

FORM B - BUILDING

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



1 Northampton

Address 43 Finn St.

Name Dignon-Boudway House

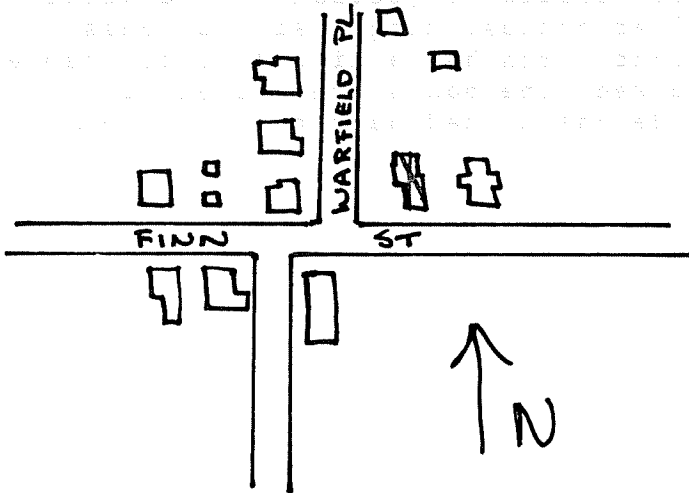
Present use residence

Present owner Donald and Anne Ouimette

Description: 1884-85

Source Reg. of Deeds and Directory

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



Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric asbestos siding

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered sided Date mid 20th c.

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 May 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Ellen Dignon
 Original use residence
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| 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)

In 1884 Hammond and Sullivan, two prominent, local real estate developers, filed a subdivision plan for Warfield Place and the north side of Spring St. (now Finn St.). Later that year they sold lots no. 9 and 10 to Ellen Dignon for \$800. The house was built soon thereafter as the 1885-86 Directory lists Joseph Boudway, co-owner of a Main St. grocery and fish market, as living here. Mrs. Dignon, the widow of Thomas, also lived here.

The house is two-and-a-half stories in height with gable end to the street and a two-and-a-half story gabled projection on the western side. The gables are trimmed with collar braces, king post and pendant, and collar tie, while the one-story front porch has a hipped roof, chamfered posts and balustrade. The openings between the posts are arched with cut-away spandrels, while the balustrade has arched patterns with solid spandrels.

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

1884 and 1895 Atlases.
 Registry of Deeds: Bk. 606-P. 313, 393-350, 384-310.