

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
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1 Northampton

Address 25 Forbes Avenue

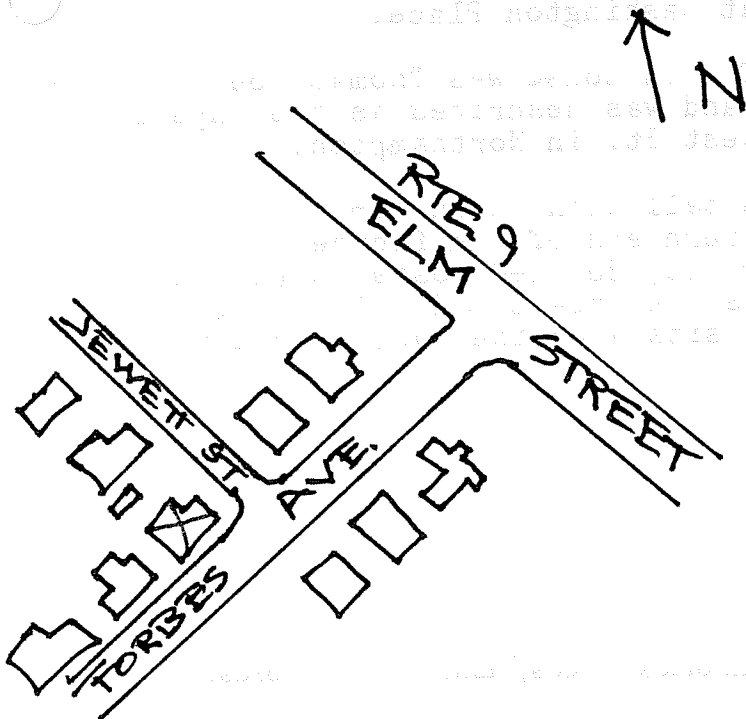
Use residence

Present owner Esther Newhall - trustee

Description: 1895 - 1915

Source Atlases

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



Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric clapboard & 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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/<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)

Forbes Ave. was opened in 1887 by J.C. Hammond and J.A. Sullivan, two of Northampton's most prominent developers of the late 19th and early 20th century. Development was slow and by 1895 there were only four houses constructed, with the other eleven lots being developed early in the 20th century. During the 1920s the street was extended behind Vernon Street School and ended at Washington Place.

The first known owner of this house was Thomas Roe. Mr. Roe was listed here in the 1915 directory, and was described as the superintendent of the McCallum Hosiery Co. on West St. in Northampton.

The house is two stories tall with high hip slate roof and large, pedimented dormer on the eastern end of the facade. A one-story porch with hipped roof, pedimented entrance, doubled posts on paneled pedestals, and balustrade extends across the facade and halfway along the eastern side. A small shingled balcony sits atop the porch above the entrance.

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

1895 & 1915 Atlases

Registry of Deeds: Bk. 427-P. 541.

Northampton Directory: 1905, 1915, 1922.