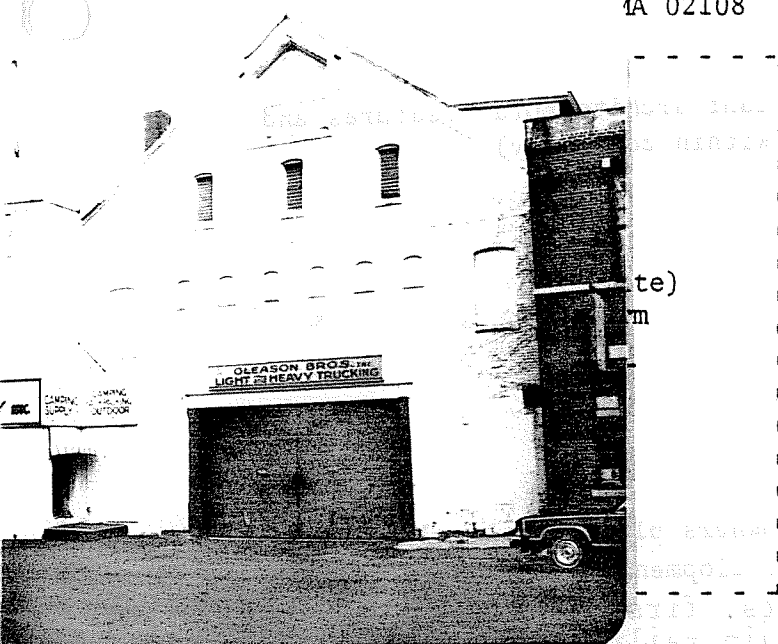


FORM B - BUILDING

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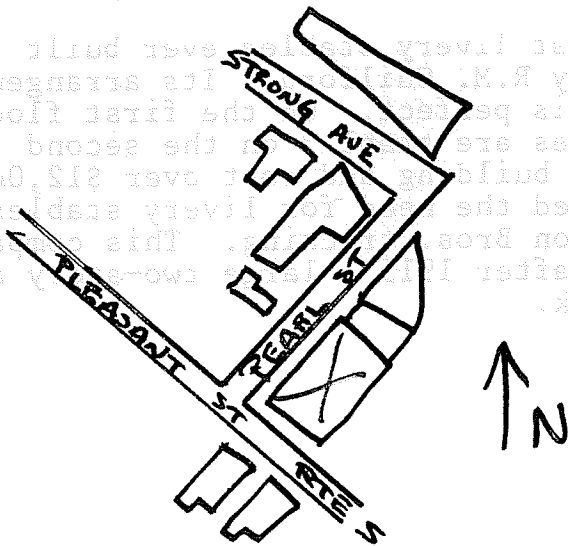
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
4A 02108



Town Northampton
 Address 7 Pearl St.
 Historic Name Guilford's Livery Stable
 Use: Original livery stable
 Present commercial
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner R.M. Guilford

SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:

Date 1897
 Source S.D.R.
 Style _____
 Architect _____
 Exterior wall fabric brick
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) _____
side addition- post 1915
 Moved --- Date _____
 Approx. acreage one acre or less
 Setting _____

Recorded by E. Lonergan
 Organization NHC
 Date June 1980

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

Pearl and Strong Sts. first appear on the 1854 map, and were laid out to give access to the main railroad junction in town. This was the perfect site for a hotel and attendant stable house and the "Nonotuck House" appears on the 1854 map at the corner of Pearl and Pleasant Sts. The hotel went through several name changes but kept the same location. A "stable House" first appears at the junction of Pearl and Strong Sts. on the 1860 map. By 1884 there were two large frame structures serving as stables. The 1895 atlas shows two outbuildings: a brick livery building and frame carriage shed.

In 1897" one of the best livery stables ever built in this city was put up this year on Pearl St. by R.M. Guilford. Its arrangement is novel, and the ventilation and drainage is perfect. On the first floor is the office and carriage house. The horses are stabled on the second floor and overhead is the feed. It is a brick building and cost over \$12,000."

The automobile age ended the need for livery stables and by 1922 this building was used for Gleason Bros. trucking. This company is still in operation today. At some time after 1915 a large two-story addition was made on the eastern side of the block.

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