

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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| In Area no. <u>G</u> | Form no. <u>31A-8</u> |
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Town

Northampton

289 Elm Street

W. T. Clement House (first)

Residence

owner Arthur R. Hoener

date

1860-1861; remodeled 1879
Registry of Deeds, 194.308
Gazette, 8/7/1860

Second Empire

unknown

exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) barn

Other features 2 stories plus mansard;
tower and dormers; bay in easterly
facade.

Altered mansard story later than body
of house Date c. 1880

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 110 feet

Approximate distance of building from street
50 feet

6. Recorded by C. Dubie

Organization Northampton Historical
Commission

Date August 15, 1975

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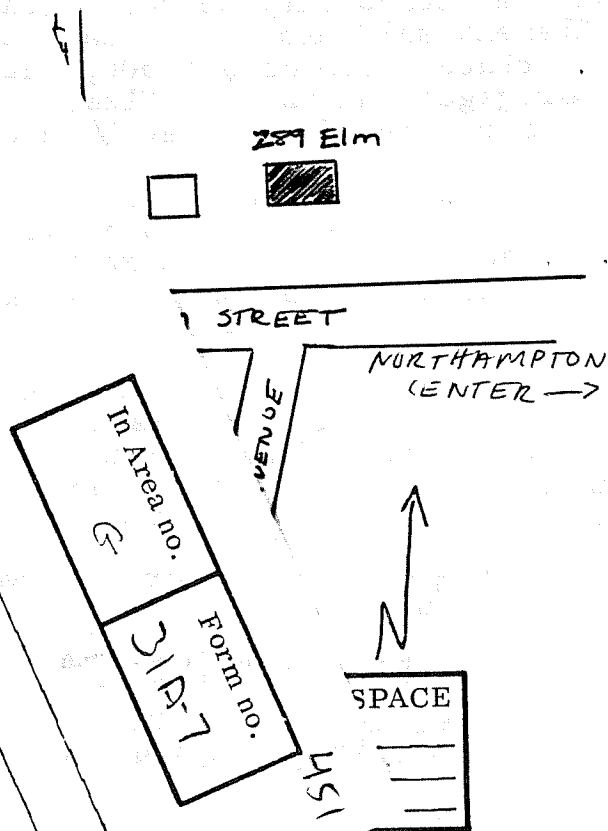


relation to nearest
other buildings. Indicate north.

MISSION

Town Northampton
289 Elm Street

and Office



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) W. T. Clement

Original use Residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

The property on which this brick residence is located was purchased by W. T. Clement, a Northampton manufacturer, from the estate of Edward Clarke. Four months after this transaction, in October 1860, the Gazette noted that Clement was about to build a two story brick house on the north side of Elm Street, above John Hartung's. This brick structure undoubtedly served as the base of the present residence. Clement sold his fine estate to a Lucy Rutherford in 1873 for the princely sum of \$15,500, but the Rutherfords failed to pay their mortgages and in 1879 Clement sold the property once again, to A. S. Wood whose family retained the property for about a decade.

The core of the residence—the two story brick structure built about 1860—is a dominantly horizontal mass with broad low window openings spanned by modest brick arches. This portion of the structure was probably once capped by a flat bracketed roof and resembled two brick cottages planned by W. F. Pratt and built on Elm Street for D. R. Clark and C. M. Kinney in 1860-1861.

A deep mansard with hooded dormers now caps the 2 story brick structure. The central tower rises a story above the mass of the house and contains eyelike windows which cast shadowy glances about the Victorian residence and surrounding grounds. A large and well-built barn of similar style is located to the rear of the dwelling. Shortly following A. S. Wood's purchase of the property from W. T. Clement in 1879, W. F. Pratt planned "improvements" for the dwelling; these probably included the mansard and tower.

Note: See clip file for article on remodeling of house by Wood; also have photo of house and Wood (1988, 65).

Owned by Mrs. Harriet DeRose, Gazette Publisher in 1950's.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)
 Registry of Deeds, Hampshire County, 928.374, 743.425, 474.114, 418.321, 393.405, 350.105, 327.370-371, 325.449, 300.485, 220.205, 194.388.
 Daily Hampshire Gazette, August 7, 1860, September 9, 1870

* Clement in 1879 purchased land on the corner of Elm and College Lane and there had built a brick and stone residence now part of Smith College. This dwelling, designed by W. F. Pratt, is known as the 2nd W. T. Clement House in this inventory.