

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Town Northampton



Address 10 Chapel Street

Historic Name _____

Original residence

Present residence

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____

Public Comm. of Mass.

Original owner George Ellsworth

Construction:

1860 (circa)

Source Registry of Deeds

cross streets and other buildings
or geographical features.
Indicate north.

Style _____

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

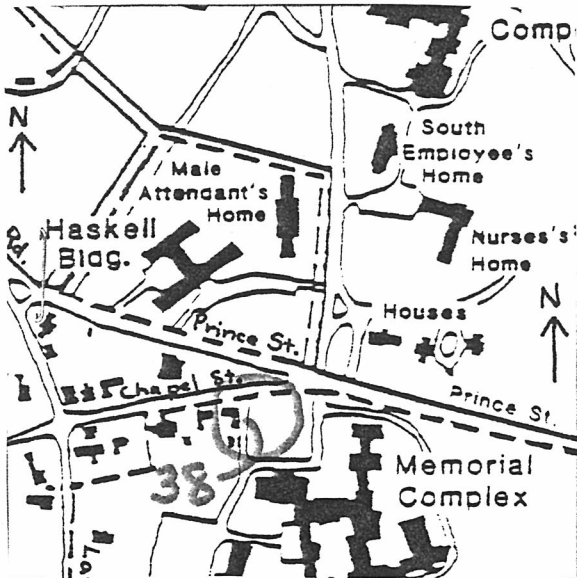
Outbuildings garage

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage _____

Setting _____



Recorded by Ed Lonergan

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date February, 1981

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

The house is 1½ stories in height with gable-end to the street, and has a one-story porch which covers the facade and most of the eastern side. The porch has a hipped roof, chamfered posts and a balustrade.

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

In 1856 George Ellsworth, a farmer who lived on the northern side of Route 66, purchased a half acre of land on the southern side of the street for \$75.00. Five years later he sold the property "together with two small dwelling houses thereon" to William Prince for \$900.00. Dr. Prince was the first superintendent at the State Hospital, and possibly thought of using these as employees houses. Within a few years though both houses were sold, each with a quarter acre of land. This house passed through seven owners before it was sold to the State in 1930. The owner of longest record was Sifroi Belleville, a carpenter at the State Hospital, who owned the property from 1878 to 1910.

After the state purchased this house in 1930 it was renovated and used for staff housing. The other similar cottage dating from 1860, no. 14 Chapel Street, was demolished by the state during the late 1930's.

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