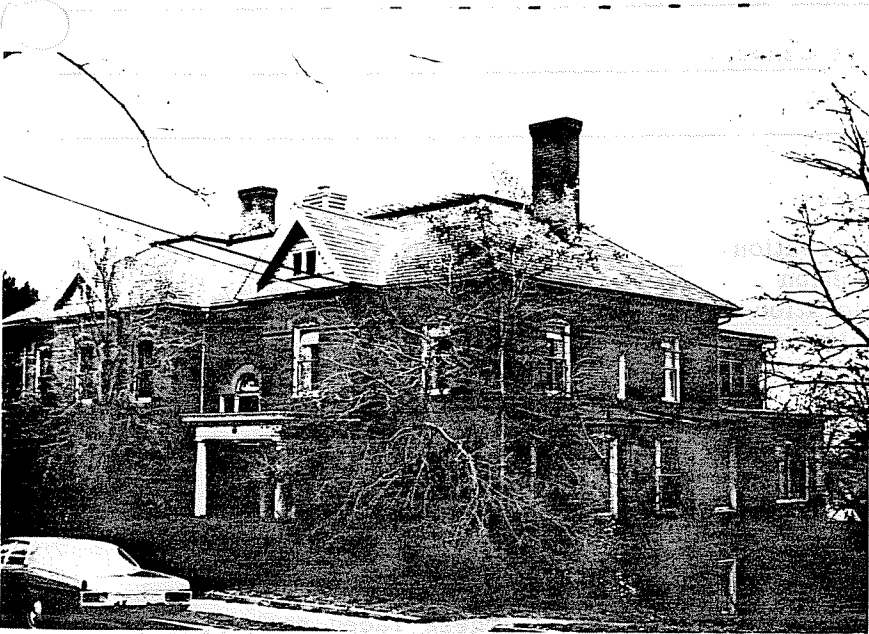


FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	24D-243



1 Northampton

Address 61 Crescent St,

Name W.F. Pratt House

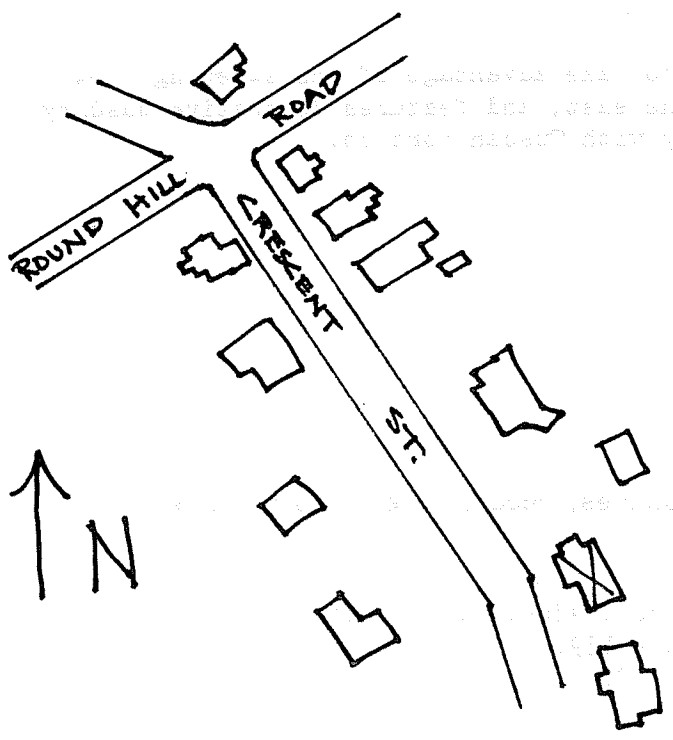
Present use residence

Present owner Frederick Ostrowski

Description: c. 1884

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 brick

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

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) William F. Pratt Jr.

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)

This was the second house to be built on the lower level of Round Hill. The estate of the Round Hill Hotel was first sectioned off for development in 1873, but only two houses had been built by 1884. These faced each other, across what later became Crescent St. Development picked up in the latter part of the 1880's and by 1895 Crescent St. had nearly thirty houses built. The Gazette described it as one of the most "aristocratic" streets in the city.

This house was built by William F. Pratt and his son William F. Jr. for their own residence. The elder Pratt was Northampton's pre-eminent architect of the mid. 19th century, and was responsible for much of the city's Main St. commercial blocks. His son had joined him in practice c. 1870 and the two continued until the firm was sold in 1893.

The house is situated to take advantage of the sweeping view of the Connecticut River Valley and hills to the east, and features decorative masonry work, a leaded glass Palladian window and entry with Tuscan portico.

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

1873, 1884 and 1895 Atlases.

Registry of Deeds: Bk. 453-P. 257, 444-299 and 503, 436-169, 431-217, 388-32, 270-429, 269-207, and 154-139.

Northampton Directory: 1885-86, 1895-96, 1905, 1922.

Daily Hampshire Gazette Nov. 30, 1895.