

FORM B - BUILDING

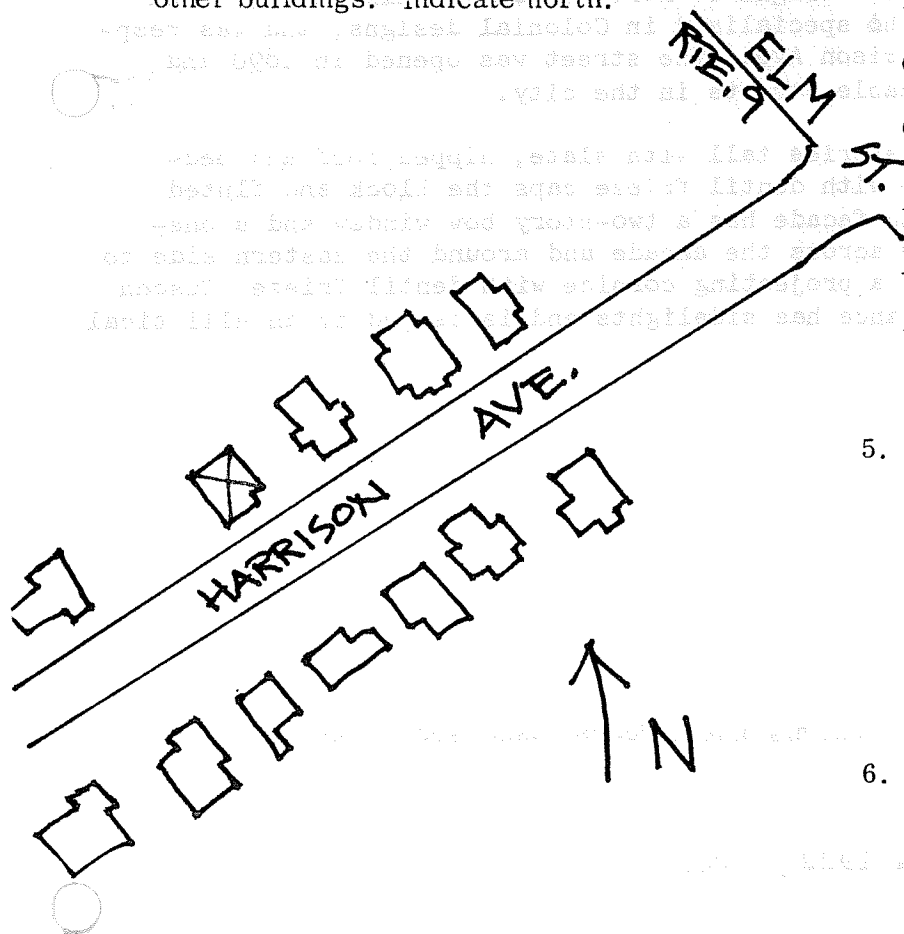
In Area no.	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston



City Northampton
 Address 39 Harrison Avenue
 Name W. King House
 Present use residence
 Present owner Jaroslav & Alla Leshko
 Description:
 Date 1895 - 1900
 Source Atlas & Directory
 Style Colonial Revival
 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 wrap-around porch with Tuscan columns and balustrade
 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
 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 in the late 1890's for Warren M. King. Mr. King was the cashier of the Northampton National Bank, and later became president of this bank, as well as becoming president and treasurer of the Norwood Engineering Co. in Florence. The house is possibly from designs of R.F. Putnam, a well-known, local architect of the turn-of-the-century who specialized in Colonial designs, and was responsible for several other houses on Harrison Ave. The street was opened in 1890 and quickly became one of the most fashionable streets in the city.

The house is two stories tall with slate, hipped roof and pedimented dormers. A projecting cornice with dentil frieze caps the block and fluted corner pilasters are also present. The facade has a two-story bow window and a one-story porch, that extends from the bow across the facade and around the eastern side to a two-story bay window. The porch has a projecting cornice with dentil frieze, Tuscan columns and balustrade. The main entrance has sidelights and is capped by an elliptical fanlight.

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

1895 & 1915 Atlases
 Northampton Directory: 1905 & 1922, 1900.