

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	24D-314

Northampton



Address 83 Bancroft Rd.

Present use residence

Present owner Clarke School for the

Description: Deaf

Date c. 1895

Source Atlas

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

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric _____

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

enclosed
Altered 2nd floor porch Date mid 20th c.

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less Over one acre _____

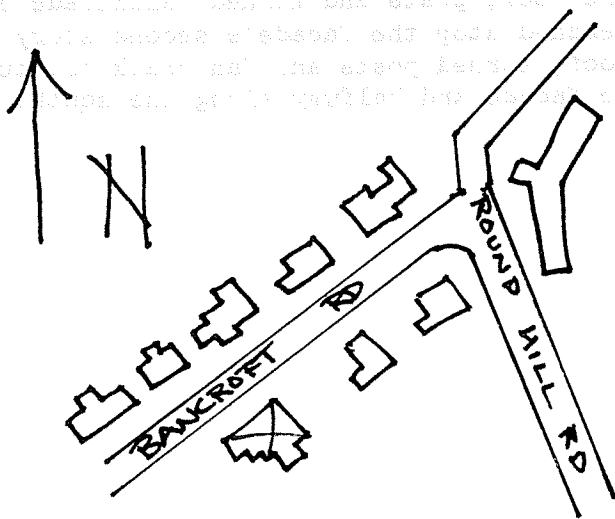
Approximate frontage _____

Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date March 1980



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) John B. O'Donnell

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 house and 66 Bancroft Rd. were the only two houses to appear on the upper part of the street on the 1895 atlas. John O'Donnell had bought the northern part of Round Hill in the mid 1880's and slowly developed the property over the next forty years. He served as mayor of Northampton during the early 1890's, maintained a career as a lawyer, and was appointed a judge for the District Court late in life. The 1895 atlas shows him owning this house, but he lived across the street at no. 66.

The house features decoratively-cut shingles on the front and gables as well as on the two front bow windows and the two-story bay window on the northern side. A small porch with hipped gable roof, posts and turned balustrade crowns the side bay window, and a similar porch is perched atop the facade's second story bow window. A large, one-story porch with flat roof, turned posts and fan brackets, turned balustrade and lattice base extends across the facade and halfway along the southern side.

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

1873, 1884, 1895 and 1915 Atlases.

Northampton Directory: 1885-86, 1895-96, 1900, 1905, 1915, 1922 and 1930.