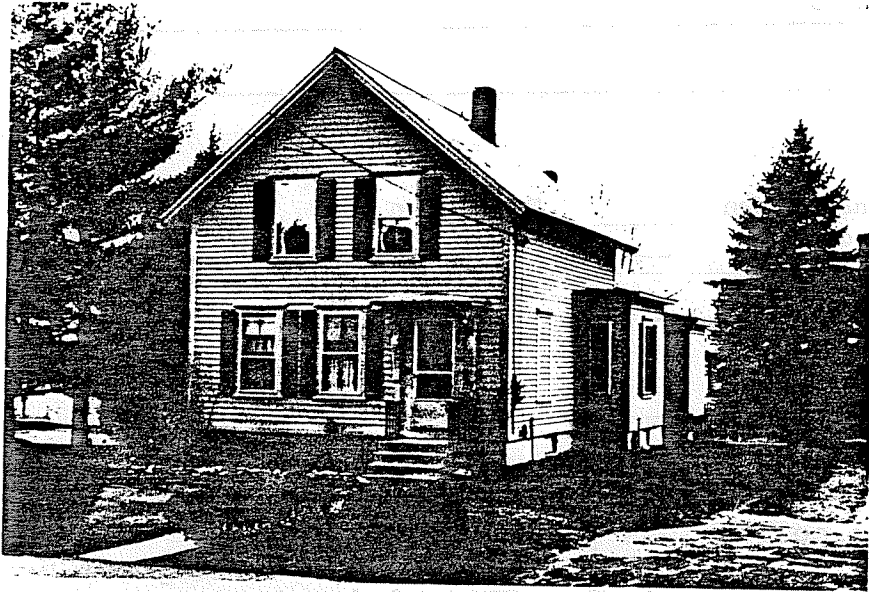


FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	17C-128

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City Northampton

Address 54 North Maple Street

Telephone

Present use

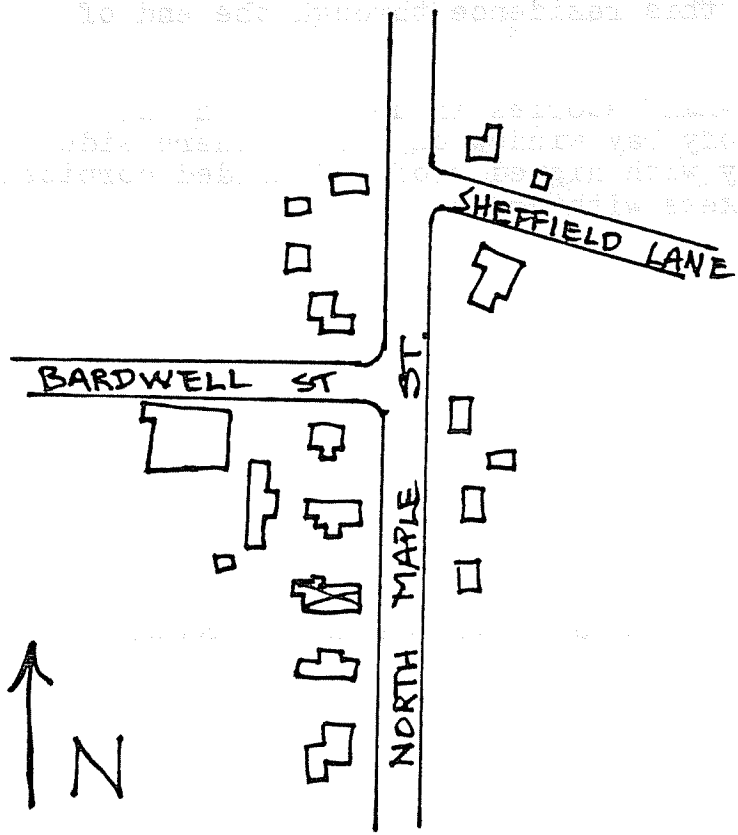
Present owner James & Kathleen Zawadzki

Description:

Inventory number 1362-73

Source Map & Atlas

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



Architect

Exterior wall fabric

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features entrance canopy with

ornate side brackets & 1 story

side bay

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) _____

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	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)

This small Victorian cottage was probably built in the late 1860's. The Williamsburg line of the New Haven and Northampton Railroad was opened in 1867, and a freight house and depot were erected on North Maple St. This spurred industrial and residential development in the area north of Main St. in Florence. The house first appeared on the 1873 atlas and was owned by Watson Wilcox, who was listed in the directory as Express Agent and Telegraph operator. Mr. Wilcox maintained this residence through the end of the 19th century.

The house is one-and-a-half stories in height with gable end to the street and a one-story bay window on the northern side. The front entrance has a canopy with hipped roof and molded cornice, and is supported by large brackets with drops.

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

1877, 1881, 1915 atlases
 Northampton Directory: 1888
 Directory of Florence: 1877, 1888-1891