

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	229

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Photo number _____

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg

Organization Mass. Historical Commission

Date August, 1985

North Adams Quadrangle

UTM Reference: 18/654540/4729810

(Staple additional sheets here)

Town North Adams MRA

Address 60 Brooklyn Street

Historic Name Armstrong House

Use: Present Residence

Original Residence

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1875

Source maps

Style Italianate

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings Barn (attached)

Major alterations (with dates) Front

porch columns and rail replaced, mid

20th century.

Moved NO Date N/A

Approx. acreage Less than one acre

Setting The Armstrong House is set 15

feet back from the street in a hilly,

thickly settled neighborhood in

northeastern North Adams.

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

The Armstrong House is one of the best preserved of a regionally specific cluster of Italianate-style houses in the area. The building's square plan, low-hipped roof supported by brackets, three bay facade, side-hall plan, bracketed portico, and polygonal bracketed bay are all components of a style found throughout North Adams. Mid-20th century columns and balustrade supporting the entry portico do little to detract from the building's integrity. The rear ell, spanned by a bracketed porch, and attached barn are contemporaneous with the main part of the building.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

This house was built for W. W. Armstrong, an employee of Arnold Print Works. Its location in the hills north of the Hoosac River made it convenient to the factory on the southern side of the riverbank. Its construction in the early 1870s was part of an intensive building boom in the last decades of the 19th century, and reflects North Adams' general prosperity at the time.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

North Adams and Vicinity Illustrated

H. H. Bailey, Birds-eye Lithograph of North Adams, 1875.

Criteria for Evaluation

The Armstrong House, a well-preserved example of a local version of the Italianate style, retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, and feeling, as well as associations with North Adams' late 19th century "golden age". It thus fulfills Criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

Page 1 of 2

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name North Adams MRA
State Berkshire Co., MASSACHUSETTS

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Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- | | | | | | |
|-----|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------|------------------------------|
| 1. | Monument Square Historic District (B.I) | Entered in the National Register | Substantive Review | Keeper | _____ |
| | | | | Attest | _____ |
| 2. | Church Street-Caddy Hill Historic District (B.I) | Entered in the National Register | | Keeper | <u>Alvina Byers</u> 11/25/85 |
| | | | | Attest | _____ |
| 3. | Blackinton Historic District | Entered in the National Register | | Keeper | <u>Alvina Byers</u> 10/25/85 |
| | | | | Attest | _____ |
| 4. | Freeman's Grove Historic District | Entered in the National Register | | Keeper | <u>Alvina Byers</u> 10/25/85 |
| | | | | Attest | _____ |
| 5. | Normal School Historic District | Entered in the National Register | | Keeper | <u>Alvina Byers</u> 10/25/85 |
| | | | | Attest | _____ |
| 6. | Armstrong House | Entered in the National Register | | Keeper | <u>Alvina Byers</u> 10/25/85 |
| | | | | Attest | _____ |
| 7. | Arnold Print Works | Substantive Review | | Keeper | <u>Donna Angel</u> 10.25.85 |
| | | | | Attest | _____ |
| 8. | Boardman (The) | Entered in the National Register | | Keeper | <u>Alvina Byers</u> 10/25/85 |
| | | | | Attest | _____ |
| 9. | Browne, Charles, House | Entered in the National Register | | Keeper | <u>Alvina Byers</u> 10/25/85 |
| | | | | Attest | _____ |
| 10. | Crowley House | Entered in the National Register | | Keeper | <u>Alvina Byers</u> 10/25/85 |
| | | | | Attest | _____ |

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Armstrong House (North Adams MRA)
Berkshire County Berkshire
MASSACHUSETTS

SEP 12 1985

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Entered in the
National Register

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87
Date Due: 10/10/85 — 10/27/85
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 10-25-85
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ excellent | ☐ deteriorated |
| ☐ good | ☐ ruins |
| ☐ fair | ☐ unexposed |

