

FORM B - BUILDING

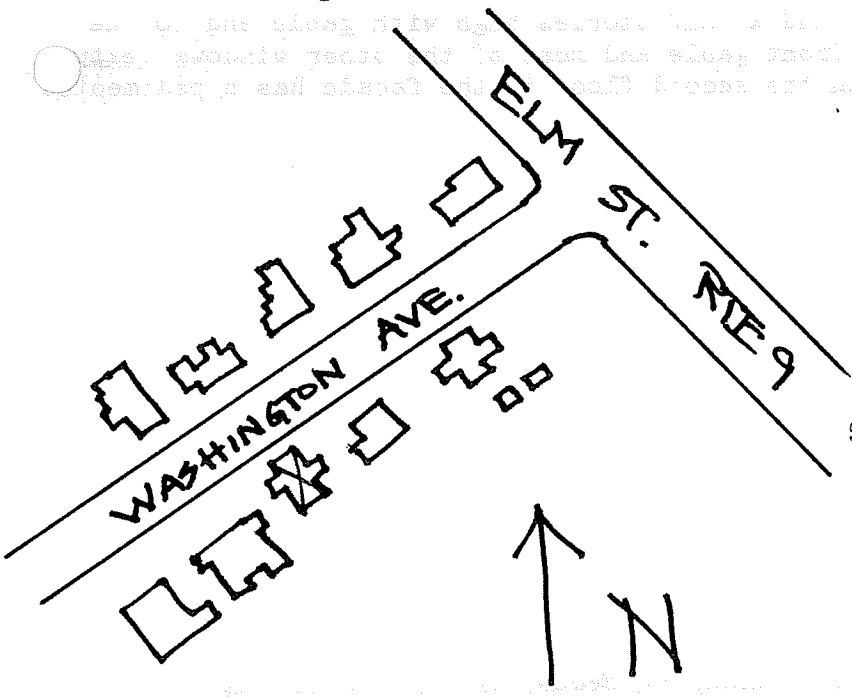
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	31A-206



Northampton  
 Address 14 Washington Avenue  
 Name J. Fennessey House  
 Present use residence  
 Present owner Minerva Pelinka & Lena Stevens  
 Description:  
1870-73  
 Source Reg. of Deeds & Atlas  
 Architect \_\_\_\_\_

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



Exterior wall fabric clapboard  
 Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other features oculus in front gable, molded window hoods (2nd floor central one pedimented)  
 Altered enclosed porch Date 20th C.  
 Moved --- Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:  
 One acre or less  Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate frontage 75'  
 Approximate distance of building from street 20'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan & M. Dolin  
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 Date March 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) John Fennessey

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 1872 John Fennessey, a farmer, bought lots no. 5 and 7 of J. Minor and J. Searle's subdivision plan for Washington Ave. The street had been opened two years earlier, and Minor and Searle had laid out about thirty lots for residential development. Mr. Fennessey's house appears on the 1873 atlas.

The house is two and a half stories high with gable end to the street. An oculus is located in the front gable and most of the other windows feature heavy cornices. The central window on the second floor of the facade has a pedimented lintel.

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

- 1860 County Map
- 1873, 1884 & 1895 Atlases
- Registry of Deeds: Bk.291-P.345, 282-63, 272-149
- Northampton Directory: 1873-74 & 1894-95