

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	32C 168



City Northampton

Address Short Street

Use Freight Depot

Present use Industrial

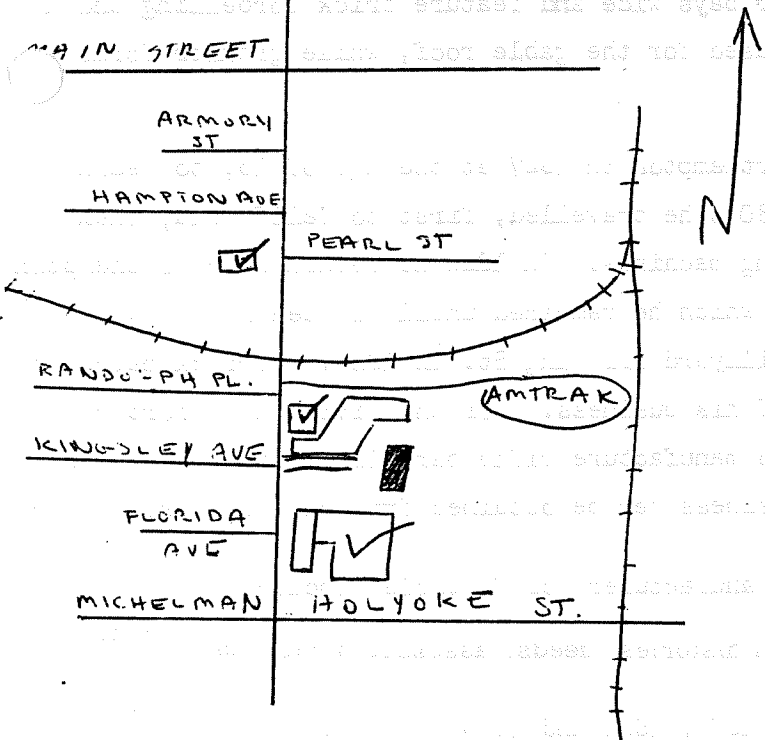
Present owner Walter Zawacki

Description: c. 1870

Source visual evidence

Greek Revival

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



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USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_

MHC Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features four bays wide, 11 deep; 2 stories; end chimneys

Altered no Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size: Less than one acre x Over one acre

Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate distance of building from street \_\_\_\_\_

6. Recorded by C. Dubie

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date May 5, 1976

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✓ inventoried property

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7. Original owner (if known) Webster Herrick

Original use \_\_\_\_\_

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	<u>x</u>	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>x</u>				

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

This 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  story, 64'x 32' brick block was built in 1854 for Webster Herrick. The block is set back from Pleasant St., with an eleven bay facade, which is divided into thirds by two doorways, each with four-light transoms. The same fenestration and doorways mark the eastern face, which is oriented towards the railroad tracks. The end walls are four bays wide and feature brick corbelling and a partial return of the gable. Slate is used for the gable roof, while granite forms the window sills and a water table.

Webster Herrick came to Northampton in 1827 at the age of 16, to learn the wagon maker's trade. During the 1830's he travelled, first to California, then to South America, setting up rice-hulling machines. In 1840 he returned to Northampton and engaged in the machine business, in which he remained until his death in 1892. A circular saw mill was set up at the millyard off King St. in 1845. Herrick patented the mill and this became the mainstay of his business. For the Civil War effort he made rifling machines which were used to manufacture rifle barrels at Bay State. An indication of the extent of Herricks business can be obtained from his business notice in the 1873 Atlas:

W. Herrick Machinist and Manufacturer of Portable Circular Saw

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

- 1854 and 1860 County Maps. 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
- Daily Hampshire Gazette August 3, 1892.
- Hampshire Gazette and Northampton Courier March 4, 1862.
- Northampton Directory: 1860

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Northampton	Form No: 320-168
Property Name: Herrick's Machine Shop	

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

9. Historical significance.

Mills, Siding and Box Board Mills, Saw Mandrels, Saw Sets, Circular Saws, Silk Machinery, Steam Stretchers, Power Stringers, Mill Gearing, Shafting, Pulleys, Hangers and Bolts. Repairing promptly attended to, also Dealer in Stationary and Portable Steam Engines, Shingle Mills, Lath Mills, Planing Mills, etc. Shop near C R R Depot.

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