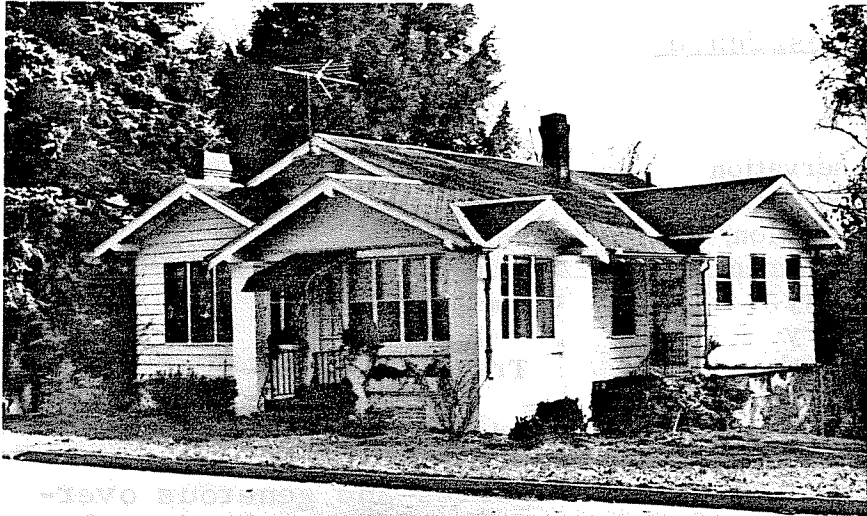


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FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	30B-71



Northampton

Address 164 Riverside Drive

Bungalow

Present use Residence

Present owner Edward T. McGrath

Description:

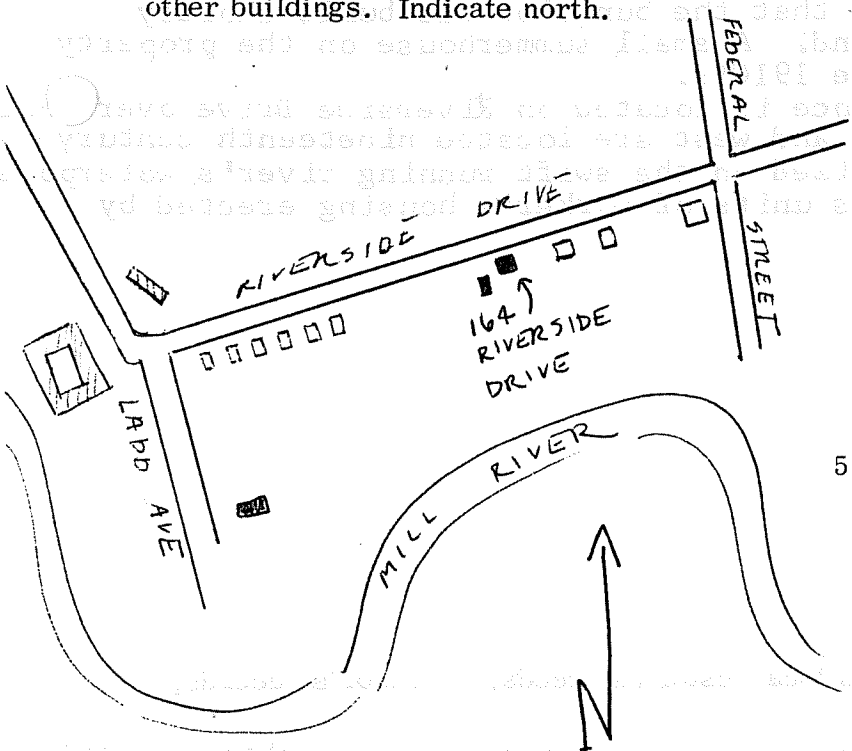
c. 1920

Registry of Deeds,

Record No. 719,468

Bungalow

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



Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric wood

Outbuildings (describe) garage; small vine-covered summerhouse

Other features one story; low gables

with framing; two prominent chimneys

Altered no Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:

Less than one acre x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 200 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

15 feet

6. Recorded by C. Dubie

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date November 15, 1975

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USGS Quadrant _____

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7. Original owner (if known) Charles Miller
 Original use Residence
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence

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/	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Humanitarian	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____	Transportation	_____
Community development	_____				

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

This single story structure with abundant gables and generous overhanging roofs is representative of the economical "bungalow" style popular in the early twentieth century. A low roof with gentle slope, prominent chimney, and generally horizontal mass are other identifying characteristics of the style. A similarly styled garage is located to the southwest of the dwelling. In 1916 the property was transferred and no structures were mentioned in the deed. It is probable that the bungalow was built shortly following the sale of the land. A small summerhouse on the property would appear to date from the 1910's. The twentieth century residence is located on Riverside Drive overlooking the Mill River. To the east and west are located nineteenth century mill complexes which capitalized on the swift running river's waterpower. Also to the west are numerous units of worker's housing erected by industrial concerns.

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

Marcus Whiffen, American Architecture, A Guide to the Styles, p. 217-221