

FORM B - BUILDING

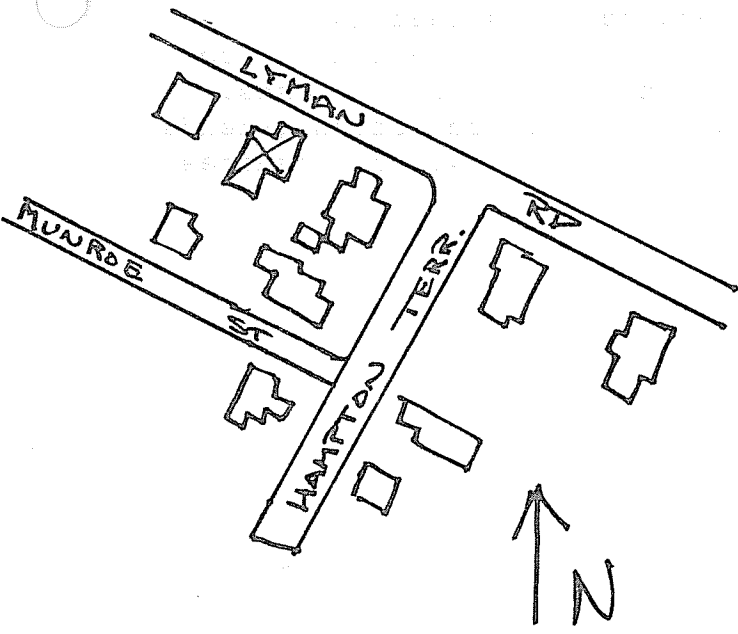
In Area no.	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston



Town Northampton
 Address 57 Lyman Road
 Name C. Pierce House
 Present use residence
 Present owner Jack & Susan Barocas
 Description:
 Date 1871-73
 Source Reg. of Deeds & Atlas
 Date
 Architect

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



Exterior wall fabric clapboard
 Outbuildings (describe)
 Other features "Palladian" window in gable front porch with posts, balustrade of cut-out pattern and gabled entrance projection
 Altered --- Date
 Moved --- Date
 5. Lot size:
 One acre or less X Over one acre
 Approximate frontage 100'
 Approximate distance of building from street
10'
 6. Recorded by E. Lonergan
 Organization NHC
 Date February 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Chauncey H. Pierce

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 | <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)

This was the third house built on Lyman Rd. (originally known as High St.). High St. had been laid out in 1870 by Charles G. & Alfred Starkweather through their family's South St. homestead. The street was built in two sections with a dog-leg, and the early residences were built on the eastern half of the street. This half backed up to the brow of the old Mill River terrace and provided land owners with a relatively secluded location. Chauncey Pierce was co-owner, with A. Perry Peck, of a Main St. insurance agency.

This 2½ story residence with gable end to the street is very similar to 39 Lyman Rd. in form and detailing. A "Palladian" window is in the front gable, and a one-story porch with chamfered posts, balustrade of cut-out pattern, and gabled entrance projection extends across the facade. A wide frieze, cornerboards, and window cornices are used for trim details.

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

- 1873, 1894 & 1895 Atlases
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 310-P. 457, 234-39
- Northampton Directory: 1873-74