

FORM B - BUILDING

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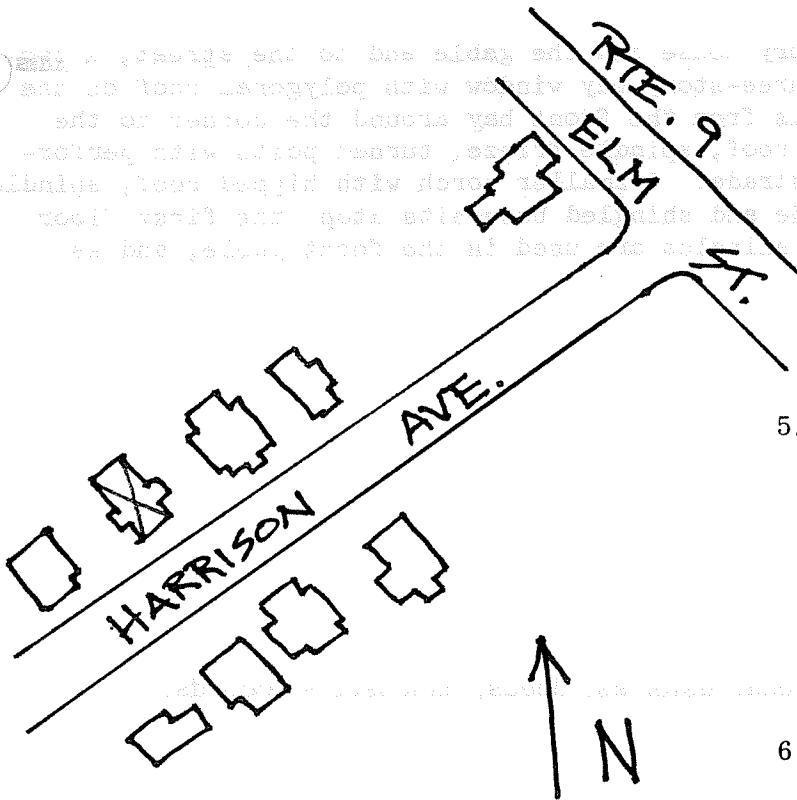
In Area no.	Form no.
	31A-211

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City Northampton
 Address 35 Harrison Avenue
 Name W.K. Staab House
 Present use residence
 Present owner Steven & Marcia Goldstein
 Description:
 Date 1890-95
 Source Reg. of Deeds & Atlas
 Style Queen Anne

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 wrap-around porch with turned posts, spindle frieze and balustrade, 3 1/2 story side bay, fish scale shingles for decoration
 Altered --- Date _____
 Moved --- Date _____
 5. Lot size:
 One acre or less x Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage _____
 Approximate distance of building from street
25'
 6. Recorded by E. Lonergan
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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) William K. Staab

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/
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 William Staab during the early 1890's. Mr. Staab was a merchant tailor on Main St. Harrison Ave. was opened in 1890 by J.C. Hammond and J.A. Sullivan and quickly became considered one of the most "aristocratic" streets in the city. By 1895 nine houses had been constructed and most of the others were built early in the 20th century. The eclecticism in design of the turn-of-the-century period is well shown on this street.

This 2 and 1/2 story house has the gable end to the street, a two-story bay window on the facade and a three-story bay window with polygonal roof on the eastern side. A one-story porch extends from the front bay around the corner to the eastern bay, and is composed of hipped roof, spindle frieze, turned posts with perforated fan brackets and a patterned balustrade. A smaller porch with hipped roof, spindle frieze, turned posts, spindle balustrade and shingled base sits atop the first floor porch on the facade. Decoratively-cut shingles are used in the front gable, and as belt courses on the bay windows.

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: 1895-96