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7.	Original owner (if known)	Second Congregational Society of Northampton
	Original use.	parsonage
	Subsequent uses (if any) and dates_	residence
8.	Themes (check as many as applicab	ole)
	Aboriginal Agricultural Architectural The Arts Commerce Communication Community development	Conservation Recreation Education Religion Exploration/ Science/ settlement invention Industry Social/ Military humanitarian Political Transportation

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

Columbus Ave., with lots on both sides, was filed on a subdivision plan in 1892. The street was opened through the South St. homestead of Elizabeth Clapp. The Clapp family is one of the oldest in the South St. area. Preserved Clapp was granted land on the north side of the street, where today School St. and Fort Hill Ter. are. This land, obtained in 1661 when Preserved settled in Northampton, was to have served as a homestead, however the "frontier" nature of Northampton prevented this. No settlement occurred west of the Mill River until 1696. Captain Roger Clapp, Preserved's son, settled on South St. in 1713. He occupied land on the south side of the street. Most of these lands remained in the Clapp family through the 19th century.

During 1892, the Second Congregational Society obtained lot #4 of this subdivision, and built this house as a parsonage. Rev. Richard A. Griffin is listed as residing here in the 1892-93 Directory. The 2½ story, 3 bay house has a slate, gabled roof with gabled dormer. Sawtooth shingles are used within the gable. A one-story, hipped roof porch extends across the entire facade. Turned posts, fan brackets, square balusters, and lattice base are decorative elements used on the porch.

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

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