

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	31A-183

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Northampton

Address 41 Washington Avenue

E. Lilly House

Present use residence

Present owner Martin & Lynda Gleason

Description:

1870-71

Source Reg. of Deeds

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered --- Date _____

Moved --- Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less X Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 75'

Approximate distance of building from street

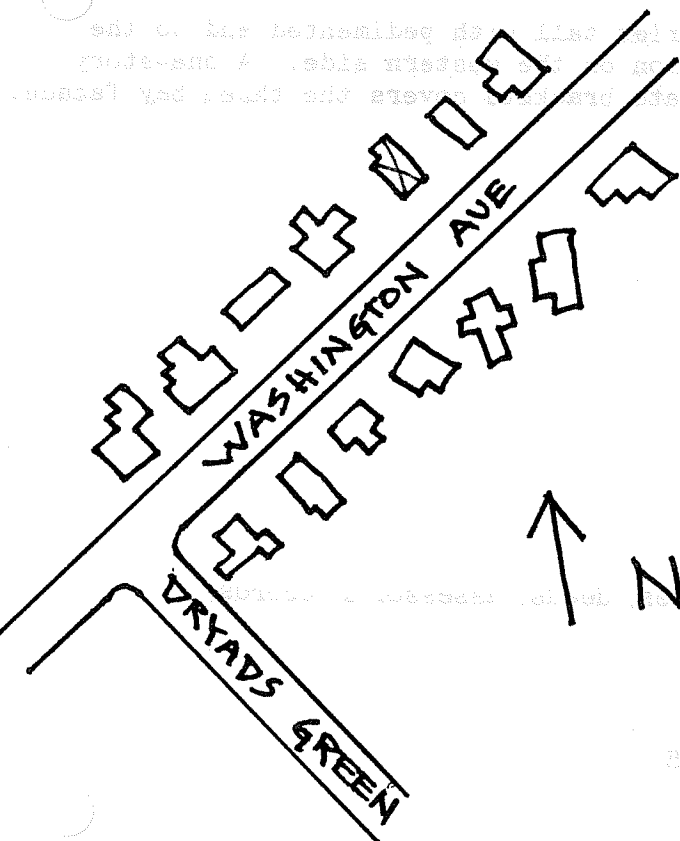
15'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan & M. Dolin

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



(over)

7. Original owner (if known) J.M. Minor and J.H. Searle

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

Washington Ave. was opened in 1870 for residential development by J.M. Minor and J.H. Searle. The next year they split the development in half with Mr. Searle taking the lots on the north side of the street and Mr. Minor taking those on the south side. In that transaction a house is mentioned on this lot, no. 16. The house and lot were sold to Erastus Lilly, a deputy sheriff in September of 1871 for \$3000. By 1873 almost half of the present day 35 houses had been constructed on the street, with most of the rest built around the turn-of-the-century.

This house is 2 and 1/2 stories tall with pedimented end to the street and a 2 and 1/2 story pedimented projection on the western side. A one-story porch with hipped roof, chamfered posts and ornate brackets covers the three-bay facade.

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

1873, 1884 & 1895 Atlases
 Registry of Deeds: Bk. 286-P.88, 282-6, 272-149
 Northampton Directory: 1873-74, 1894-95