

FORM B - BUILDING

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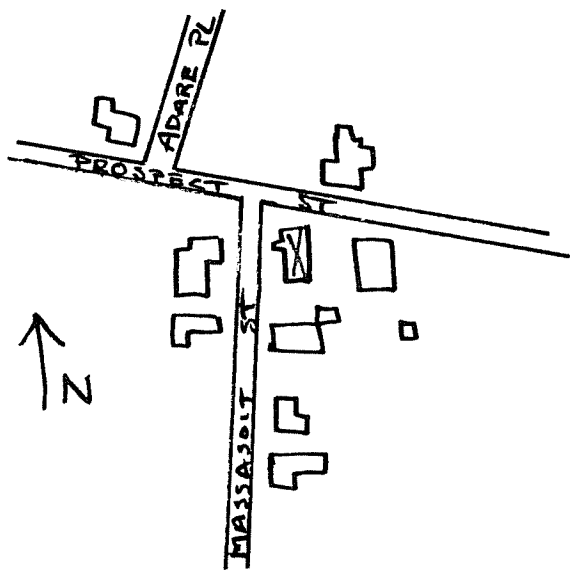
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton
 274 Prospect St.
 ic Name J. Lyons House
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 hip: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
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cross streets and other buildings
 or geographical features.
 Indicate north.

Date 1892-95
 Source Reg. of Deeds and Atlas



Style _____
 Architect _____
 Exterior wall fabric clapboard
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) _____

 Moved --- Date _____
 Approx. acreage ome acre or less
 Setting _____

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

The house is two and a half stories in height, with gable end to the street and a 2½ story gabled projection on the western side. Both gables are covered with fish-scale shingles, and there is a one-story porch with shed roof and square posts with brackets that covers the three bay facade.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

In 1892 Michael Lyons, a policeman, and his wife Mary purchased about 1/3 of an acre at the corner of Prospect St. and Massasoit St. for \$700. By 1895 Mr. Lyons had divided the land in half, selling the northern half, at the intersection to James Lyons, a polisher at the Central Oilgas Stove Co. in Florence, and keeping the southern half, on Massasoit St. for himself. The 1895 atlas shows houses for both of these lots, and also shows that this area along Prospect St. had become very Irish in character.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
Registry of Deeds: Bk. 449-P. 27.
Northampton Directory: 1895-96.