

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	38B-131

1041



1 Northampton

Address 22 East Street

Name E. Rolfe House

Present use residence

Present owner Samuel Femiano & Patricia Coonerty

Description:

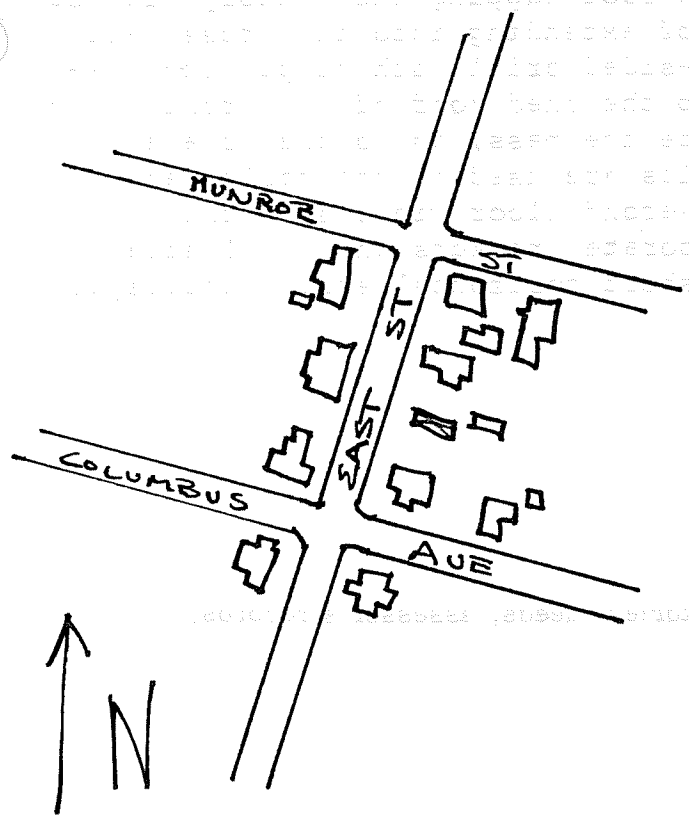
Year 1894-05

Source Reg. of Deeds & Atlas

File

Architect

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



Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features decorative shingles in gables, side 2 story bay, 1 story front porch surmounted by a 3 sided bay

Altered --- Date

Moved --- Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less X Over one acre

Approximate frontage 64'

Approximate distance of building from street 20'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date February 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Martha M. & Edward M. Rolfe

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)

East St. was extended southwesterly from Monroe St. to Fort St. in the early 1890's at the time of the Columbus Ave. subdivision. Edward Rolfe, a painter and paper hanger in business with James Pierce (Pierce & Rolfe: painters, paper hangers and dealers in wallpaper, paints, oils, etc.), had this house built in 1894-95. At the same time Pierce had a house built on the lot next north.

Rolfe's house has a slate, gabled roof capping the 2-story clapboard mass. A two story bay with hipped roof extending into the cross gable projects from the side, while a three-sided oriel with hipped roof extending into the front gable sits atop the shed roof of the front porch. Side boards help break up and delineate the mass, as do the frieze and cornerboards. Decoratively-cut shingles are used in the gables and as a wide band separating the first and second floor windows of the side bay. The front porch has turned posts, elaborate brackets and a balustrade composed of simple square balusters and short horizontal sticks interspersed every third baluster.

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

1884 & 1895 Atlases
 Registry of Deeds: Bk. 157-P. 70
 Washington Directory: 1894-95, 1895-96