterior wall fabric wood shingles

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)

Original owner (if known) Sylvester J. Bosworth

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 1867 the railroad came to Florence. A depot and freight house were built on North Maple St. near Main St. and industry grew up nearby. Most of the land between Main St. and Bridge Rd. was a wooded plateau, and suitable for residential development. By 1873 over a dozen houses had been built along the street. This house appears on the 1873 atlas and was owned by S.J. Bosworth, a Florence merchant who lived on North Main St. Thus, this house must have been leased out originally. About 1890 Fred Radio, a carpenter, bought the property and used it as his residence.

The house features an elaborate entrance with pilasters, sidelights and transom, as well as a one-story porch which extends across the three-bay facade and most of the way along the southern side. The porch has a hipped roof, turned posts with ornate brackets, balustrade and lattice base.

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. 246-P.151
- Northampton Directory: 1888-89