

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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Northampton

Address 51 Harrison Avenue

J. W. Hartwell House

Present use Residence

Present owner Edward Heaphy
Helen O'Brien

Construction: 1894-95
1895 Atlas
Northampton Directory

"Queen Anne"

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

Architect B. H. Seabury, Spfld.

Exterior wall fabric wood

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features 2 1/2 stories; classical motifs; modified Palladian window with stained glass and hood

Altered no Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:

Less than one acre x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 75 feet

Approximate distance of building from street 30 feet

6. Recorded by C. Dubie

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

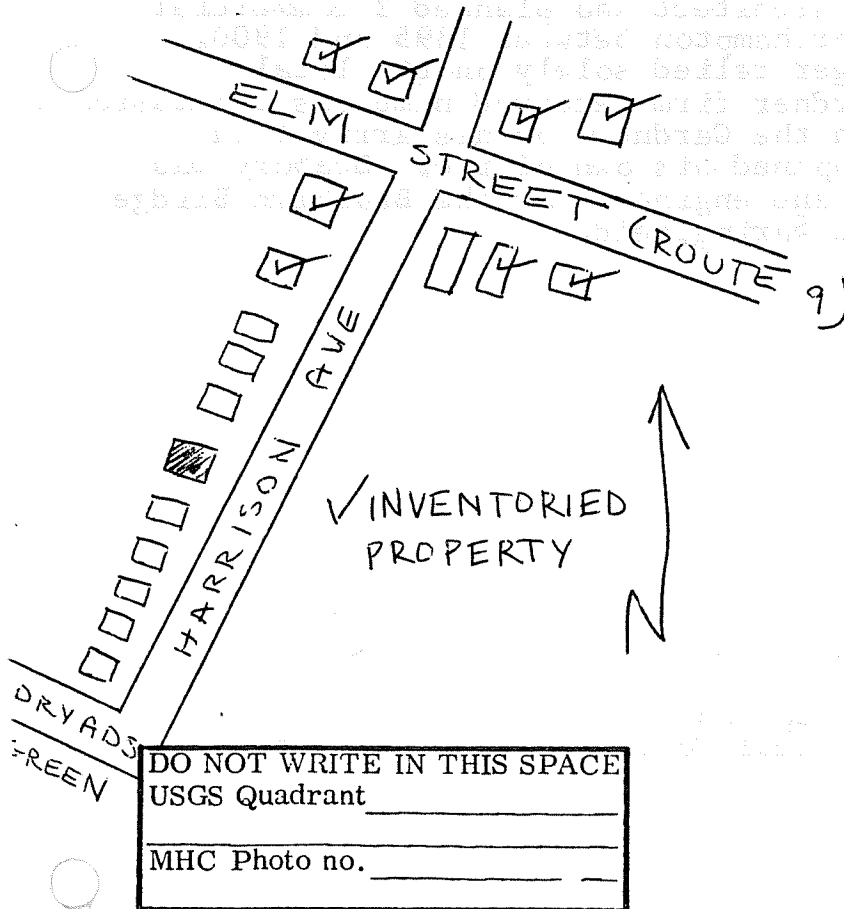
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USGS Quadrant _____

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7. Original owner (name) J. W. Hartwell
 Original use Residence
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Residence

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> | Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> | Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> | Education | <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Architectural | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Exploration/
settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> | Science/
invention | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> | Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/
Humanitarian | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> | Military | <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Communication | <input type="checkbox"/> | Political | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Community development | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |

9. Historical Significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

One of a pair of houses on Harrison Avenue designed by architect B. H. Seabury, the Hartwell House is an ample volume with hipped roof pierced by gables and eyelid windows. In the north facade a trio of roundheaded windows protected by a deep copper hood are the principal decorative elements. Porches supported by diminutive Doric columns are cut into the cube. Wooden scrollwork is used widely as in the Sullivan House, also the work of B. H. Seabury.

Seabury was a Springfield architect who planned 2 commercial blocks and two residences in Northampton between 1895 and 1900. At this period the city no longer relied solely on its local architects; Seabury and the Gardner firm received numerous commissions. Seabury himself had worked with the Gardners on his arrival in Springfield in 1882, but soon opened his own office. Seabury was a Newport native, MIT student, and engineer for the Brooklyn Bridge project prior to his arrival in Springfield.

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

Seabury family scrapbook.
 Sprinfield Historical Commission Inventory forms.