

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	17C-133

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City Northampton

Address 95-97 High Street

Year                     

Present use                     

Present owner Gordon & Elaine Young

Description:                     

Period 1860-73

Source Map & Titles

Notes Bracketed

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

Architect                     

Exterior wall fabric Asphalt shingles

Outbuildings (describe)                     

Other features                     

Altered sided Date mid 20th C.

Moved --- Date ---

5. Lot size:

One acre or less        Over one acre       

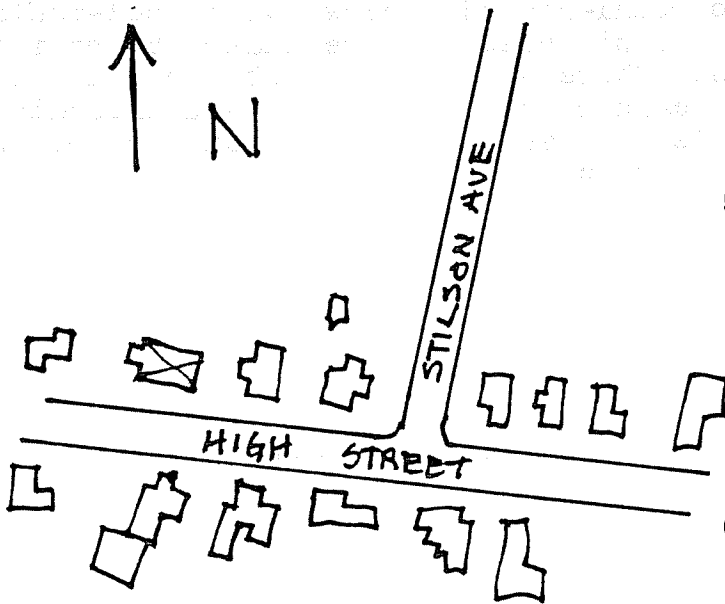
Approximate frontage                     

Approximate distance of building from street                     

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date February 1980



(over)

Original owner (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	<u>  x  </u>	settlement	_____	invention	_____
Commerce	_____	Industry	_____	Social/	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	humanitarian	_____
Community development	<u>  x  </u>	Political	_____	Transportation	_____

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

This large double house is one of the early houses to be built on High St. in Florence. The street was laid out about the same time as the railroad line connecting Williamsburg and Northampton. The Williamsburg division was opened in 1867 and had a depot in Florence on North Maple St. This opening spurred industrial and residential development north of Main St. in the village. The 1873 atlas showed the house and listed the owner as Ira Todd, a mechanic at the Florence Sewing Machine Co.

The house is two-and-a-half stories in height with gables to the sides and one-story walls on either side. The facade has a central entrance with double doorway and entry porch with turned posts, brackets and side balustrade. This is flanked by a one-story bay window on either side and has two round-headed windows with hood-moulds above it on the second floor. Double brackets are under the raking cornice on the front and sides. There are also porches on either side of the house, beginning at the corners of the facade, and extending back to, and then along the ells. These porches are composed of the same elements as the front entry porch.

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

1860 County Map 1873, 1884 & 1875 atlases  
 Northampton Directory: 1868-69, 1875-76.