

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

61 Woodlawn Ave.

Original Name \_\_\_\_\_

Original residence \_\_\_\_\_

Present residence \_\_\_\_\_

Type:  Private individual  
Private organization \_\_\_\_\_

Public \_\_\_\_\_

Original owner \_\_\_\_\_

Construction:

1920

cross streets and other buildings  
or geographical features.

Indicate north.

Source Plans- Mc Callum Houses

Style \_\_\_\_\_

Architect Fox and Gale

Exterior wall fabric stucco

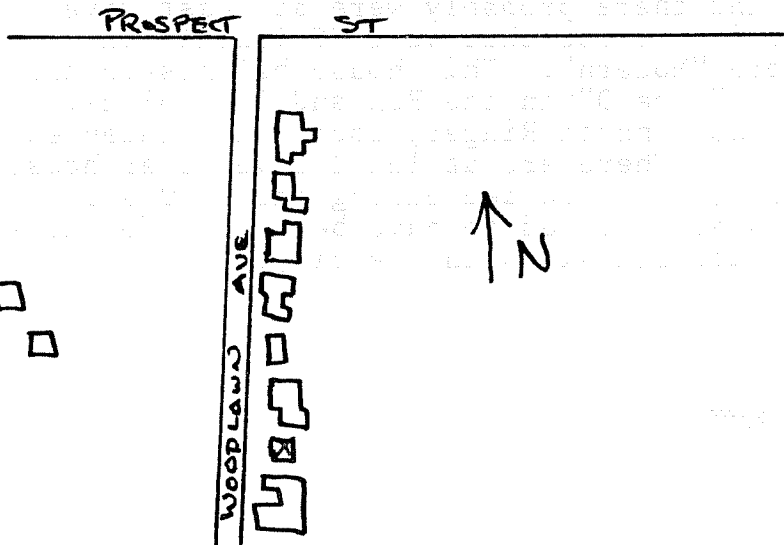
Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Approx. acreage one acre or less

Setting \_\_\_\_\_



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

See Below.

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

A sub-division plan for Woodlawn Ave. was filed in 1910 by Frederick Jager and W.F. Anderson. The street was cut between Prospect and Elm Sts. through part of the Watson estate, known as "Wildwood". This later became a city-owned park. Lots were laid out only on the eastern side of the street. Development was slow with no houses appearing on the 1915 atlas.

In 1920 Fox and Gale, Boston architects made plans for several types of cottages to be erected on Woodlawn Ave. for the McCallum Hosiery Co. George McCallum, president of the Company, owned most of the lots and provided the plans for employees' benefit. Forbes Library has five of the plans bound in a small booklet and there probably were at least five more. The plans were in two categories, those that were "Colonial" in inspiration, and those that were more "Modern". This house belongs to the second category and is described as "Type D" in the Fox and Gale plans. The first known owner and occupant was Kenneth Ringer, local superintendent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. There are at least five other houses built from these plans on this street, all occupied during the 1920's by McCallum Co. employees. These plans also seemed to have been used for houses on Fairview St., as well as other scattered sites in the city.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Northampton Directory: 1922 and 1930.  
Plans-Mc Callum Houses- 1920  
Registry of Deeds: Bk. 661-P. 390 and 1.