

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no. 25C-192
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Northampton

Address 27 Highland Ave.

Present use residence

Present owner George and Mary Karparis

Description:

1884-95

Source Atlases

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered -- Date _____

Moved -- Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage _____

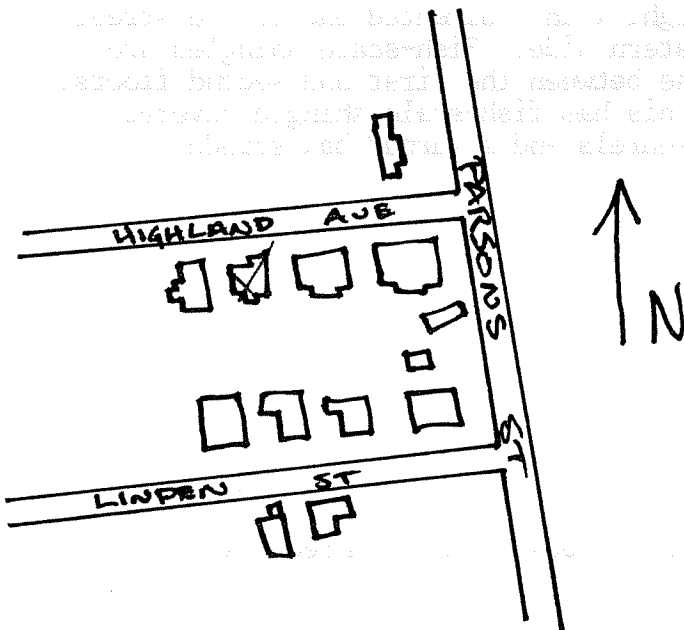
Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date April 1980

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



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

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)

Highland Ave. was opened between 1884 and 1895 through Charles Stevens' North St. homestead. This was the northernmost of the streets which cut through the colonial homesteads on Market and North Sts. These streets, as the homesteads had, extended easterly to the Bridge St. Cemetery. Nine of the present thirteen residential structures are shown on the 1895 atlas and the other four were built by 1915.

This house first appears on the 1895 atlas as property of William Bingham, an employee of the Northampton Paper Box Co. on North St.

The house is 2½ stories in height with pedimented end to the street and a pedimented 2½ story bay window on the western side. Fish-scale shingles are used in the pediments, and also as a belt course between the first and second floors. A one-story porch covers the front entrance. This has fish-scale shingle covered pediment, large arched opening with "stick" spandrels and a turned balustrade.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)
 1884, 1895 and 1915 Atlases.
 Northampton Directory: 1895-96.