

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	38B-112



Location Northampton

Address 39 Munroe Street

Name L. Stearns House

Present use residence

Present owner Robert & Mary Ryan

Description:

Date 1894-95

Source Reg. of Deeds & Atlas

Style

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

Architect

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) large carriage house

Other features high hip slate roof with

hipped front dormer and swept side dormer front porch with Tuscan columns and balustrade

Altered --- Date

Moved --- Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less X Over one acre

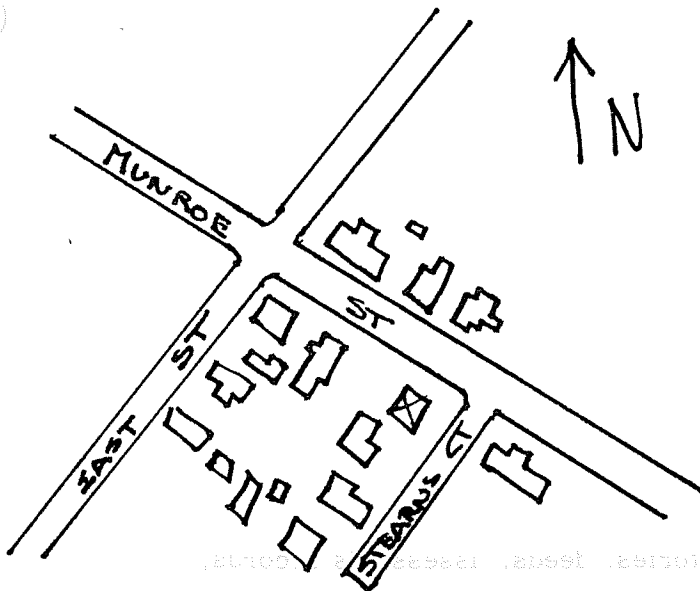
Approximate frontage 80'

Approximate distance of building from street 20'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date February 1980



(over)

Original owner (if known) Luther G. Stearns

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| Aboriginal | _____ | Conservation | _____ | Recreation | _____ |
| Agricultural | _____ | Education | _____ | Religion | _____ |
| Architectural | _____ | Exploration/
settlement | _____ | Science/
invention | _____ |
| The Arts | _____ | Industry | _____ | Social/
humanitarian | _____ |
| Commerce | _____ | Military | _____ | Transportation | _____ |
| Communication | _____ | Political | _____ | | |
| Community development | _____ | | | | |

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

Luther Stearns was listed as a concrete paver when he had this house built in 1894-95. The house is basically a two-story cube with high hip slate roof. A hipped dormer with double window breaks the front, while a swept dormer and hipped roof over a two-story projection break the side. A full-length, one-story porch with Tuscan columns and balustrade covers the facade. A variety of window forms, including an over-sized front window and an elliptical window with keystone patterning help distinguish this turn-of-the-century house.

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

- 1884 & 1895 Atlases
- Registry of Deeds: Bk.470-P.95
- Northampton Directory: 1895-96