

FORM B - BUILDING

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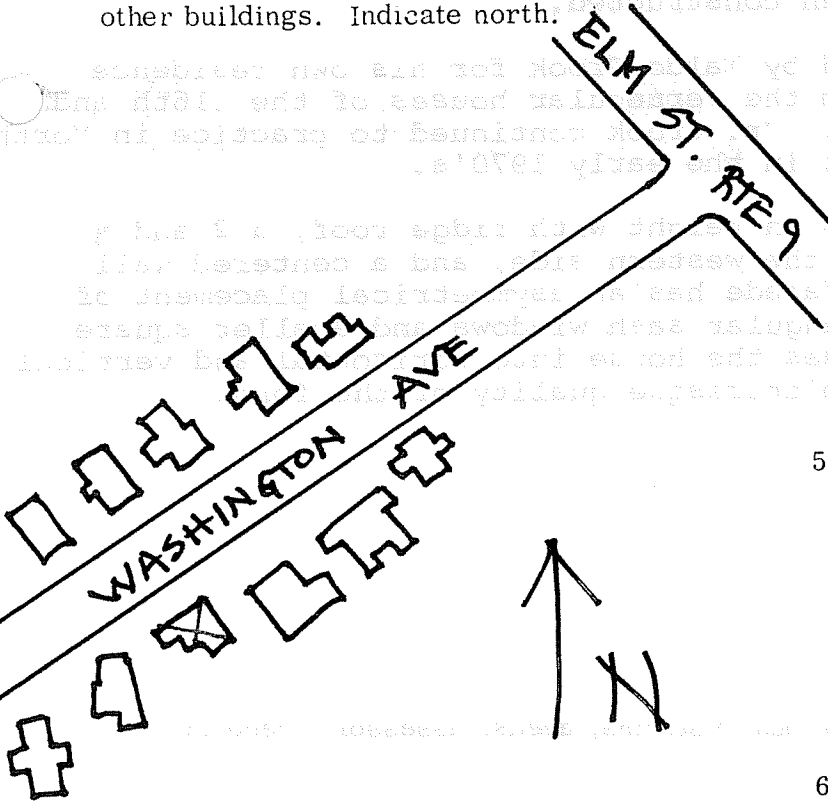
In Area no.	Form no.
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City Northampton  
 Address 30 Washington Avenue  
 Name W. Crook House  
 Present use residence  
 Present owner Waldo NH Crook  
 Description:  
 Date 1928 ? 1930 suggestions  
 Source Directories  
 Architect \_\_\_\_\_

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



Exterior wall fabric stucco  
 Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other features \_\_\_\_\_  
 Altered --- Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Moved --- Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:  
 One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate frontage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate distance of building from street \_\_\_\_\_

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan  
 Organization NHC  
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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Waldo N. H. Crook

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         | <u>X</u> | 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)

This large, Tudor style house stands out on Wahington Ave., which is mostly built up with Italianate and Colonial Revival houses of the late 19th century. The street had been opened in 1870 and by 1873 fifteen houses had been constructed.

The house was designed by Waldo Crook for his own residence. It derives inspiration from the vernacular houses of the 16th and early 17th century England. Mr. Crook continued to practice in Northampton until his retirement in the early 1970's.

The house is 2 stories in height with ridge roof, a 2 and 1/2 story gabled projection on the western side, and a centered wall gable on the facade. The facade has an asymmetrical placement of two types of windows: rectangular sash windows and smaller square ones. Half-timbering divides the house into horizontal and vertical sections and enhances the picturesque quality of the form.

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

Northampton Directory: 1925-30, 1945, 1975