

FORM B - BUILDING

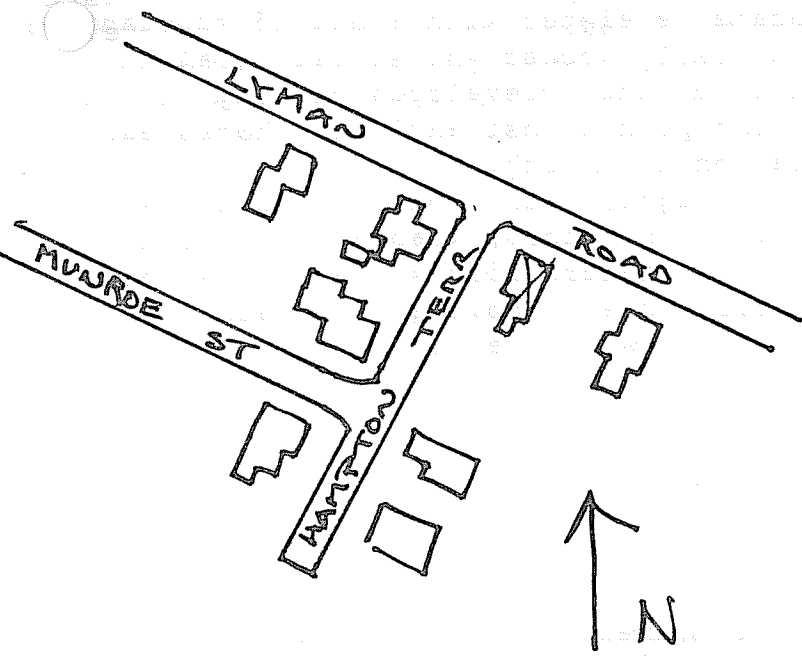
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	39A-63



n Northampton
 Address 69 Lyman Road
 Name E. Cook House
 Present use residence
 Present owner Larve & Nancy Kemper
 Description:
 Date 1883-84
 Source Reg. of Deeds & Atlas
 Style Italianate

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



Architect _____
 Exterior wall fabric clapboard
 Outbuildings (describe) _____
 Other features _____

Altered part of porch enclosed Date 20th c
 Moved --- Date _____

5. Lot size:
 One acre or less X Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 100'
 Approximate distance of building from street
15'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan
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 Date February 1980

(over)

Original owner (if known) Edwin D. Cook

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)

This house was built in 1883-84 for Edwin Cook, who was employed by W.F. Prindle, "stove dealer, plumber, steam and gas fitter, and drain-pipe". Mr. Cook obtained lot G of Alfred and Charles G. Starkweather's subdivision plan for High St. (the original name of Lyman Rd.). The Starkweathers subdivided their family's homestead, which began on South St. and ran easterly over the brow of the river terrace and into the meadows. The eastern half of the homestead became developed with about 15 substantial single-family homes. The setting was mostly wooded and almost rural in character. This quality was maintained by the undeveloped quality of the meadows and the Fort Hill estate, Northampton's most exclusive homestead tract, which abutted the High St. plan on the north.

Mr. Cook's house is 2½ stories in height, with gable end to the street and a cross-gable to the western side. A one-story, wrap-around porch with chamfered posts and balustrade of cut-out pattern adorns the facade while window cornices, corner boards and narrow frieze provide trim details. A label with stops caps the round-headed window in the front gable.

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

- 1873, 1884 & 1895 Atlases
- Registry of Deeds: Bk.376-P.438, 275-100
- Northampton Directory: 1885-86