

FORM B - BUILDING

In Area no.	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

Town Northampton

Address 235 Crescent St.

Owner R. Olmstead House

Present use residence

Present owner Harry and Eva Michelson

Description:

1912

Source Atlases & S.D.R.

Reference:

Architect

Exterior wall fabric

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features

Altered -- Date

Moved -- Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre

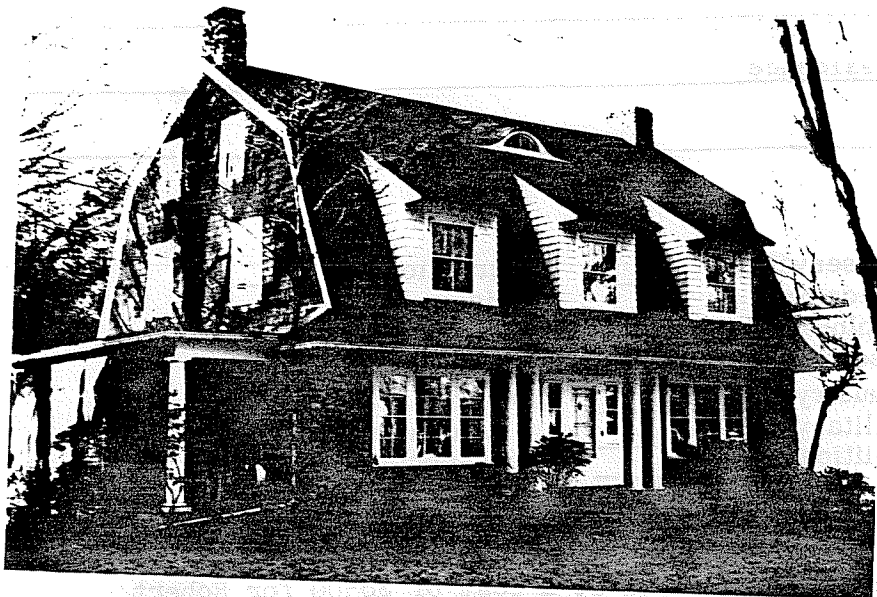
Approximate frontage

Approximate distance of building from street

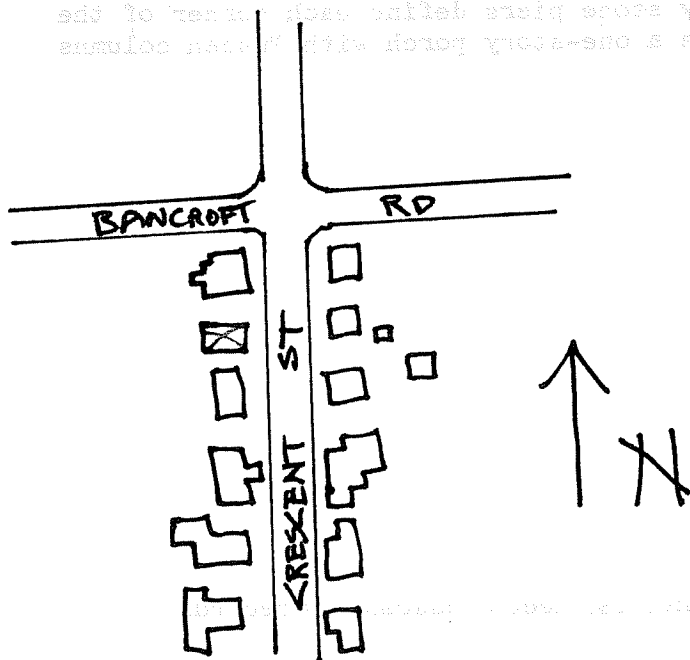
6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

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



(over)

Robert E.S. Olmstead

7. Original owner (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

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         | X     | Exploration/<br>settlement | _____ | Science/<br>invention   | _____ |
| The Arts              | _____ | Industry                   | _____ | Social/<br>humanitarian | _____ |
| Commerce              | _____ | Military                   | _____ | Transportation          | _____ |
| Communication         | _____ | Political                  | _____ |                         |       |
| Community development | _____ |                            |       |                         |       |

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

This house was built in 1912 at a cost of \$8500 for Robert Olmstead, a professor of vocal music at Smith College. 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 2 and 1/2 stories in height with gambrel roof, a swept dormer on the upper slope of the roof and three shed dormers on the lower slope. The three-bay facade has a central entrance with sidelights flanked by Tuscan columns and a triple window. Heavy stone piers define each corner of the facade. The southern end of the house has a one-story porch with Tuscan columns and flat roof.

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

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