

FORM B - BUILDING

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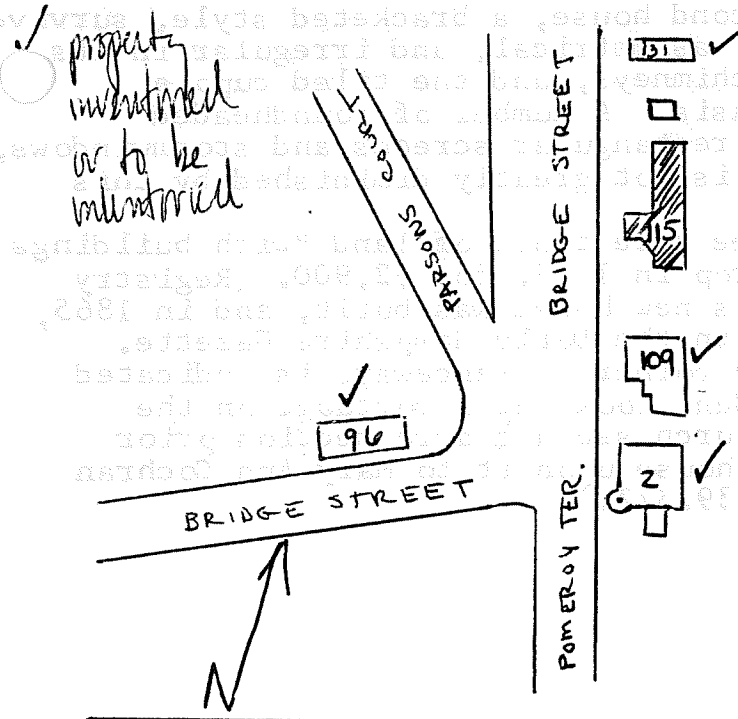
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston



Town Northampton
 Address 115 Bridge Street
 Name Seth Hunt House
 Present use Residence
 Present owner John H. Woodruff
 Description:
 Date 1859
 Source Daily Hampshire Gazette
March 8, 1859
 Style Victorian Gothic

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



Architect Wm. F. Pratt
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards
 Outbuildings (describe) none
 Other features 2 1/2 stories; elaborate chimneys; patterned roof tiles and cupola; corner entrance
 Altered no Date _____
 Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:
 One acre or less _____ Over one acre x
 Approximate frontage 150 feet
 Approximate distance of building from street
50 feet

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 USGS Quadrant _____
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6. Recorded by Emmy Clausing, C. Dubie
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7. Original owner (if known) Seth Hunt

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

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

This well-developed Victorian Gothic residence was built in 1859 for Seth Hunt, president of the Connecticut River Railroad. Local architect William F. Pratt designed the house, and introduced into the design a corner doorway which he later used in a house off of South Street. (This second house, a bracketed style, survives. The Seth Hunt house is massive, asymmetrical, and irregular in its massing. Gables, three fine chimneys, and the tiled cupola produce a strong vertical emphasis. A number of roundheaded windows have been covered with rectangular screens and stormwindows, but the character of the house is not greatly diminished by this alteration.

Seth Hunt purchased the three acre tract of land "with buildings thereon" from J. Stebbins Lathrop in 1858, for \$2,900. (Registry of Deeds, 180,334.) In 1859 his new house was built, and in 1865, was attributed to Wm. F. Pratt in the Daily Hampshire Gazette. The house, with its distinctive corner entranceway, is indicated on the 1873 Atlas. In 1875, Hunt took out a mortgage on the three acre tract, and later repurchased a 1/4 acre section prior to his sale of the section and house upon it to Mary Ann Cochran in 1878. (Registry of Deeds, 339.372.)

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

Registry of Deeds, Hampshire County, 180.334, 180.293, 321.441, 336.366, 339.372, 472.349, 488.153, 491.325, 600.53, 777.513, 777.105.