

FORM B - BUILDING

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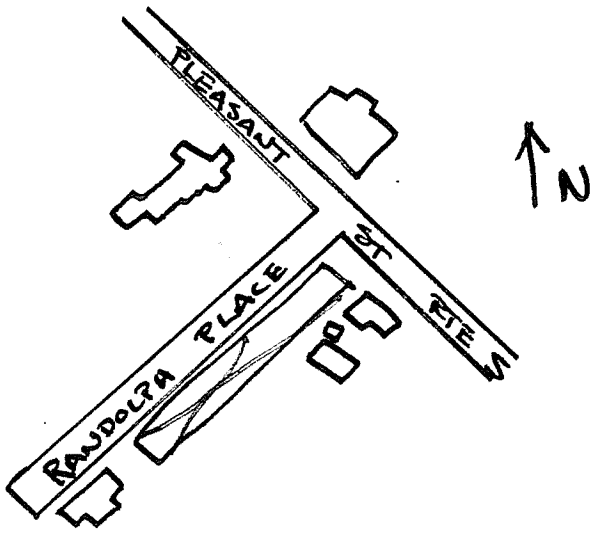
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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Town Northampton
 Address 2-18 Randolph Place
 Historic Name Randolph Place Row
 Use: Original apartments
 Present apartments
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner D.A. Horton

SKETCH MAP

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1890
 Source 1895 Atlas and Reg. of Deeds
 Style Queen Anne
 Architect _____
 Exterior wall fabric clapboard
 Outbuildings ---
 Major alterations (with dates) ---
 Moved --- Date _____
 Approx. acreage one acre or less
 Setting _____

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

The Randolph Place Row is one of the few examples of the Victorian rowhouse in Northampton. Almost all of the city's housing stock consists of one-family and two-family houses. There are a few apartment buildings, but these were built in the 20th century. Unlike other industrial communities in Massachusetts that rose in the 19th century, Northampton and its villages of Bay State, Florence and Leeds didn't have long rows of worker housing. The one example of a pre-Civil War rowhouse is in Bay State on Riverside Dr.

All of the other rowhouses were constructed in the last two decades of the 19th century and are located near the center of town. Of those con- HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history cont' and how the building relates to the development of the community)

This rowhouse was built shortly after 1888 when Dwight Horton acquired the Cook homestead on Pleasant St. Mr. Horton was a "Dealer in Fertilizers, Agricultural Chemicals, Land Plaster, Agricultural Lime and Salt, Hardwood Canada Ashes. Also Real Estate Agent". He had Randolph Place opened and had two double houses built on the street (only one of which is standing) as well as this seven-unit row. Mr. Horton made the corner unit of the rowhouse (no. 2) his residence.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Community: Northampton	Form No: 32C-163
Property Name: Randolph Pl. Rowhouse	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

Architectural significance

sisting of at least five units, two are built of brick and five are wood frame construction.

The block is two stories in height with ridge roof. The Pleasant St. gable end is hipped and has a two-story bay window. Each of the seven units has a two-story bay window on the facade, with the one nearest Pleasant St. having a third story and being capped by a pyramidal roof and finial. The other bays have short extensions of the roof's front slope covering them. The roof line is also broken by two shed dormers with double windows. There are three double entrances and one single entrance, each covered by small porches with steeply-pitched shed roofs and turned posts.

Trim on the block consists of: a vertical board frieze under the eaves, wide board beltcourses, shingled skirts on the bay windows between the first and second stories, and paneled bases to the bay windows.

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