

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	24C-87

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Northampton

Address 23 Massasoit St.

Present use residence

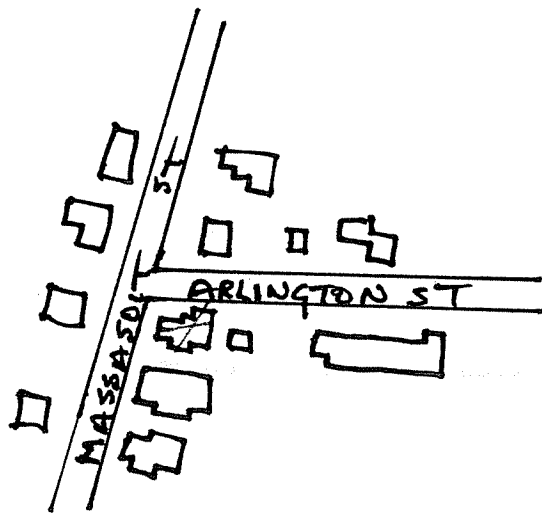
Present owner Mae Elizabeth Conway

Description:

1888-95

Source Reg. of Deeds and Atlas

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



Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric clapboard and wood shingle

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

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

Altered -- Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate distance of building from street \_\_\_\_\_

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

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Date March 1980

(over)

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

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

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

In 1888 Oren Smith bought the rear part of the Wood homestead on Elm St. This homestead was bounded westerly by Massasoit St., which had been opened in 1869, and northerly by Arlington St. By 1895 six houses had been built on Smith's land, all two stories in height, and L-shaped. Variety is provided through different projections and trim detailing. Mr. Smith kept title to this house and lot until 1901 when he sold the property to Mary Daniels wife of Joseph, an insurance agent.

This house features decoratively cut shingles in the gables, decorative gable trim, a patterned string course between the clapboarded first story and shingled second story, a bay window with pedimented front and bracketed cornice on the facade, and an entry porch with spindle frieze, turned posts with cutout brackets and a low balustrade.

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

1884 and 1895 Atlases.  
Registry of Deeds: Bk. 546-P. 438, 418-321.  
Northampton Directory: 1905.