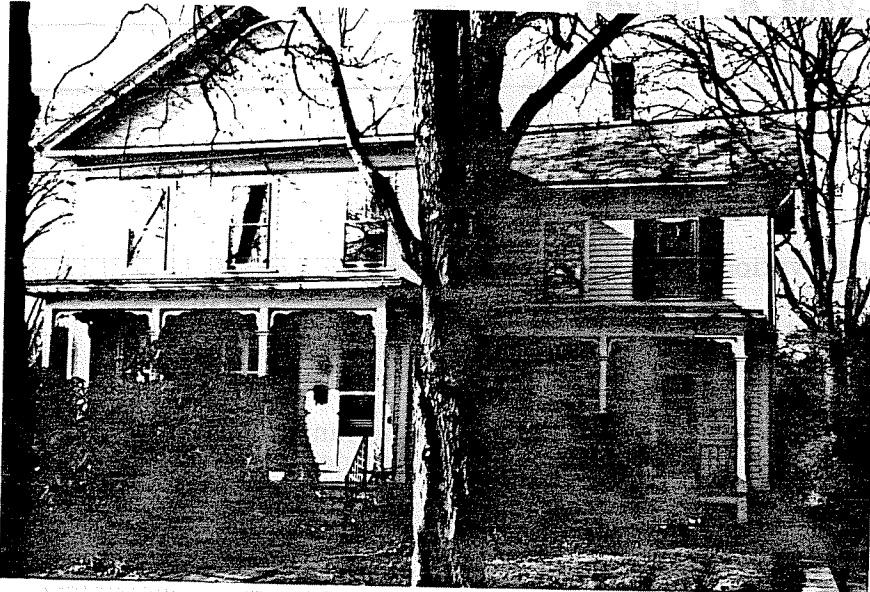


FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
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Town Northampton

Address 45 Washington Avenue

Name C. Graves House

Present use residence

Present owner Carol & Vernon Gotwals

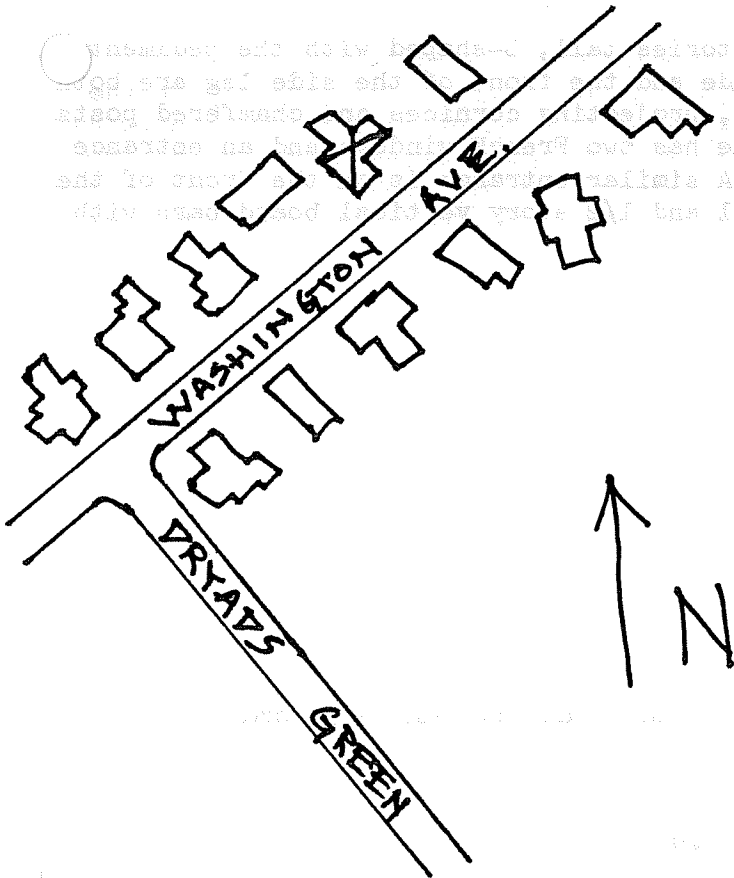
Description: 1871-73

Source Reg. of Deeds & Atlas

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Other buildings. Indicate location.



Outbuildings (describe) 1½ story carriage house

Other features L-shaped, pedimented gable front porch & side porch with chamfered posts & brackets, full length windows first floor of facade

Altered --- Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved --- Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

One acre or less X Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate distance of building from street 15'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan & M. Dolin

Organization NHC

Date March 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Cyrus M. Graves

Original use residence

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	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)

In 1871 Cyrus Graves, a mechanic, bought lots no. 18 and 20 of J.M. Minor and J.H. Searles' Washington Ave. subdivision for \$1000. The street had been laid out the year before and by 1873 fifteen houses had been constructed, including this one for Mr. Graves.

The house is 2 and 1/2 stories tall, L-shaped with the pediment short leg to the street. The three-bay facade and the front of the side leg are both covered by one-story porches with flat roofs, projecting cornices and chamfered posts with brackets. The first floor of the facade has two French windows and an entrance with two-light transom and plain surround. A similar entrance is on the front of the side leg. In the rear of the property is a 1 and 1/2 story vertical board barn with cupola and side clapboard addition.

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.89, 272-149
- Northampton Directory: 1875-76