

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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Northampton

Address 22 Conz Street

Use Residence

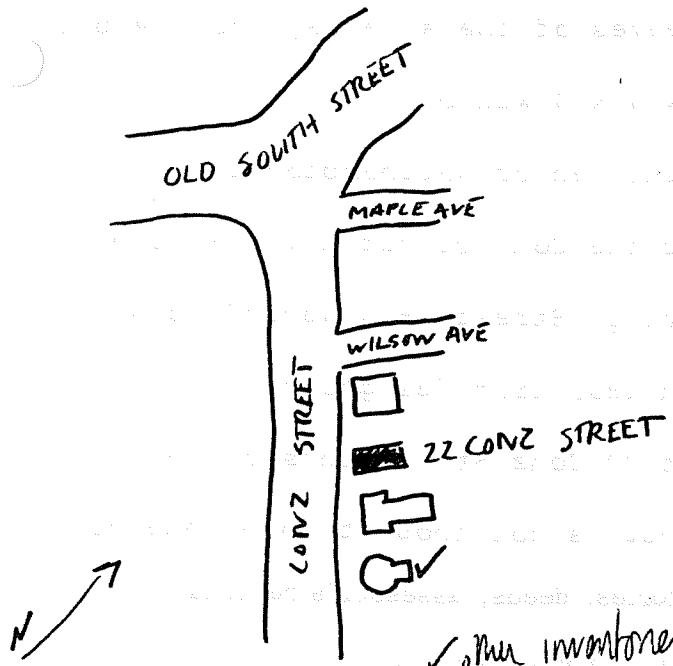
Owner Clarence G. Steinberger

Construction: 1845-1866

Source Registry of Deeds

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



Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric wood-

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features bracketed overhang; portico with columns; flat roof.

Altered addition side and rear Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 70 feet

Approximate distance of building from street 15 feet

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

USGS Quadrant _____

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6. Recorded by C. Dible

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date May 15, 1975

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7. Original owner (if known) Seth Hunt

Original use residence

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	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)
 Seth Hunt obtained a half acre on Maple Street (now known as Conz St.) in 1845. Soon afterwards he had this house constructed. The picturesque detail and wide boarding are used as an attempt to soften the boxlike form. The detailing included double brackets with drops, gingerbread trim on the eaves of the side bay and trefoil tracery on the double tall and narrow 4 x 4 windows.

Seth Hunt was one of the prominent men of Northampton in the mid 19th century, serving as president of the Connecticut River Railroad Co. During this period he lived on Bridge Street. His second house on Bridge Street was built for him in 1859 from designs of local architect Wm. F. Pratt. The house at 22 Conz St. reminds one of Pratt's handiwork in its detailing, but is not thought to be one of his designs.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)
 1854 & 1860 County Maps 1873, 1884 & 1895 Atlases
 Registry of Deeds: Book 918 page 254, 766-43, 303-101, 232-378, 107-321 & 93-101