

FORM B - BUILDING

In Area no.	Form no. 24C-167
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston



Northampton

Address 4 Bancroft Rd.

Present use residence

Present owner A.B. and Hilda Mc Arthur

Description: c. 1894

Source Reg. of Deeds and visual evidence

Architect

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features

Altered -- Date

Moved -- Date

5. Lot size:
One acre or less Over one acre

Approximate frontage

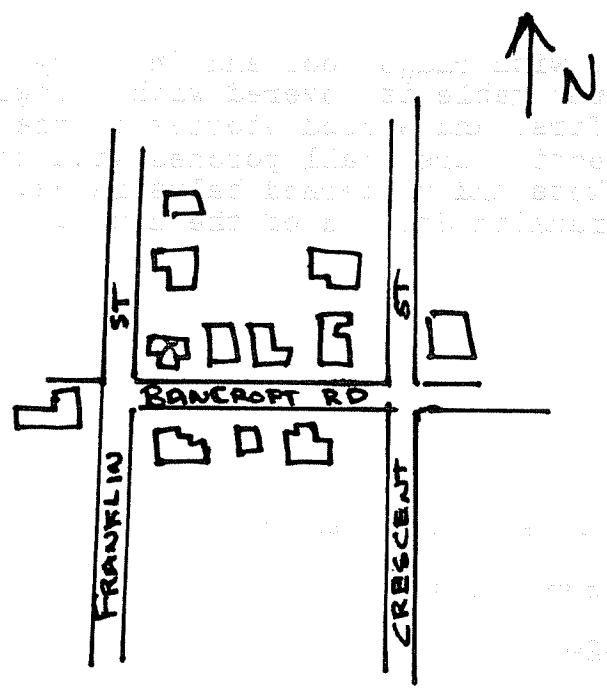
Approximate distance of building from street

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date March 1980

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



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Henry G. Maynard (?)

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	_____				

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

There has been a house on this site since the early 1850's. At that time Franklin St. was a short lane leading to a large formhouse (now identified as no. 38 Franklin) and Bancroft Rd. was a curving lane leading to the top of Pound Hill. It appears that the farm was originally connected with the Round Hill School for Boys begun in the early 1820's. From 1856 until 1894 Simeon Birge sold the property to Henry Maynard. Mr. Maynard had been very instrumental in opening up Massasoit and Franklin Sts. for development. It appears that the old house was taken down and the present house built at the time of Mr. Maynard's purchase. The new house appears on the 1895 atlas, and is owned by Mr. Maynard, who probably leased it out.

The house is 2½ stories in height with ridge roof and 2½ story gabled projection on the facade. The front gable is covered with shingles, and a shingled beltcourse separates the first and second stories of the house. On either side of the front projection are small porches with shed roofs, turned posts with perforated brackets and patterned balustrades, and there is a two-story bay window on the Franklin St. end of the house.

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

- 1860 County Map. 1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.
- Northampton Directory: 1885-86, 1895-96.
- Registry of Deeds: Bk. 466-P. 387, 165-529, 149-311.