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

A subdivision plan for Columbus Ave. and 28 residential lots was filed in 1892. This was to be the fifth street developed off of South St.atop the river terrace. The first four were Fort St., Olive St., High St. (now Lyman Rd.), and Franklin Ave. (now Munroe St.). Rotus Harvey, a carpenter, bought lot no. 20 in 1894 and is first listed as living here in the 1895-96 directory. He probably built the house himself. By 1900 he had moved to Fourth Ave., a small street off of Franklin St. in Northampton.

The house is two and a half stories in height with pedimented gable end to the street. Small, rounded modillions grace the raking cornices of the gable. The first floor of the facade has a three-sided bay at the eastern end and a half porch at the western end. These are both capped by a hipped roof. The porch is composed of turned columns, cut-out brackets and a balustrade. A cross gable caps a two story shingled oriel on the western side.

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, 470-507.

Northampotn Directory: 1895-96, 1900.