

FORM B - BUILDING

In Area no.	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

Northampton



Address 51 Conz St.

Name T. Rust House

Present use residence

Present owner Richard Bart

Description: 1826

Source Gazette, 8-3-1906

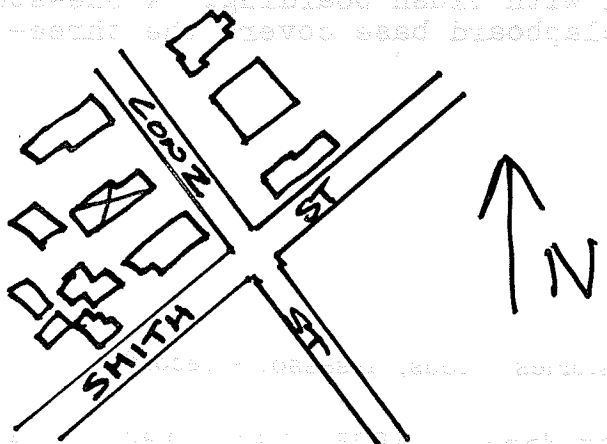
Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features \_\_\_\_\_

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



Altered \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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 January 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Theodore Rust

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	<u>x</u>				

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

In 1826 Theodore Rust and Ansel Wright bought two acres of land "adjoining the meadow in Lickingwater" for \$450. This land was at the end of Maple St. (now Conz St.) just before the gate leading to the meadows. The new owners each established their homestead on this parcel, and in 1828 split the land in half.

Misters Wright and Rust were co-partners in a small Main St. grocery. This had been established in 1823 and contained the first soda fountain ever used in Northampton. The firm continued until 1848. They were also involved in several other businesses at this time, including a soap factory and market garden on Fruit St. They were also the first ice dealers in Northampton.

The house is two-and-a-half stories in height with pedimented gable to the street. The tympanum is clad with flush boarding. A one-story, hipped roof porch with paneled posts and clapboard base covers the three-bay facade.

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

1831 own Map.                      1854 and 1860 County Maps.      1873, 1884, 1895 Atlases.  
 Registry of Deeds: Bk. 58-P. 556 and 54-457.  
 Daily Hampshire Gazette Aug. 31, 1906.  
 Northampton Directory: