

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	24C- 177



Northampton

Address 181 Crescent St.

J. Ruddy House

Present use residence

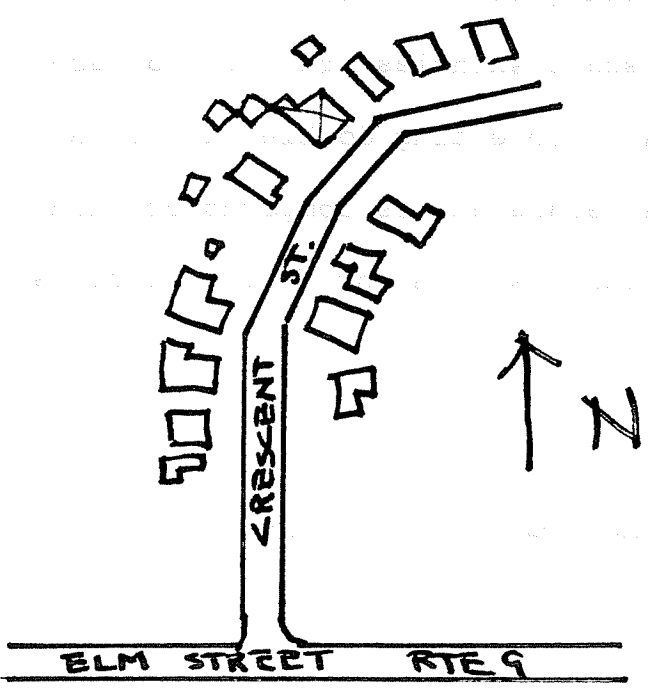
Present owner \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

1896

Source Atlas and Directory & S.D.R.

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



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 April 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) John Ruddy

Original use residence

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

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	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)

Crescent St. was laid out in 1886 midway along the slopes of Round Hill. It quickly became one of the most fashionable streets to build upon in Northampton. This house was built shortly before the turn of the century, probably for John Ruddy, a local policeman, at a cost of \$2000

The house is 2½ stories in height with gable end to the street and a cross gable on the southern side. Fish-scale shingles are used to decorate the front gable, which also contains a projecting double gable. A full-length front porch extends across the facade and is composed of turned posts, a patterned balustrade and curved brackets. On the second floor is a slightly smaller porch with turned posts.

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

1895 and 1915 Atlases.

Northampton Directory: 1895-95, 1900, 1905, 1915 and 1922.

Springfield Daily Republican Dec. 31, 1896.