

FORM B - BUILDING

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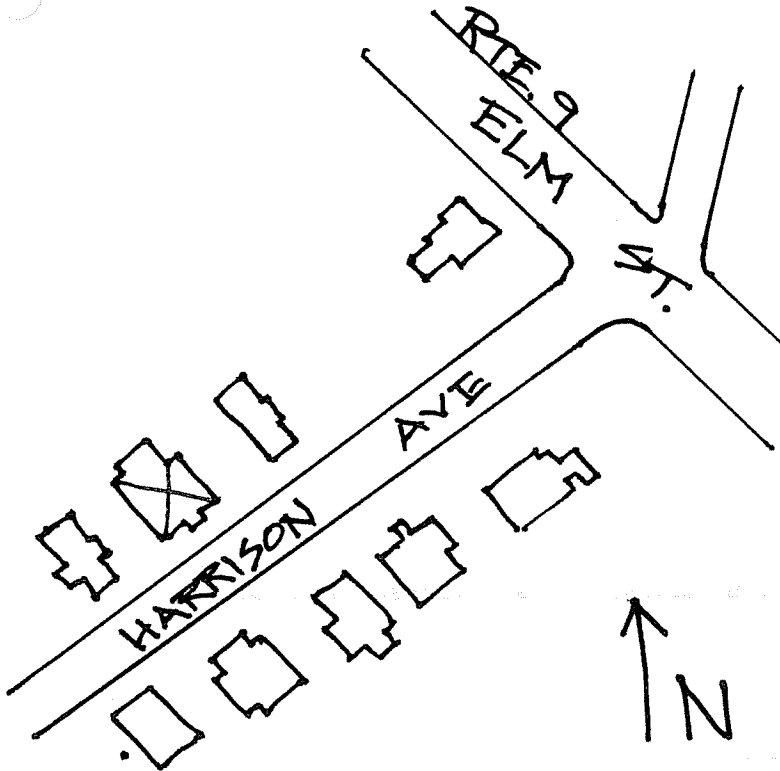
In Area no.	Form no.
	31A-210

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City Northampton
 Address 29 Harrison Avenue
 Name M. Dowey House
 Present use residence
 Present owner Jay & Helen Sporn
 Description: _____
 Year 1892
 Source Reg. of Deeds & Atlas & 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 iron cresting atop hip

roof, fish-scale shingles used for decoration, front porch with turned posts and balustrade

Altered partial porch 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

20'

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Organization NHC

Date March 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

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)

This house was built for Mrs. M.A. Dowey in 1892 at a cost of \$6000. It's uncertain whether she ever lived here, however, and by 1895 the property was occupied by John Ross, who lived here into the 1920's. Mr. Ross was a grocer who developed a wholesale grocery system in Northampton early in the 20th century.

Harrison Ave. was opened in 1890 by J.C. Hammond and J.A. Sullivan along with Kensington Ave, and Dryads Green. This area quickly became one of the most "aristocratic" areas in the city.

This house has a hipped slate roof with iron cresting, decorative shingles on the side bay window and front second floor porch, and turned porch columns and balustrade.

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

1884 & 1895 Atlases

Registry of Deeds: Bk.449-P.411

Northampton Directory: 1905 & 1922

Springfield Daily Republican Dec. 31, 1892.