

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	25A-140



City Northampton

Address 39 Day Avenue

Name A. Dauphinais House

Present use residence

Present owner Arthur & Mary Smith

Description:

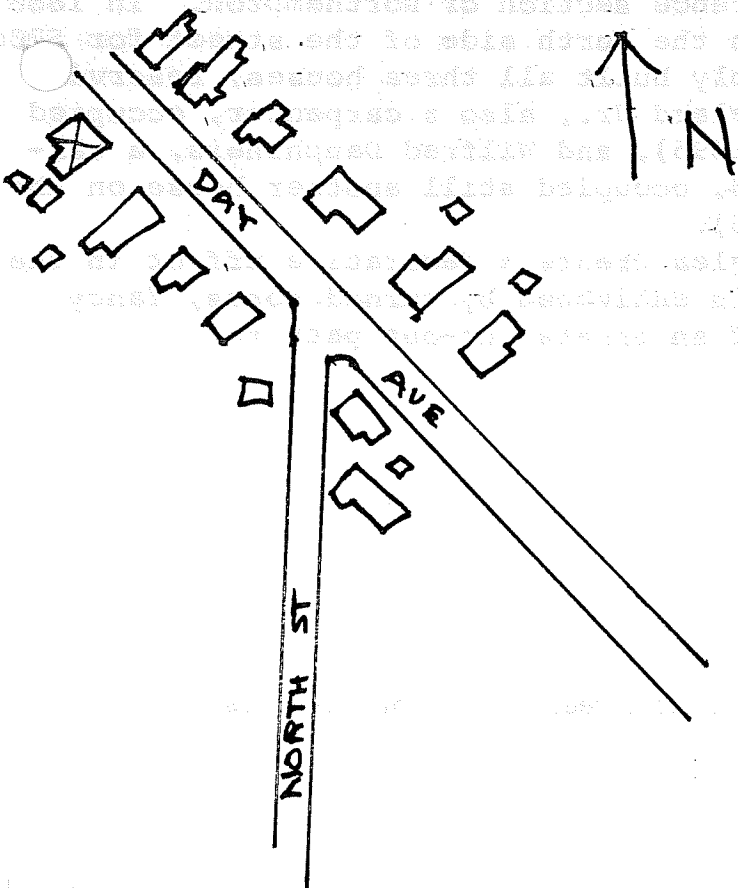
Year 1888-95

Source Reg. of Deeds & Atlas

File

Architect

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



Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features decoratively cut shingles in gables, one-story bay on facade, wrap-around porch with turned posts, decorative brackets and a balustrade of ornate cut-outs

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

Organization NHC

Date February 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Adelard Dauphinais
 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 2½ story, L-shaped house was constructed in the late 1880's. Myron Day, a Northampton farmer purchased the homestead of James W. Clark on Bridge Street. In 1886 he filed a subdivision plan for lots off of a new street to be called Beacon. The name was changed to Day Ave. to avoid confusion with Beacon St. in the Florence section of Northampton. In 1888 Day sold Adelard Dauphinais 3 lots on the north side of the street for \$700. Dauphinais was a carpenter and probably built all three houses, reserving this house for himself. His son, Adelard Jr., also a carpenter, occupied another house on Day Ave. (no.25 in 1895), and Wilfred Dauphinais, a carpenter of unknown relation to Adelard, occupied still another house on the north side of Day Ave. (no.17 in 1895).

Alternating short and long shingles create a decorative effect in the gables, while the wrap-around porch is enlivened by turned posts, fancy brackets and a balustrade composed of an ornate cut-out pattern.

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

- 1884 & 1895 Atlases
- Registry of Deeds: Bk.419-P.394, 405-51
- Northampton Directory: 1895-96