

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	38B-150

1052



1 Town Northampton

Address 57 Columbus Avenue

Owner G. Drury

Present use residence

Present owner James & Marsha Elefterakis

Description:

Year 1898

Source Reg. of Deeds & Directory

File

Architect

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

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features decorative shingles in

gable, wrap-around 1 story porch with

conically roofed corner projection

Altered --- Date

Moved --- Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less --- Over one acre ---

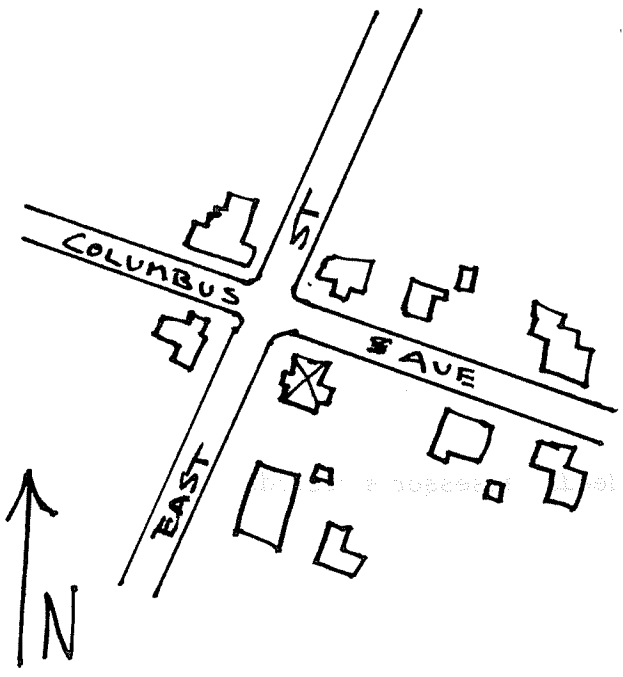
Approximate frontage

Approximate distance of building from street

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date February 1980



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) George N. Drury

Original use residence

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

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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)

This 2½ story house was built in 1898 for George Drury, a steward at "Northampton Lunatic Hospital". Columbus Ave. was laid out in 1892 and lots were sold immediately. This house has a commanding location at the southwest corner of Columbus and East St., the only cross street.. Its major decorative feature is the wrap-around porch, which has a conically-roofed projection at the corner. The porch has Tuscan columns on a high, shingled base, which is pierced in several areas by groups of narrow rectangular slits. Decoratively cut shingles are used in the front gable, while a square entry window and leaded glass transom over the single large window adorn the first floor of the facade.

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

1895 & 1915 Atlases  
 Registry of Deeds: Bk.449-P.410, 510-117  
 Northampton Directory: 1898-99