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title

date

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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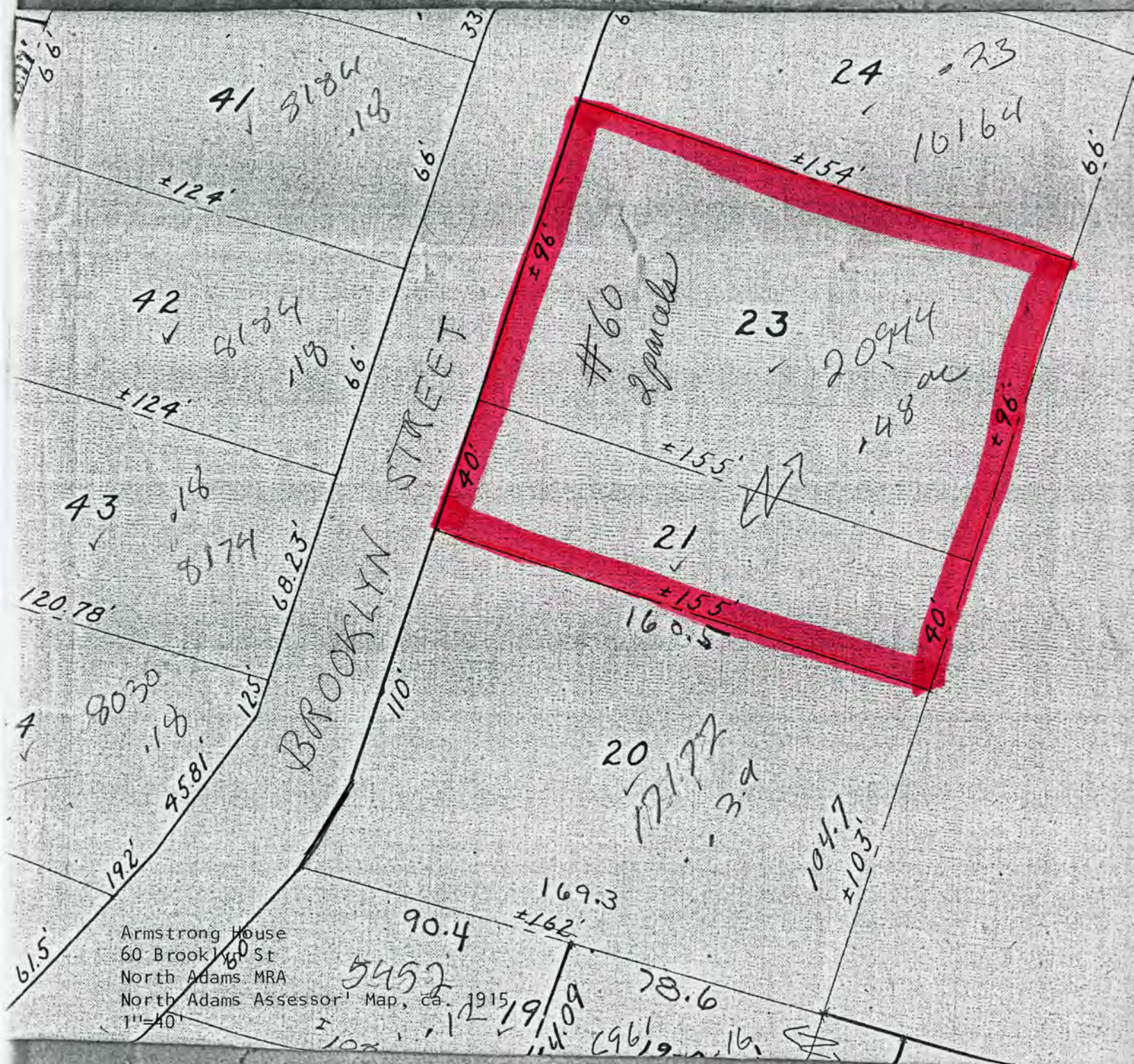
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