

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	38B-123



n Northampton

ress 16-18 Columbus Avenue

re _____

sent use residence

resent owner Howard Anderson

escription: _____

e 1892-93

Source Reg. of Deeds & Directory

le _____

chitect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) garage

Other features gabled dormer with decorative shingles, 1 story front porch

with turned posts & brackets

Altered --- Date _____

Moved --- Date _____

5. Lot size: _____

One acre or less X Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 82'

Approximate distance of building from street

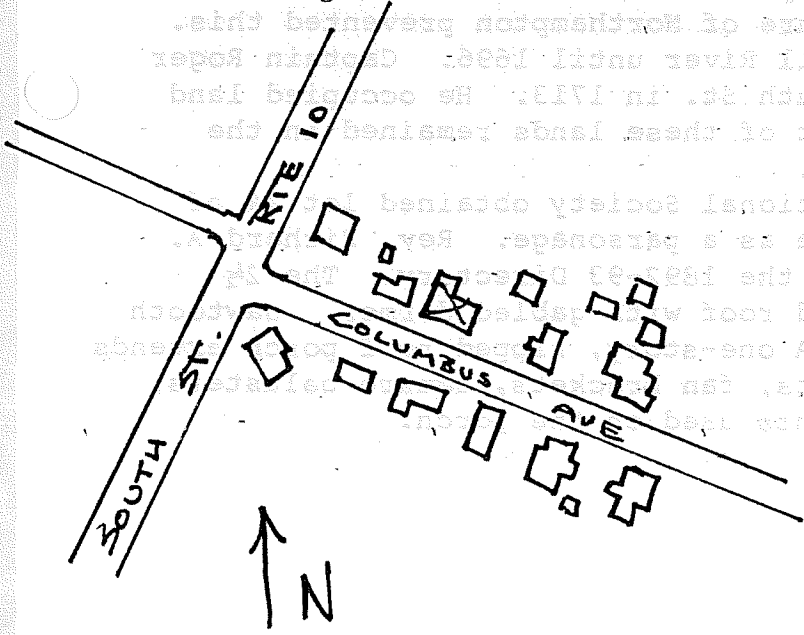
20'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date February 1980

7. Map. Draw on the north side of the map in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



(over)

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 applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

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.)

Registry of Deeds: Bk.449-P.410, 449-319
1895 Atlas

Northampton Directory: 1885-86, 92-93

Antiquities, Historicals and Graduates of Northampton, S.Clark, 1882 pp 125-127

Map of the Homelots of the First Settlers of Northampton, James R. Trumbull, 1902