

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
	24D-308

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

102 Bancroft Rd.

Local Name M. Billings House

Original residence

Present residence

Type: Private individual
 Private organization

Public _____

Original owner Mary H. Billings

Construction: _____

Date 1922-30

Source Directories

Style Georgian Revival

Architect K. Putnam

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings _____

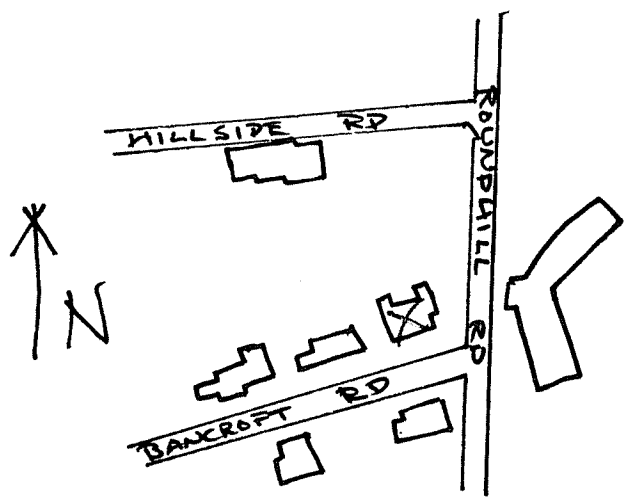
Major alterations (with dates) ---

Moved --- Date _____

Approx. acreage one acre or less

Setting _____

LOCATION: _____
 cross streets and other buildings
 or geographical features.
 Indicate north.



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Organization NHC

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

The house is 2 and 1/2 stories high with slate ridge roof and symmetrical five-bay facade. The second floor windows are tight under the eaves and have eight over twelve sashes, while those on the first floor have heavy cornices and twelve over twelve sashes. The central entrance has sidelights and is covered by a gabled portico.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

The house was built during the mid 1920's for Mary Billings from designs of Karl Putnam. Mr. Putnam was Northampton's most prominent architect of the first half of the 20th century and specialized in Colonial architecture. His designs of the 1920's and 1930's bear interesting contrast to the freer "Colonial Revival" of the turn of the century, as popularized locally by Mr. Putnam's father, Roswell F. Putnam.

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