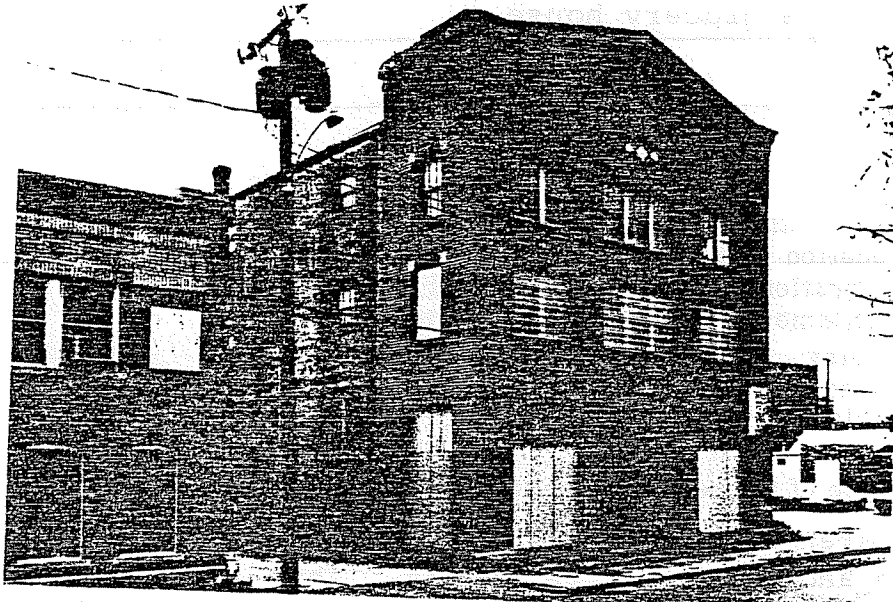


FORM B - BUILDING

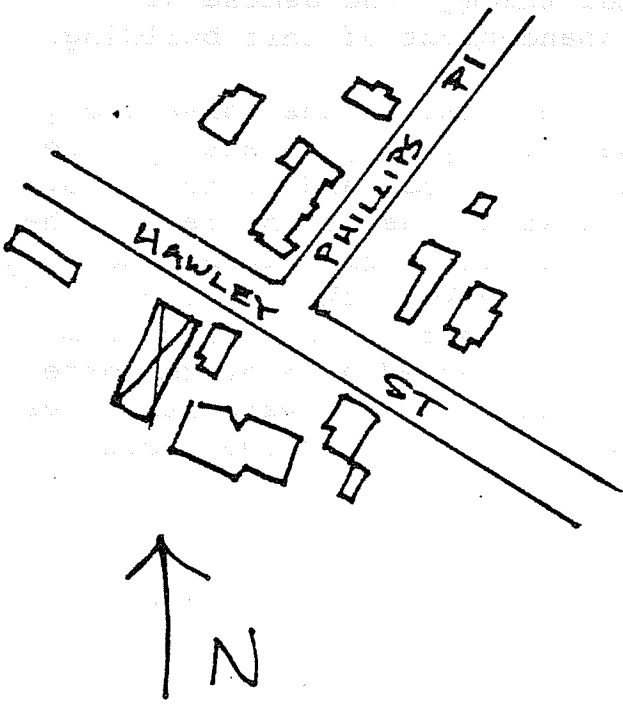
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
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Northampton
 Address 17 Hawley St.
 Present use Northampton Wholesale Grocery Co.
 Present use vacant
 Present owner Edward Morann
 Description:
1912
 Source Springfield Daily Republic
 Architect _____

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



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 _____

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

7. Original owner (if known) John Ross

Original use wholesale grocery house

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	<u>x</u>	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This three story warehouse was built near the junction of Northampton's north-south and east-west railroads, This area, on the western sides of Market and Hawley Sts., along Strong Ave., and on the eastern side of lower Pleasant St., had been one of industrial activity since the first railroad arrived in 1845. Around the turn of the century this also became an area of wholesale activity. Northampton's strategic location and role as county seat provided the opportunities for regional trade. The demise of railroad trading led to the eventual abandonment of this building.

The building has two parts: the first is the three story ornamental brick facade, which extends one bay deep on either side, and probably contained a store on the first floor and offices above; and the second is the three story brick warehouse to the rear. The facade uses composite stone for massive first floor columns and show window lintels, as well as for decorative work in the spandrels. The spandrels and arched forms over the third floor windows have geometric patterns executed in brick. The whole is topped by a brick corbel table and composite stone cornice, The walls of the warehouse have large, fading signs painted on them advertising the former occupants of the block.

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

1895 and 1915 Atlases.
Springfield Daily Republican December 30, 1912, p. 10.