

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	25C-193



Northampton

Address 23 Highland Ave.

Present use residence

Present owner Margaret Bober and

Description: Elizabeth Rockett

1884-95

Source Atlases

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric asphalt shingles

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered sided Date mid 20th c.

Moved -- Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage _____

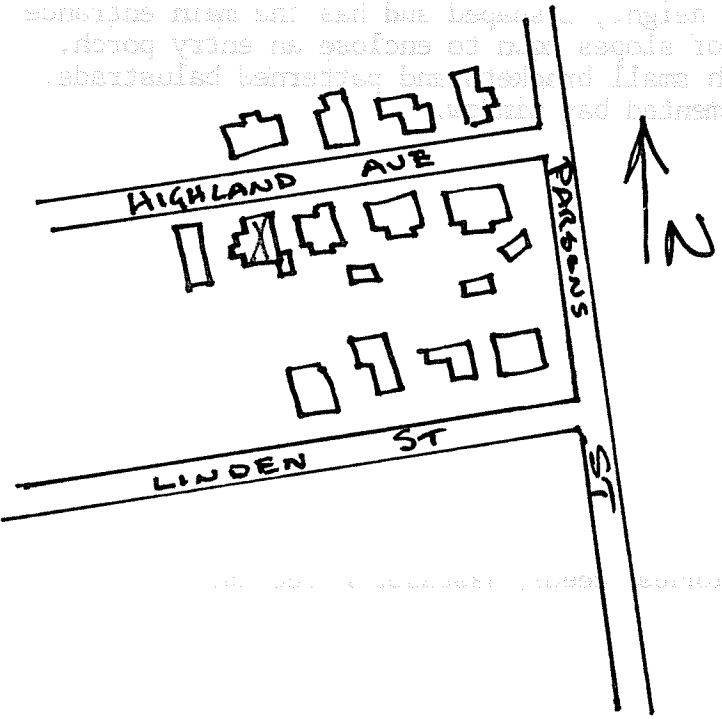
Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location 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	_____	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)

Highland Ave. was opened through the Charles Stevens' property between 1884 and 1895. 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. Cenetery.

This house first appears on the 1895 atlas as property of Hervey Wright, a mason. It's possible that Mr. Wright built this house himself.

The house is 2½ stories in height, L-shaped and has the main entrance in the crook of the L. Part of the main roof slopes down to enclose an entry porch. This has a spindle frieze, turned posts with small brackets and patterned balustrade. The front of the house has a one-story pedimented bay window.

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