

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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In Area no.	Form no.
	38B-137

1 Town Northampton



Address 72 Columbus Ave.

Name W. Doane House

Present use residence

Present owner Richard and Lisa Berkaman

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Date c. 1895

Source Atlas and Reg. of Deeds.

Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features \_\_\_\_\_

Altered new window in front gable Date 1970's

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:  
One acre or less \_\_\_\_\_ Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_

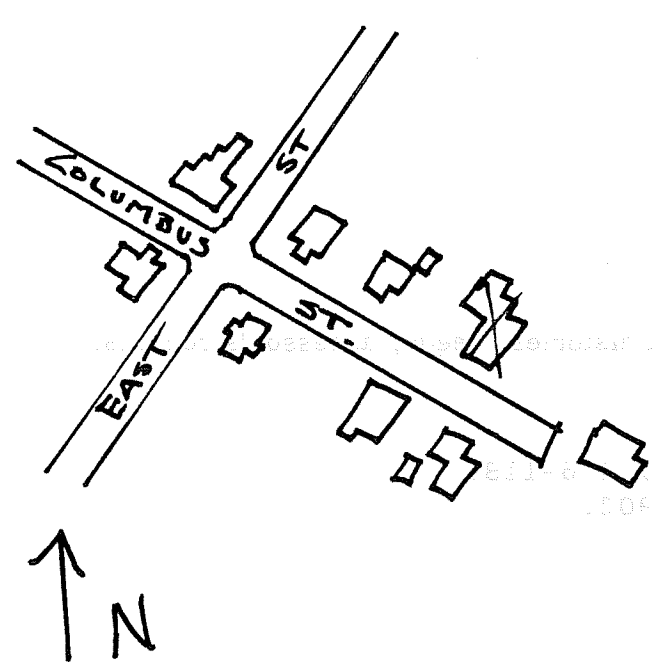
Approximate distance of building from street \_\_\_\_\_

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date April 1980

Map in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Will N. Doane

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	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. was laid out in 1892 across part of the Clapp family's South St. homestead. In 1895 Will Doane purchased lot no. 24 on the subdivision plan. Mr. Doane was manager of the Merrick Lumber Co. in town, and is first listed at this address in the 1895-96 directory.

The house is two and a half stories in height with pedimented gable end to the street and cross gables on either side. The front gable is clad with fish scale shingles and has a modern grouping of tall, narrow windows. A one-story, front porch with gabled entrance extends across the facade and beyond the southern end. The porch is composed of turned posts, fancy brackets and balustrade. The northwest side of the house has a two-story oriel capped by a domical slate roof.

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

- 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 449-P. 410, 476-118.
- Northampton Directory: 1895-96, 1902.