

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
	24C-68

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

70 Massasoit St.

ic Name M. Hennessey House

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hip:  Private individual  
 Private organization

Public

original owner Michael Hennessey

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Date 1888-95

Source Reg. of Deeds and Atlas

Style

Architect

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings

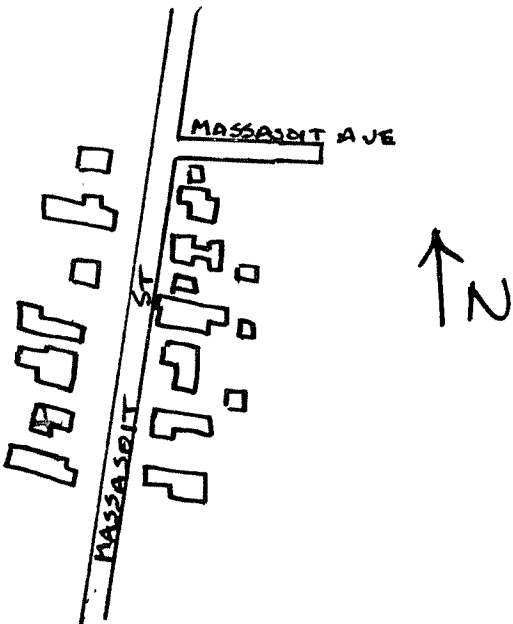
Major alterations (with dates) ---

Moved --- Date

Approx. acreage one acre or less

Setting

location in relation to  
 cross streets and other buildings  
 or geographical features.  
 Indicate north.



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Organization NHC

Date March 1980

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

The house has gable end to the street and a gabled projection on the southern side, as well as a one-story porch on the facade with shed roof, posts with small brackets and a balustrade.

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

In 1869 Henry Maynard filed a subdivision plan for Massasoit St. and attendant lots. Development was slow though and by 1884 only a dozen houses had been built. Most of the construction took place between the mid 80's and mid 90's, so that by 1895 the street appeared substantially as it does today.

In 1888 Michael Hennessey bought lot no. 19 of the plan for \$275, and established his homestead here.

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