

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	24D-244



City Northampton

Address 57 Crescent St.

Name J. Stoddard House

Use residence

Present owner Carolyn Barrett

Description: 1891-95

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 clapboard and wood shingle

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features \_\_\_\_\_

Altered -- Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved -- Late \_\_\_\_\_

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) John T. Stoddard

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)

In 1891 John Stoddard, a professor of Chemistry at Smith College, purchased lotno. 4 and 5 of the Round Hill estate sub-division. The next year he had a \$10,000 "mansion" constructed. It was houses like these that led the Gazette to call Crescent St. one of the most "aristocratic" in the city in 1895. The street had been opened in 1886, and its location on the middle slopes of Round Hill, provided a sweeping vista of the Connecticut River Valley.

This large house features a 2 and 1/2 story pedimented pavilion in the center of the facade. A "Paladian" window is situated within the tympanum, while a panel with two decorative, leaded galss windows and crowned by a swan's neck pediment is located between the first and second stories.

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

1884 and 1895 Atlases.  
Registry of Deeds: Bk. 444-P. 181, 378-453.  
Northampton Directory: 1885-86, 1895-96, 1922.  
Springfield Daily Republican Dec. 31, 1892.