

FORM B - BUILDING

In Area no.	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston



1 Northampton

Address 87 Round Hill Rd.

Name C. Gardner House

Present use residence

Present owner Richard and Isabel Holden

Description:

Period 1884-95

Source Atlases

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Altered --- Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved --- Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

One acre or less \_\_\_\_\_ Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate distance of building from street \_\_\_\_\_

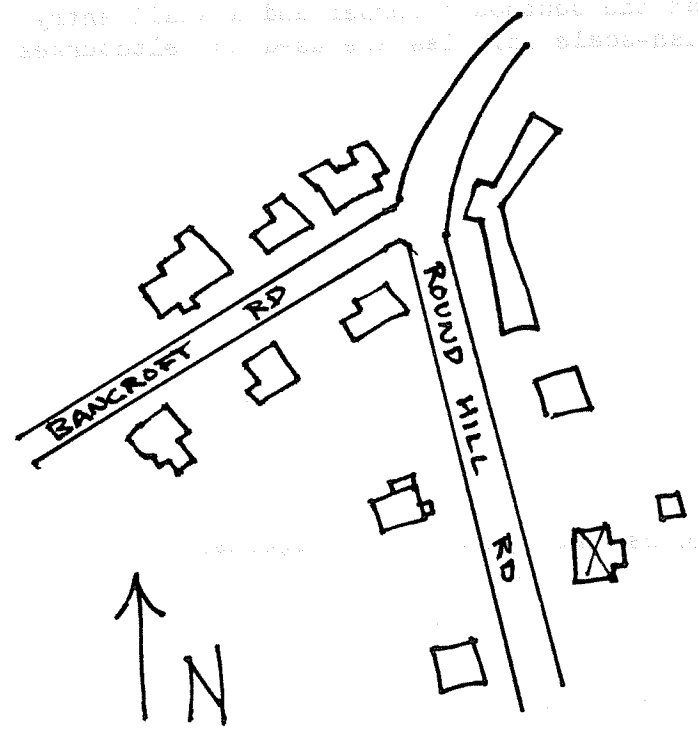
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6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

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



(over)

Original owner (if known) Dr. Clarence R. Gardner

Original use \_\_\_\_\_

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	<u>x</u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Round Hill, north of the Clark School, was first opened for residential development in the early 1870's. This project proved a failure and the property was bought by John B. O'Donnell in the mid 1880's. He felt that "the hill was by nature the handsomest and most desirable building spot in America", and only sold substantial lots for residences. By the turn of the century this had become one of the most exclusive residential areas of the city, a position it has maintained to this day.

This house first appears on the 1895 atlas as the residence of Dr. Clarence Gardner, and oculist and aurist. It is 2 and 1/2 stories in height and features a two-story tower with tent roof at the southeast corner and a small entry porch with spindle frieze and turned posts. Fish-scale shingles are used as beltcourses and decorative panels.

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

- 1884, 1895, 1915 Atlases.
- Northampton Directory: 1895-96.
- "Round Hill, Its History and Romance", Early Northampton, 1914, pp. 215-231.
- Daily Hampshire Gazette May 7, 1909.