

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	10B-35

1 Town Northampton



Address 7 Upland Road

Age _____

Present use residence

Present owner Thomas & Ellen Rockett

Description: _____

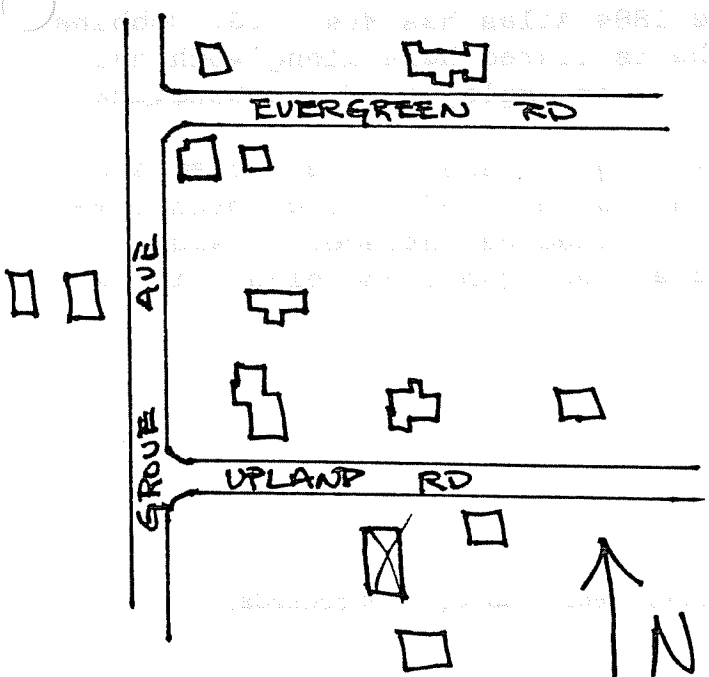
Date 1873-84

Source Atlases

Reference _____

Architect _____

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



Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features oculus in front gable

side porch with chamfered posts &

decorative brackets

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 March 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

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)

During the 1870's, the Nonotuck Silk Co. developed four streets on the hill northeast of the village of Leeds. The streets were opened north of Front St., a connector between the village and Haydenville Rd. The Company divided the area into residential lots and either had houses built to be rented by its employees or sold lots which were subsequently developed by the individual owners.

This house is located at the southeast corner of Grove Ave. and Upland St. (formerly known as Center St.). The 1884 Atlas has Mrs. R.G. Robbins as owner, and in the 1885-6 Directory she is listed here along with her daughter and son. The son, Chandler G., is an employee of the Nonotuck Silk Co.

Two and a half stories in height, with gable end to the street and an eastern cross-gable, the house also has a rear ell and a side porch composed of posts, decorative brackets and a turned balustrade. A wide friezeboard under the eaves, oculus in the front gable and blank window forms are used for detailing.

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

1873, 1884 & 1895 Atlases