

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	24C-180



Northampton

Address 203 Crescent St.

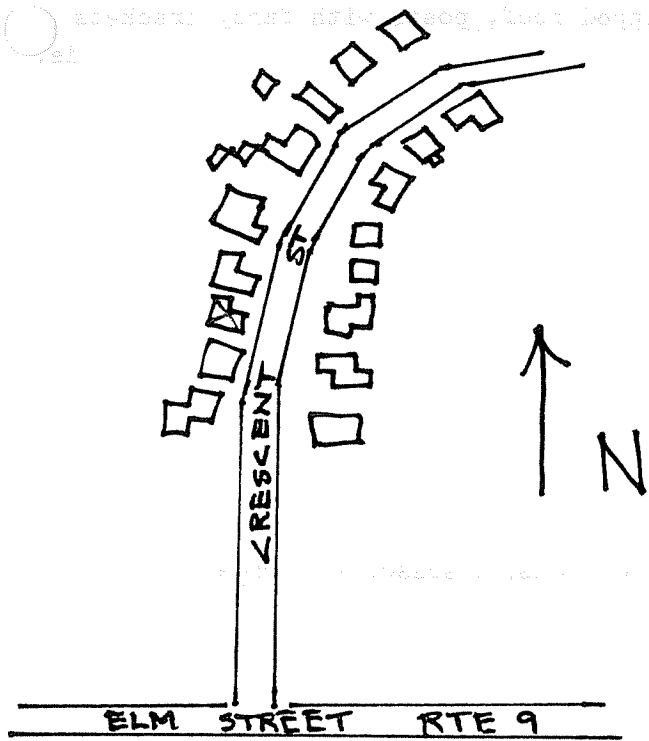
Present use residence

Present owner John and Catherine Dalton

Description: 1884-1895

Source Atlases

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 x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage _____

Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

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	_____	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 opened in 1886 along the middle slopes of Round Hill. The street almost completely encircles the hill and provides fine vistas to the north and east. This is one of three virtually identical houses built on the western side of the hill adjacent to each other. They all appear on the 1895 atlas, with this one being owned by William O'Brien, a letter carrier.

The house is 2 and 1/2 stories in height with gable end to the street and a 2 and 1/2 story gabled projection on the northern side. Two varieties of decoratively-cut shingles are used in the front gable and a one-story porch covers the two-bay facade. The porch has a hipped roof, posts with fancy brackets and a balustrade.

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

1884 and 1895 Atlases.
Northampton Directory: 1895-96.