

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	38B-135

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Northampton

Address 58 Columbus Ave.

Name W. Knowlton House

Present use residence

Present owner George and Dorise

Architect Rouleau

Year 1895

Source Reg. of Deeds and Atlas

Style Colonial Revival

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

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric asbestos shakes

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Roof gabled and partial

Altered porch enclosure Date mid 20th c.

Moved -- Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less Over one acre _____

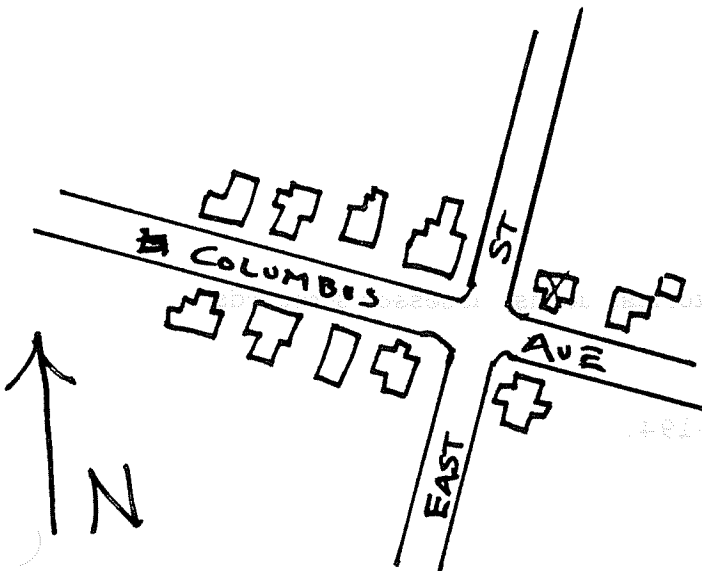
Approximate frontage _____

Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date April 1980



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Wilbur F. and Jennie A. Knowlton

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 | <u>x</u> | | | | |

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

Columbus Ave and 28 residential lots were proposed in 1892. The street was opened off of South St. and extended southeasterly to the edge of the buff overlooking the meadows. Thw-thirds of the way along its length was the only cross street, East St., which was lengthened at this time from its Munroe St. end southerly across Columbus Ave. to Fort St. In early 1895, Jennie Knowlton purchased this northeast corner lot of Columbus Ave and East St. The 1895-96 directory lists Wilbur Knowlton, a professional photagrapher, as living here.

The large, two-story cubic house is capped by a hipped slate roof with hipped dormers. A one-story porch extends across the facade and a smaller porch with hipped roof is on the second floor above the central entrance.

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

- 1895 Atlas.
- Registry of Deeds: Bk 449-P 410, 476-194.
- Northampton Directory: 1895-96.