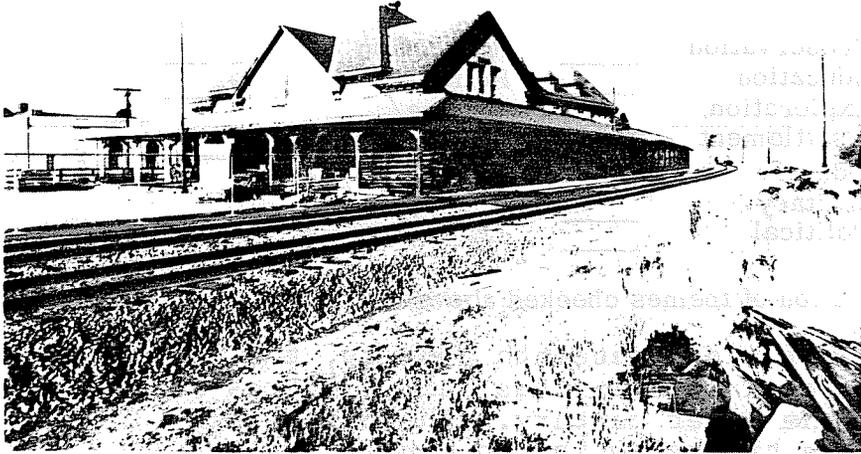


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Northampton

35 off Strong Avenue

Union Station, RR station

it use warehouse

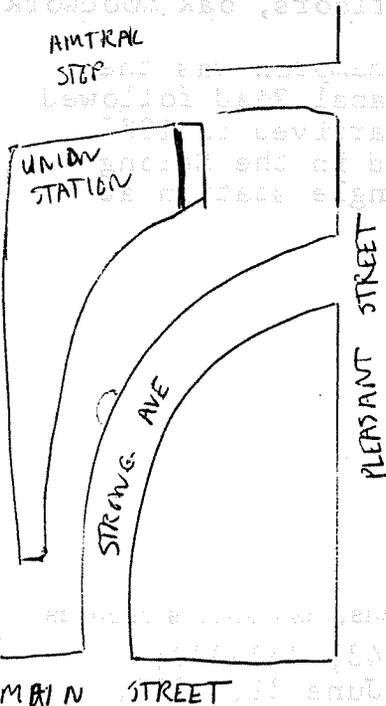
it owner Rudison & Routhier,
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Richardsonian

in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Exterior wall fabric brick with rockface masonry

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features copper fascias, red tile roofs

Altered no Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage 500ft.

Approximate distance of building from street

75 ft.

6. Recorded by C. Dubie

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date April 15, 1975

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7. Original owner (if known) Connecticut River Railroad (Northampton & Springfield)

Original use Railroad Station

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)

Built at the close of the nineteenth century, the Northampton railroad station incorporates many features of the Richardsonian style of the later century. The buff brick masses of the station are trimmed with red Longmeadow brownstone and hooded by red tile roofs. Steep dormers protrude from the roofline. A low porch with similarly tiled, bracket supported roof wraps around the station. Interiors once featured Italian marble floors, oak woodwork, and a large fireplace.

The first railroad to come to Northampton was the Connecticut River Road, in 1845. The Canal Road followed in 1855, and the Massachusetts Central arrived in 1887. The various railroad depots located in the Strong Avenue area were incorporated into a single station at the turn of the century.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.) Assessor's records, Book 1400-243, 752-370; Daily Hampshire Gazette, May 10, 1895, June 21, 1895, April 15, 1897, May 25, 1897.