

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	320-119

Northampton

Address 15 Conz St.

C.T. Parsons House

Present use offices

Present owner E. & J. Cigar Co.

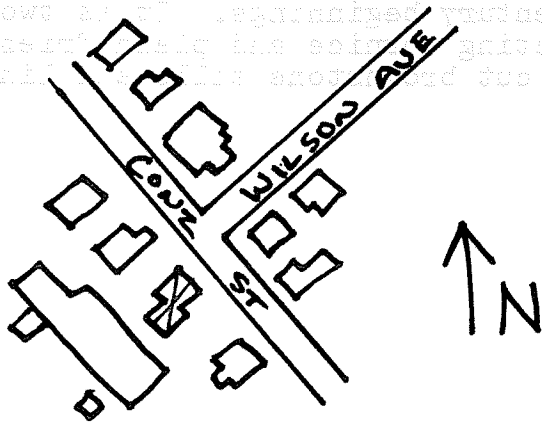
Description:

1860-73

Source Map and Atlas



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



Architect

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features

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. L. nergan

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Date Jan . 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Charles T. Parsons

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates offices (mid 20th c.)

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

The Parsons family was the first to permanently settle on the west side of the Mill River along South St. Lt. John Parsons settled on the south side of the street just west of the bridge in 1696, the year of his marriage. The original homestead included most of the upland known as Fort Hill. Conz St. originally was the path to the meadows west of the Mill River, known as the Manhan Meadows. This street began to be developed early in the 19th century, with one of the first house-builders being Justice Parsons. His homestead was on the western side of the street and included the present parcel. This house was most likely built for his grandson Charles T. Parsons.

The house has been quite modified during rhe 20th century but still retains the basic form of its mid 19th century beginnings. It is two stories in height, with flat roof, projecting cornice and plain frieze. The windows have two over two sashes and cut brownstone sills and lintels.

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

1854 and 1860 County Maps. 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.  
 Registry of Deeds: Bk. 237-P. 55, 68-294.  
Antiquities Historicals and Graduates of Northampton, S. Clark, 1882, pp. 129-131.