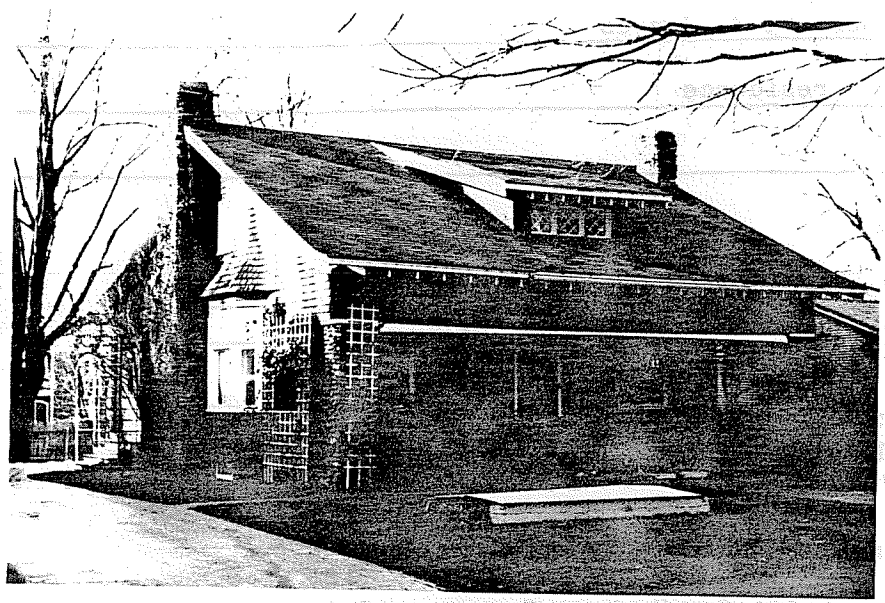


FORM B - BUILDING

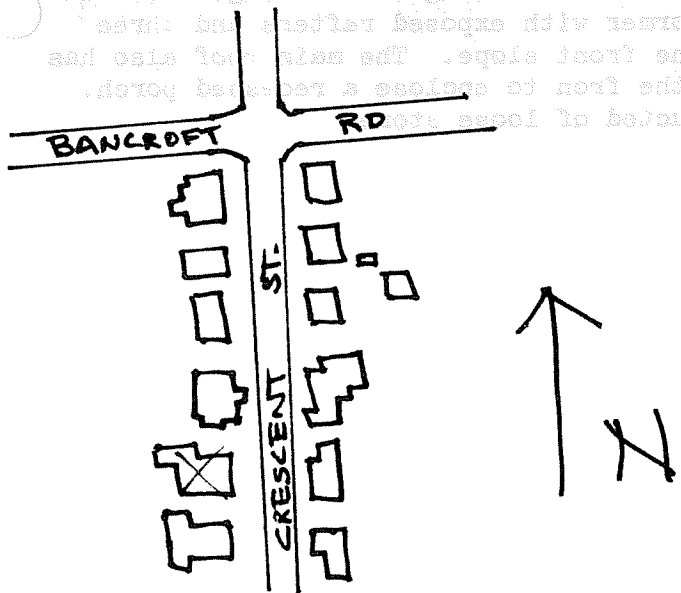
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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Northampton
 Address 253 Crescent St.
 Present use residence
 Present owner Russell and Constance Bishop
 Construction date 1895-1915
 Source Atlases
 Type Bungalow
 Architect _____

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



Exterior wall fabric wood shingle
 Outbuildings (describe) _____
 Other features _____

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 March 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Herbert R. Graves

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

This house was built for Herbert Graves, and insurance agent and treasurer of the Northampton Co-Operative Bank in 1912 at a cost of \$4500. Crescent St. had been laid out in 1886, but the section south of Bancroft Rd. wasn't developed until the early 20th century.

The house is 1 and 1/2 stories in height with ridge roof and two end chimneys of loose stone. A shed dormer with exposed rafters and three small diamond paned windows extends from the front slope. The main roof also has exposed rafters and extends far enough in the front to enclose a recessed porch. This has piers and a low wall, both constructed of loose stone.

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

- 1895 and 1915 Atlases.
- Northampton Directory: 1905, 1915 and 1922.
- Springfield Daily Republican Dec. 30, 1912.