

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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In Area no.	Form no.
	24D-256



1 Northampton

Address 190 Round Hill Rd.

City

Present use residence

Present owner R. Donald and Martha Simison

Description:

Year 1884-95

Source Atlases.

Reference

Architect

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features 2-story corner tower with flared, domical roof, 2 Palladian windows, side arcade, granite foundation.

Altered — Date

Moved — Date

5. Lot size:  
One acre or less x Over one acre

Approximate frontage

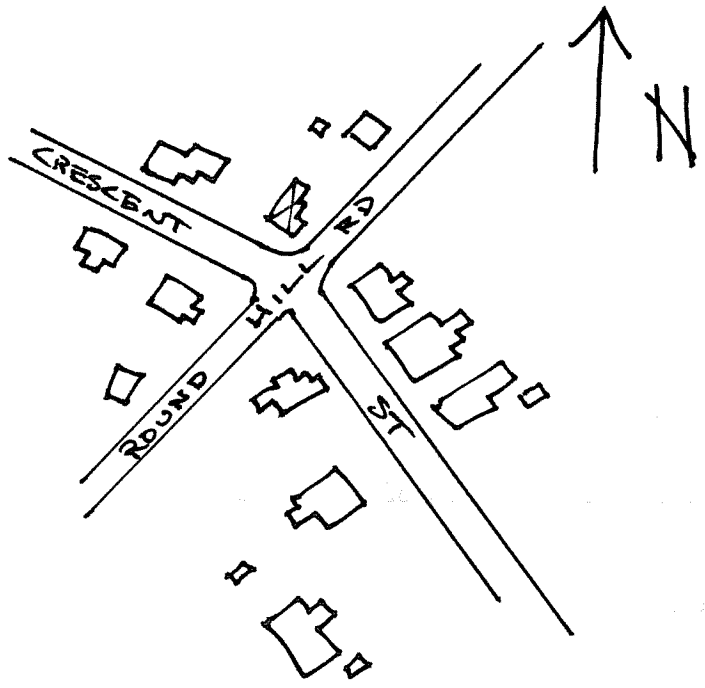
Approximate distance of building from street

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

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



(over)

1. 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	<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 interesting house first appears on the 1895 atlas. The owner and occupant was James Huntington, a reporter for the Daily Hampshire Gazette. Crescent St. had been cut along the middle slopes of Round Hill in the mid 1880's and provided fine vistas of the Connecticut River Valley to the east. The street quickly became one of the most fashionable in the city.

The house occupies a prominent corner site and features a two-story tower with flaring domical roof at the corner and gambrel roofed ends with Palladian window on the second floor facing Crescent St. and Round Hill Rd. The first floor of the Round Hill end contains a recessed porch with arched openings and heavy stone base.

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

1834 and 1895 Atlas.

Northampton Directory: 1885-86, 1895-96, 1905 and 1915.