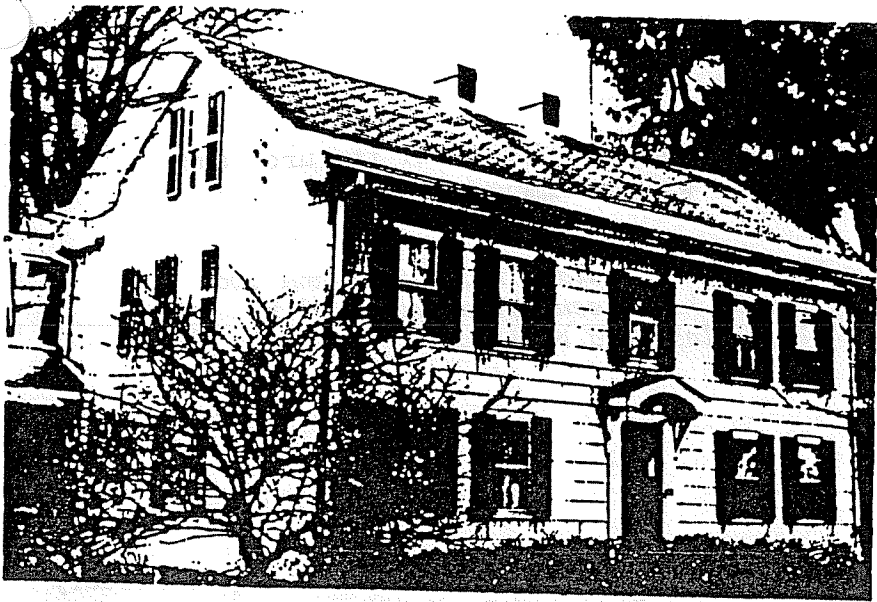


FORM B - BUILDING

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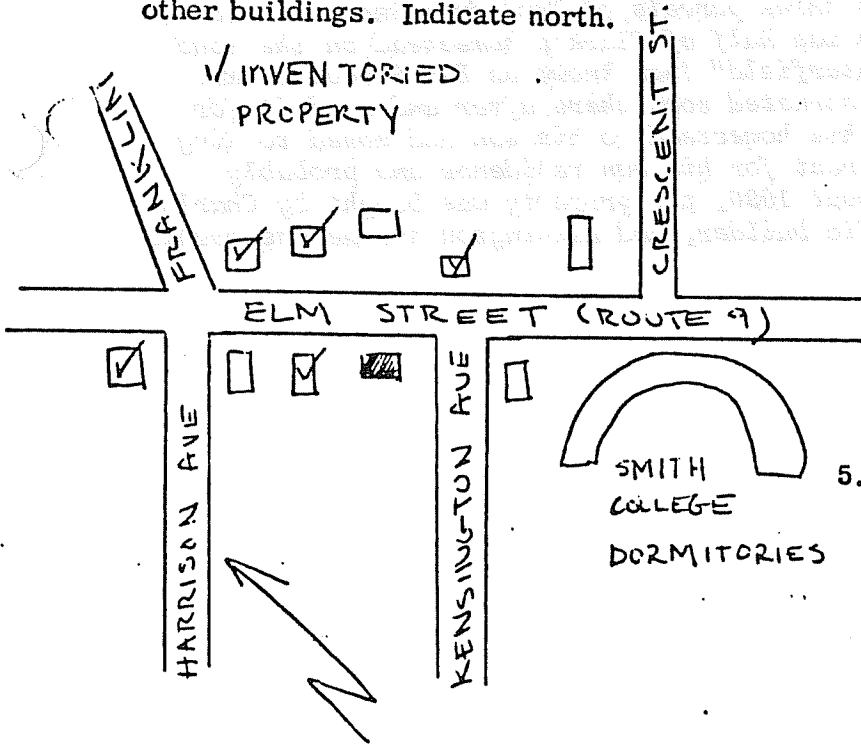
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Northampton
206 Elm Street
Residence
John & Victoria Gnatek
c. 1800
visual evidence
colonial vernacular

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



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
 USGS Quadrant _____
 MHC Photo no. _____

Architect unknown
 Exterior wall fabric Asbestos ~~wood~~ shingles
 Outbuildings (describe) none
 Other features 5 bays wide; 2 stories; additions, rear; pilasters at entrance
 chimneys changed, yes-shingles Date _____
 Moved no Date _____
 5. Lot size:
 Less than one acre x Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 75 feet
 Approximate distance of building from street 20 feet
 6. Recorded by C. Dubie
 Organization Northampton Historical Commission
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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

The house is 2½ stories in height with a slate ridge roof and two interior chimneys. The five bay facade has a central entrance with pilasters and is covered by a small gabled hood supported by stick brackets.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

In 1819, Aaron Breck bought three parcels of land from Increase Clark, including a two acre parcel which was half of Clark's homestead on the road "leading from Northampton to Chesterfield" (now known as Elm Street). Mr. Breck probably had this house constructed soon there after and used it for his homestead. In 1856, he sold his homestead to his son and moved to King Street. The son built 196 Elm Street for his own residence and probably leased the old homestead, out. About 1890, the property was bought by Charles Crouch, Northampton's most prolific builder, and Kensington Avenue was opened between the two houses.

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