

FORM B - BUILDING

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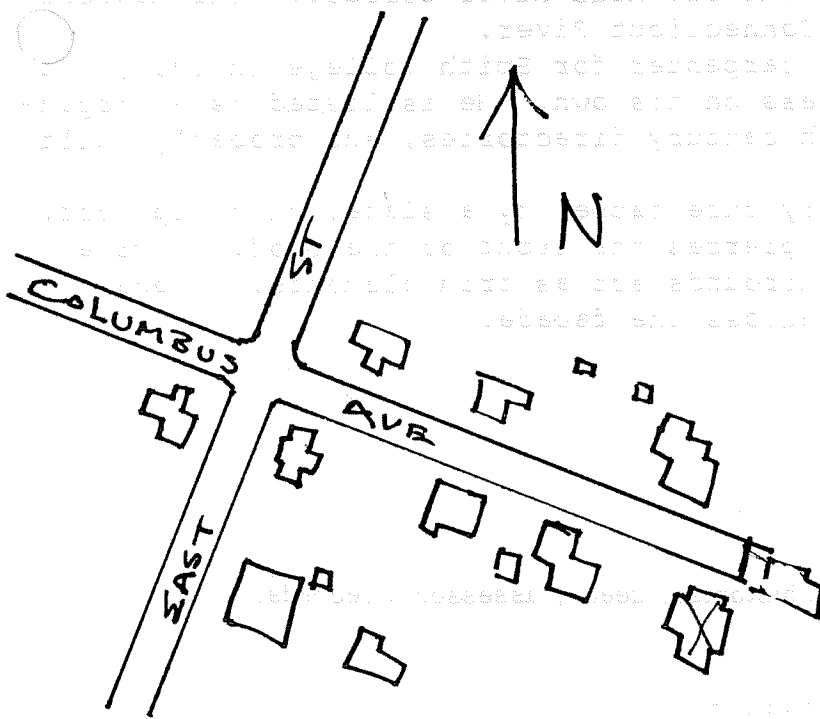
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston



1 Northampton
 Address 75 Columbus Avenue
 Date
 Present use
 Present owner John & Louise Bart
 Description:
 1905-15
 Source Reg. of Deeds & Atlas

 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 Slate high hip roof
wide frieze & corner boards, 2-story
side bay, full-length front porch
 Altered --- Date
 Moved --- Date
 5. Lot size:
 One acre or less Over one acre
 Approximate frontage
 Approximate distance of building from street
 15'
 6. Recorded by E. Lonergan
 Organization NHC
 Date February 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Arthur G. Tidd

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)

Arthur Tidd purchased lot 27 of the Columbus Ave. subdivision in 1905. The subdivision had been filed in 1892, and development had begun immediately. By 1895 seven houses had been built on the northern side of the street, while only two had been constructed on the southern side. Lots on the southern side of the street, east of East St. were not developed until after the turn of the century. Lot 27 is the southeasternmost lot in the development and is located at the brow of the old Mill River terrace. The meadows stretch easterly from here to the Connecticut River.

Arthur Tidd was employed as a carpenter for Smith College in 1905, but subsequently began a jobbing business on his own. He is listed as a carpenter and a builder in the early 20th century directories, and probably built his own house during this period.

The house is a simple two-story cube capped by a slate, high hip roof. A hipped dormer with double window pierces the front of the roof. A wide frieze, corner boards and window surrounds act as trim elements. A one-story hipped roof porch stretches across 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. 440-P. 410, 593-271
- Northampton Directory: 1905, 1915 & 1925