

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	24D-296



Northampton

Address 136 Crescent St.

Owner Curran House

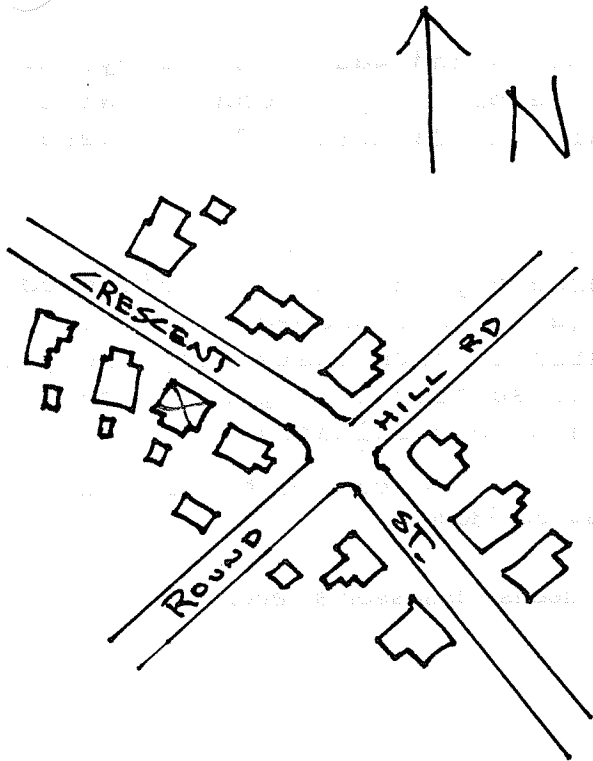
Present use residence

Present owner Margaret Curran

Description: 1904

Source Atlas and Directory & S.D.R.

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



Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered -- Date _____

Moved -F 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 April 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Albert F. Dyer

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 1886 Crescent street was laid out through the old orchards and gardens of the Round Hill Hotel property. It encircled Round Hill, midway up its slopes, beginning at the end of Henshaw Ave., which had been laid out in the 1860's, and extended north, west and then south to Elm St. Development proceeded north from Henshaw Ave., with the section south of Round Hill Rd. substantially complete by 1895. During the first three decades of the 20th century the next two sections, south to Bancroft Rd., and then south to Elm St. were developed.

This house first appears on the 1915 Atlas and was occupied by the Curran family, a member of which still owns the property. John and William Curran were Main St. grocers and Frances, Mary and Catherine Curran were listed as clerks.

The house is two stories in height with a high hipped roof. A projecting central pavilion breaks up the three bay facade. A pedimented gable projects from the roof, contains a large diamond-shaped window in the tympanum, and caps a three sided bay, which in turn rests atop the porch roof. The front porch has a projecting center section to emphasize this pavilion. The porch has Tuscan columns and a simple balustrade.

This house originally was built in 1904 for Albert Dyer, and employee of the Kingsbury Box and Paper Co., at a cost of \$3000.

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

- 1895 and 1915 Atlases.
- Northampton Directory: 1905, 1915, 1922.
- Early Northampton, K.S. Smith, (1914) pp 215-231.
- Springfield Daily Republican Dec. 31, 1904.