

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	24D-311



1 Northampton

Address 76 Bancroft Rd.

Use residence

Present owner Alvertus and Drucilla

Description: Morse

1915-1922

Source Atlases & Directory

Architect

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

Exterior wall fabric wood shingles - 2nd
clapboard - 1st floor

Outbuildings (describe) --

Other features hipped roof, projecting cornice with brackets on wide friezeboard.

Altered -- Date

Moved -- Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre

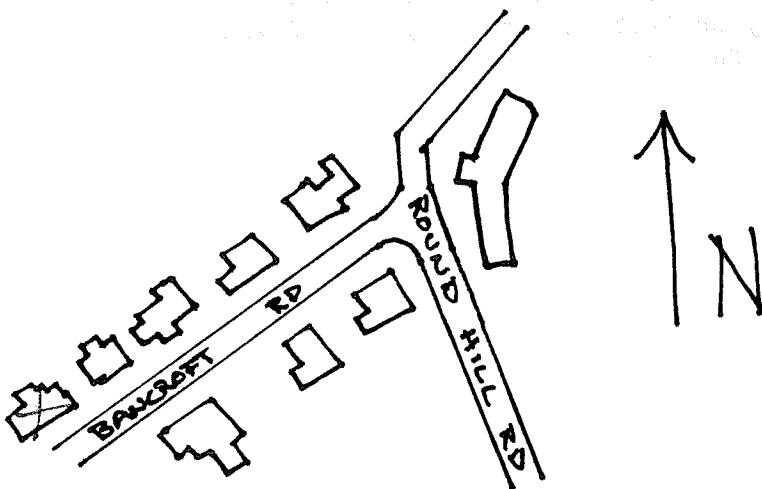
Approximate frontage

Approximate distance of building from street

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

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Date March 1980



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use residential _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| 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)

Bancroft Ave. (originally known as Third Ave.) was laid out in its present form in 1885. A road somewhat similar in orientation had existed since the early 19th century but was probably much gentler in slope. Development was slow on the street and the 1915 only show three houses on the upper portions of the street, east of Crescent St. This house doesn't appear on that atlas, but is listed in the 1922 directory. The owner was Richard Rice, a professor of English language and Literature at Smith College.

The house is 2 stories high with hipped roof and widely projecting eaves supported by large brackets. The front entrance is located right of center on the four-bay facade, and is covered by a flat-roofed portico with double Tuscan columns. On the eastern side of the house is a two-story projection with hipped roof and an entrance and portico similar to the one on the facade.

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

1895 and 1915 Atlases.
Northampton Directory: 1915 and 1922.