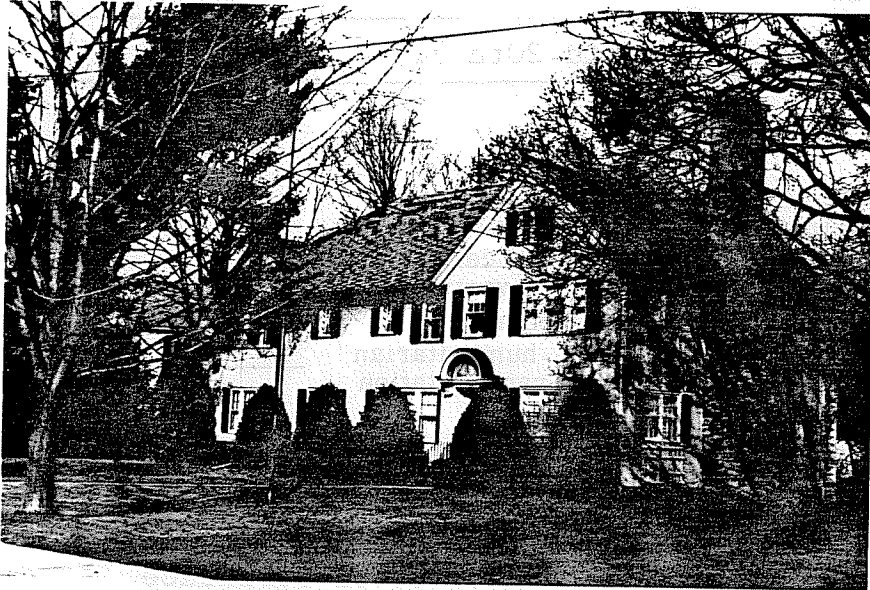


FORM B - BUILDING

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

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Northampton

Address 425 Prospect St.

Subject Children's Home

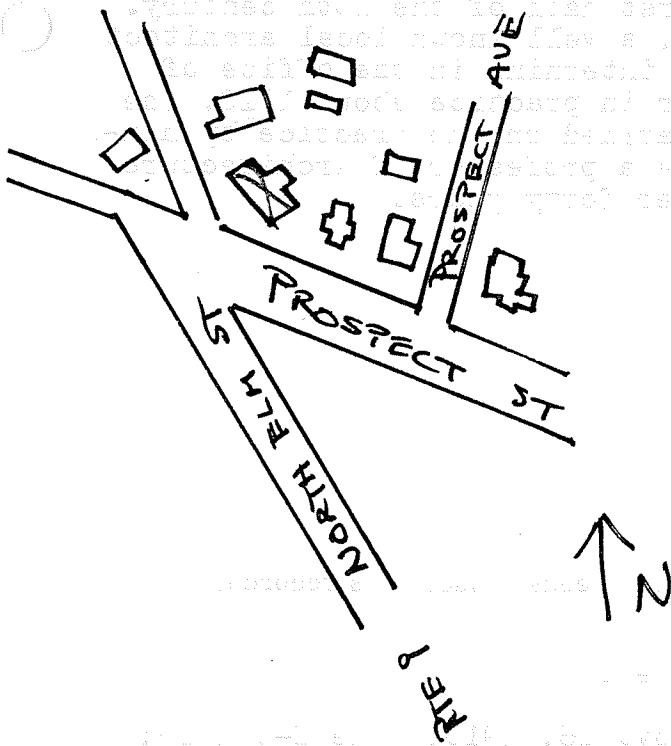
Present use funeral home

Present owner Charles and Ruth Dutton

Description: 1914-15

Source Daily Hampshire Gazette

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



Architect Karl S. Putnam

Exterior wall fabric stucco

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features \_\_\_\_\_

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)

Children's Home Association

7. Original owner (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Original use children's home

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates funeral home (mid 20th c.)

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	<u>x</u>
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This large stuccoed building was originally constructed as the Hampshire County Children's Home. This Association had first opened a house for unfortunate children on Arlington St. in a converted residence in 1910. Three years later this land at the corner of Prospect and North Elm Sts. was donated to the Association, and the present building erected during 1914 at a cost of \$10,000.

The building was erected from designs of Karl Scott Putnam, Northampton's most prominent architect of the first half of the 20th century. Mr. Putnam was the son of Roswell F. Putnam, a well known local architect of the turn-of-the-century period and after interning in the office of Edward Tilton in New York, joined his father in practice about 1910. The elder Mr. Putnam died in 1911 and the son carried on the practice by himself. In the early 1920's, r. Putnam became a professor of Architecture at Smith College, a position he held for over forty years.

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

1895, 1915 Atlases.

Smith College Archives: Karl S. Putnam folder.

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