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6. Recorded by E. Lonergan NHC Organization Date April 1980

One acre or less Over one acre

Approximate distance of building from street

(over)

5. Lot size:

Approximate frontage

Original use	residenc	се		 •
Subsequent uses (if ar	y) and dates			
8. Themes (check as ma	ny as applicable)			
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9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This is one of the first dozen or so houses to be built on Crescent St. west of Round Hill Rd. As early as the 1870's plans were made for the subdivision of Round Hill into building lots. There would be three avenues, First, Second and Third (now known as Crescent, Hillside and Bancroft), wrapping around the western and northern slopes of the hill, whilethe hotel occupied the famed eastern slope with its commanding view. Over one hundred building lots were advertised for sale in an 1877 advertisement. However development didn't get started until the 1880's. John B. O'Donnell, a prominent Northampton lawyer, later to be mayor, bought the property in the mid 1880's. Crescent St. was opened in 1886 and quickly became one of the most fashionable places to build in town.

This is the earliest double house on the street, and features a three story tower with polygonal roof at the eastern end and a two and a half story three sided bay capped by a gable with pent roof at the western end. A central entrance is sheltered by a Tuscan portico, and capped by a three-sided bay.

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

1884, 1895 and 1915 Atlases.
Northampton Directory: 1895-96, 1915.
Daily Hampshire Gazette: May 7, 1909, p.8.