

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
	246-23

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton  
 ; 130 North Elm St.  
 ic Name A. P. Peck House  
 riginal residence  
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 hip:  Private individual  
       Private organization \_\_\_\_\_  
       Public \_\_\_\_\_  
 riginal owner \_\_\_\_\_

OPTION:

cross streets and other buildings  
or geographical features.  
Indicate north.

Date c. 1865

Source Maps and Directory

Style \_\_\_\_\_

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

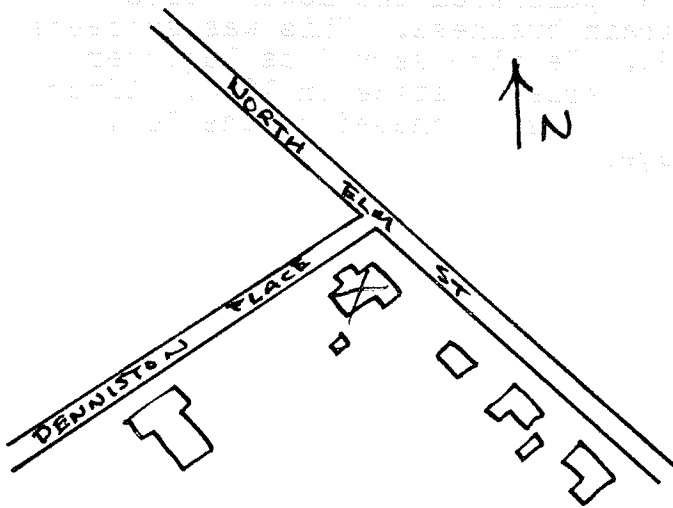
Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_

Setting \_\_\_\_\_



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(Staple additional sheets here)

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

The house is 2 stories in height with gable end to North Elm St. and a three-bay facade with central 2½ story gabled projection fronting on a small lane now known as Denniston Place. The roof has raking eaves which overhang the end and side walls, and the windows on the house have six over six sashes and cornices supported by small modillions. The main entrance is located in the central projection on the facade and is enclosed by a glassed-in porch, with projecting cornice and balcony.

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

The area near the junction of North Elm and Prospect Sts. was first called Springdale by Dr. E.E. Denniston who opened a water cure establishment here in 1848. This house is thought to have been built for A. Perry Peck during the mid 1860's, as he's listed at "Springdale" in the 1868-69 directory and this house appears as his on the 1873 atlas. However a house does appear near the site on the 1860 map and it's possible that Mr. Peck remodelled the older house for his own residence.

Mr. Peck was a prominent local citizen who had begun business as a druggist and grocer in 1849. In 1853 he purchased the Lower Mills (on Clark St.) and engaged in the flour and grain business. This was succeeded by his becoming an insurance agent in 1860. He also served as Register of Probate from 1855-59 and was appointed a trial justice in 1860. After Mr. Peck's decease around 1880, the property was purchased by the Rev. George Webber, a professor at Smith College.

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