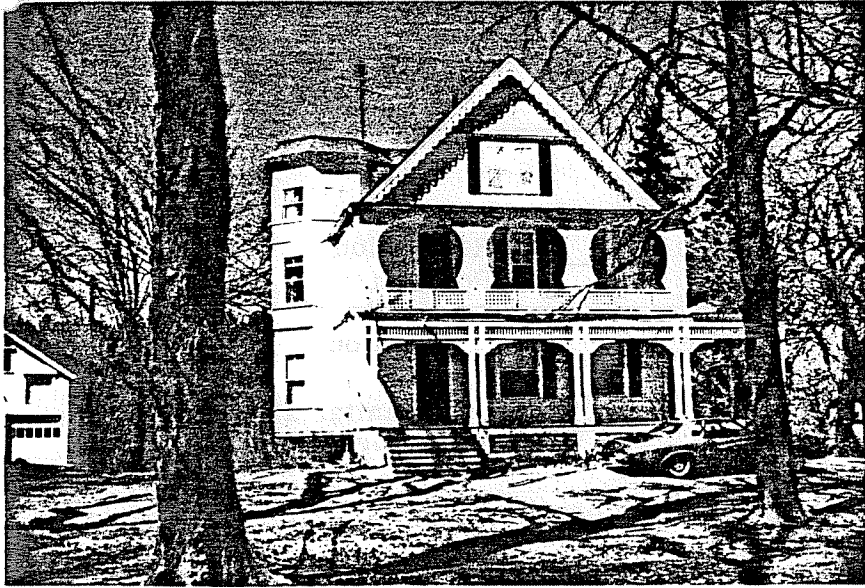


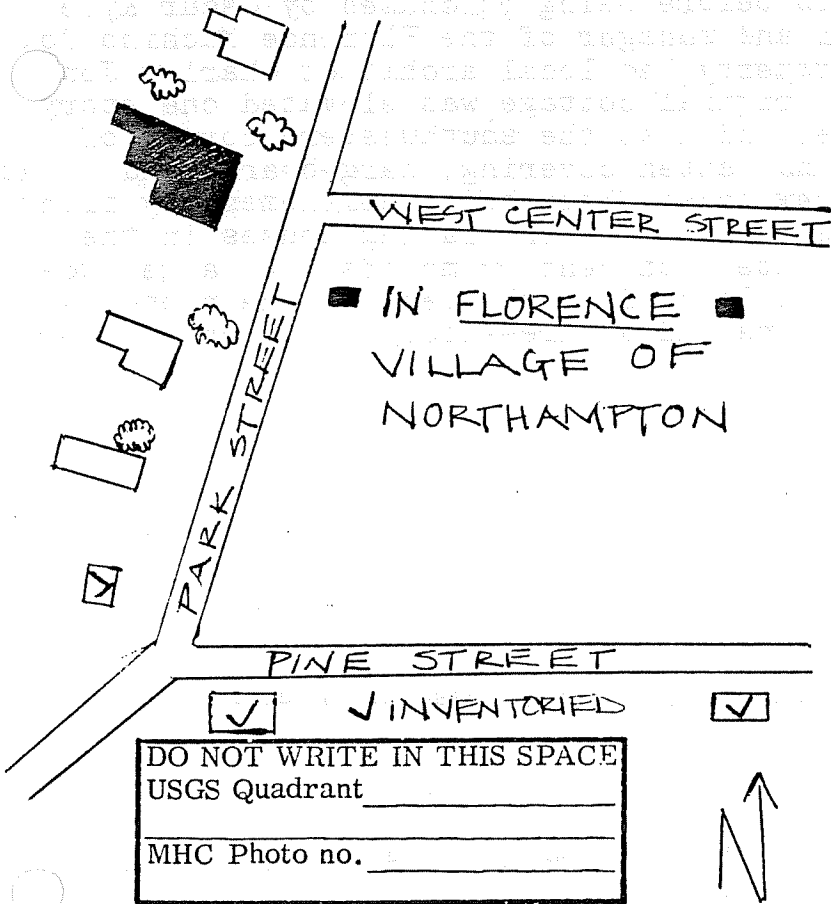
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Florence (Northampton)  
18 Park Street  
Kyle Estate  
Residence  
Paul L. Smith  
Circa 1865  
1884 Atlas of Northampton  
Stick

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



Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Bracketed  
 Outbuildings (describe) None  
 Other features gable roof, second floor loggia, lattice work  
 Altered no Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:  
 Less than one acre x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate frontage 100 feet  
 Approximate distance of building from street 40 feet

6. Recorded by L. Komaromi  
 Organization Northampton Historical Commission  
 Date March 6, 1976

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7. Original owner (if known) Francis O. Rosbrook

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 interesting residence was first constructed as a one-and-a-half story "Carpenter Gothic" cottage in the early 1850's. Francis Rosbrook bought 4 1/2 acres on "Old Oil Mill Rd." from Samuel Hill in 1850 for \$300. Two years later he sold half of the premises with a "dwelling house" back to Mr. Hill for \$1000. The property passed through three other owners before being purchased by Oscar Kyle in 1884. Mr. Kyle was treasurer and manager of the Florence Machine Co., and soon after purchasing the property had local architect Charles Jon "remodel" the old cottage. The original cottage was elevated one story and a three story octagonal tower added at the southwestern corner of the house. The original board and batten covering, bargeboards and ornate porch were all kept, while the new first floor had a complementary front porch added. In sum this is one of the most interesting houses in the city for its meshing of mid and late 19th century motifs. A large two-and-a-half story carriage house is located in the rear of the property. This has decorative shingle patterns and a three-story tower on the northern side with flaring cornice roof.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)  
 1854 and 1860 County Maps.  
 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.  
 Northampton Directory: 1873-74, 1888-89.  
 Registry of Deeds: Bk. 410-P.337, 171-362, 154-255, 144-184, 144-182 and 133-431.