

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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In Area no.	Form no.
	31A-200



Northampton

Address 44 Washington Avenue

Nearest C. Richmond House

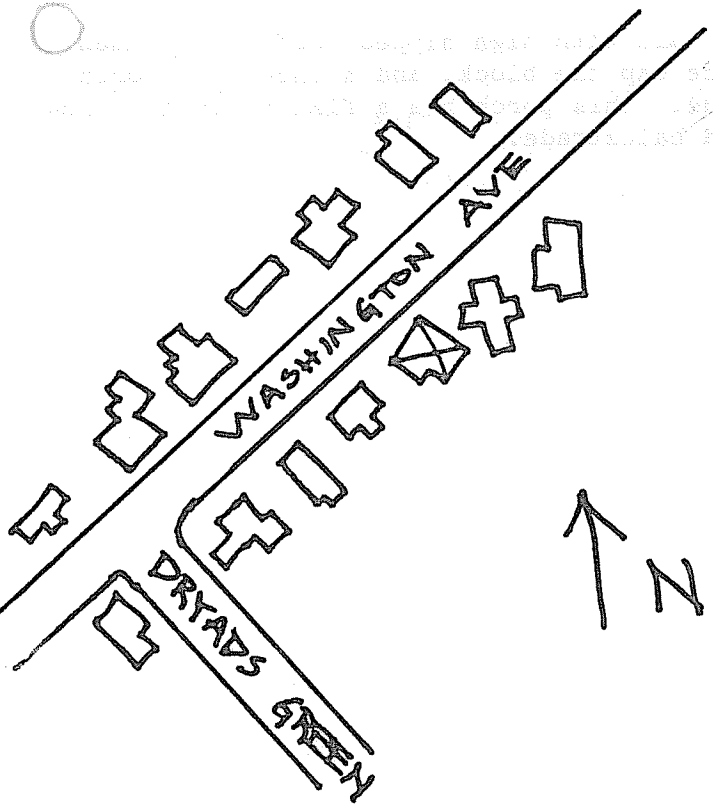
Present use residence

Present owner Melvin & Adele Steinberg

Description: 1908

Source Atlases & S.D.R.

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



Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered entry enclosure Date mid 20th C.

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) Clifton Richmond

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	_____				

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

Washington Ave. was laid out for residential development in 1870, and about half of the present day houses were built by 1873. Most of the other houses were built in the turn-of-the-century period. This house was built in 1908 at a cost of \$4000 for Clifton Richmond, a musician and clerk at the Post Office.

The house is two stories tall with high hipped roof and pedimented dormers. A wide frieze and projecting cornice cap the block, and a one-story porch covers the facade and half of the western side. This porch has a flat roof with projecting cornice, frieze, Tuscan columns and a balustrade.

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

- 1895 & 1915 Atlases
- Northampton Directory: 1905 & 1915
- Springfield Daily Republican Dec. 28, 1908.