

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	32A-193



Town Northampton

Address 36 Phillips Place

Name C. Loomis House

Present use Residence

Present owner Roman Catholic Bishop of Springfield

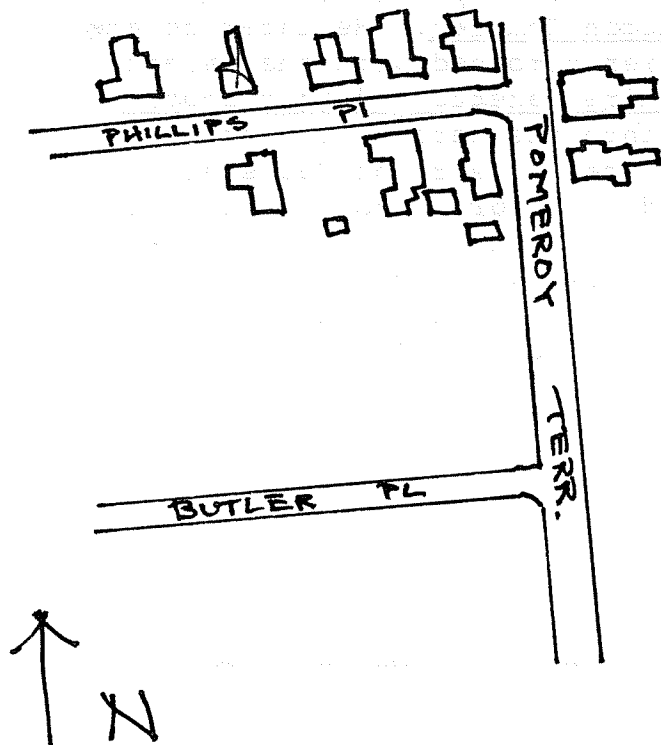
Construction date 1851-1856

Source Registry of Deeds

Style Greek Revival

Architect - - -

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



Exterior wall fabric Asphalt

Outbuildings (describe) - - -

Other features Pedimented gable

6 x 6 windows, 2 tall interior

chimneys Gothic-styled portico

Altered sided Date mid 20th C

Moved Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less Over one acre

Approximate frontage 90'

Approximate distance of building from street 15'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date January 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Charles P. Loomis

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	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 simple Greek Revival house was built for Charles P. Loomis during the early 1850's. Its most interesting feature is a lacy ornate portico probably added soon after the house's construction. This is lot 5 of Edward Clarke's subdivision off of Hawley St. The 1854 County Map lists H.S. Gere (sic) next to this house. H.S. Gere at this time was Asst. Editor of the Hampshire Herald and Northampton Courier. He later became editor and in 1858 when the Courier combined with the Gazette he served as editor of the Hampshire Gazette and Northampton Courier. This position was held into the early 20th century. However, Gere doesn't show up in the Registry of Deeds as owning the property. Perhaps Gere lived here for a short time while the property was owned by C.P. Loomis of Hartford. In 1858 the property was sold to Benjamin E. Cook, whose homestead was on Bridge St. Cook's son, B.E. Cook, Jr., probably lived here after that. The property remained in the Cook family for the rest of the 19th century.

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

1354 * 1860 County Maps 1873, 1884 & 1895 Atlases

Registry of Deeds: Book 181, Page 277, 168-267, 128-20, 125-6 and 120-483