

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 15 Sherman Ave.

Name C.S. Parsons House

Present use residence

Present owner Earle and Kenneth Parsons

Description:

Date 1900-05

Source Reg. of Deeds and Directory

Reference

Architect

in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

Exterior wall fabric clapboard and wood shingle  
Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features several barns

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

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

5. Lot size:  
One acre or less \_\_\_\_\_ Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

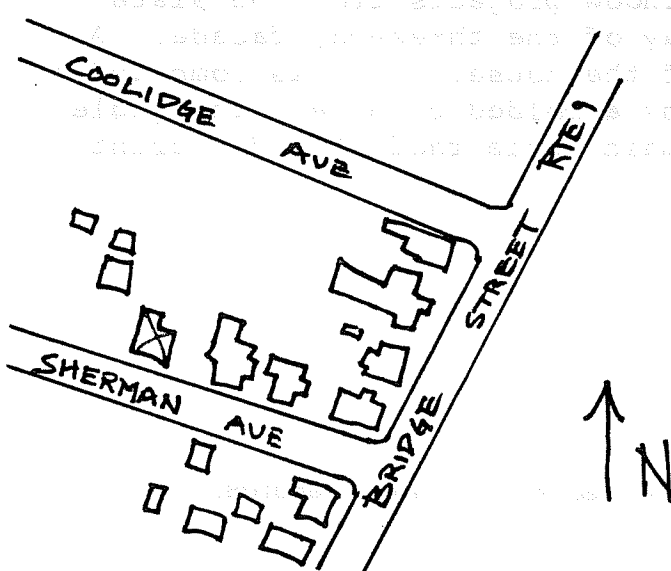
Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_

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

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Clayton S. Parsons

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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|-----------------------|----------|----------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|
| Aboriginal            | _____    | Conservation               | _____ | Recreation              | _____ |
| Agricultural          | _____    | Education                  | _____ | Religion                | _____ |
| Architectural         | _____    | Exploration/<br>settlement | _____ | Science/<br>invention   | _____ |
| The Arts              | _____    | Industry                   | _____ | Social/<br>humanitarian | _____ |
| Commerce              | _____    | Military                   | _____ | Transportation          | _____ |
| Communication         | _____    | Political                  | _____ |                         |       |
| Community development | <u>x</u> |                            |       |                         |       |

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

This large, turn of the century, farmhouse was built for Clayton S. Parsons. In 1900 Charles E. Stevens, a local realtor, filed a subdivision plan for Sherman St., which was to run from Bridge St. to Crosby St. Mr. Parsons, the former owner of this land had lived at 344 Bridge St., and after the street was laid out kept a large part of the land on the eastern side of the street.

The house has a one-story clapboard base with a steeply-pitched gable roof set on top. The sides of the gable are shingled. A large pedimented dormer with oculus and double sash window projects from the slate roof. The dormer is set over the central bay of the three-bay facade. A one-story porch extends across the facade of the house. This is composed of square piers and balustrade, and is capped by a molded cornice. The gable roof of the porch is a continuation of the main gable roof at a different pitch.

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

1895 and 1915 Atlases.  
Northampton Directory: 1905, 1915 and 1917.